

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2023

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Miller, Councilperson P. Gill, Councilperson, C. Richtmyer, Councilperson C. Stamp, Councilperson J. Rumsey, Hwy. Supt. J. Switzer, and Clerk T. Alger.

ABSENT: None

VISITORS:

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature
Chad Hendrickson -HSSC

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Mark Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislature, provided YTD. Sales Tax Information. YTD Sales Tax Revenue including the August payments was \$8,472,711 for an increase of \$1,220,677 or 16.83%. The August payment sales were up significantly due to a big sales adjustment in August of 2022. It appears to be an increase of \$577,334 or 63.28% from 2022, but in reality, it was probably only 12 or 13%

Chad Hendrickson on behalf of the HSSC (Humane Society of Schuyler Co.) came to the meeting to talk about the possibility of paying HSSC an annual sum of \$4,000 instead of sending dog license fees collected monthly. Currently we send the HSSC 70% of dog license fees collected and Ag and Markets receives \$1 for each spayed/neutered dog or \$3 for each unspayed/unneutered dog. This "pre-payment" will help with them to budget their funds better and also help them financially. On average the Town Clerk sends HSSC approx. \$190 a month for dog license fees collected. The average yearly payments to HSSC are \$2200. If the Town Board agrees, then Supervisor Miller would issue a check to them in January and Town Clerk Alger would give the allotted monthly payment to Supervisor Miller as part of General/Part town funds.

RESOLUTION #63 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the August 9th minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill Councilperson C. Stamp Councilperson C. Richtmyer Councilperson J. Rumsey Supervisor – S. Miller	NAYS: none
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: 3 Minor Subdivision Applications received for September meeting

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: Discussion on getting Landfill cleaned up and mowed and get the DEC to visit and see what needs to be done to finally release the property.

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Jaynes Used Auto - Supervisor Miller sent Jaynes Auto a certified letter indicating a November 30th deadline has been agreed upon by both parties to have recommended building repairs and clean up completed.

Salt storage shed should be completed by September 22nd.

The Planning Board would like to recommend Alice Conklin be appointed as Planning Board Alternate.

RESOLUTION #64 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to appoint Alice Conklin as an Alternate to the Planning Board. Seconded by C. Stamp.

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson C. Stamp	
	Councilperson C. Richtmyer	
	Councilperson J. Rumsey	
	Supervisor – S. Miller	

Supervisor Miller is still waiting for information about fireproofing requirements to construct a court records storage room from the former cloak room.

We have completed most all of the requirements needed to be considered an energy conscious Township. After completion we will receive a check for \$5,000 from NYCERTA.

RESOLUTION #65 Councilperson J. Switzer made a motion to allow Highway Supt., J. Switzer, to sign the purchase agreement for a 2025 Western Star Plow Truck Seconded by P. Gill.

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	ABSTAIN: C. Stamp
	Councilperson C. Richtmyer	
	Councilperson J. Rumsey	
	Supervisor – S. Miller	

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Miller is still receiving financial information from our Insurance Broker, Village of WG and fire departments in preparation of completing the Tentative Budget.

RESOLUTION #66 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to support the Memorandum of Understanding received from the NYS Department of Taxation Real Property Tax Services to begin reassessment in the Town of Reading which would provide an equitable 2024 tax assessment roll. Seconded by C. Stamp

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey
Supervisor – S. Miller

NAYS: none

Informal Budget meeting needed to address some budget items to be included in the Tentative Budget.

It has come to our attention that we will need a pesticide application apprentice under Highway Equipment Operator, H. Ayers as he plans to retire at the end of 2023 and has been our certified pesticide applicator. It was suggested that Highway Supt, J. Switzer, would become the apprentice and Harold Ayers would continue to work with him even after his retirement. H. Ayers certification in pesticide application has been utilized by other Townships as a shared service.

COMMUNICATION:

Letter to Jaynes Used Auto Parts
Letter to STC Regional Planning and Development Board

RESOLUTION #67 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 009 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C Richtmyer

General Town wide	\$	7,542.04
Town Outside Village	\$	385.19
Highway Town wide	\$	4,570.23
Highway Outside Village	\$	10,491.37
Sewer	\$	82.08
Total:	\$23,070.91	

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey
Supervisor S. Miller

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #68 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:50 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer