

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
April 12, 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:

Karen Storm, 3006 Lover's Lane, WG

Don Chutas – 3176 Burrell Pl, WG

Riqui Hess – Ray Roberts Rd

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 1st Qtr. 2023 Sales Tax Information. Sales Tax Revenue was \$3,190,049 for an increase of \$350,552 or 12.35% from 2022.

Riqui Hess, office manager, spoke on behalf of Jaynes Used Auto Parts. Code Enforcement Officer D. Tremblay had stopped in to perform an inspection and stated that all the cars on the opposite side of the road from the garage need to be behind the fence per General Municipal Law 136. R. Hess said that Jaynes Auto has 3 separate operating Licenses: Dealers of Junk and Salvage, Repair Shop, and Dealer of Used Auto Sales. She states that the cars across the road are rebuilders which are cars that the public can buy and repair themselves and they are not parts cars. She has concerns about vandalism if they are put behind the fence. R. Hess agrees that those that are severely damaged should be placed behind the fence.

RESOLUTION #28 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the March 8 minutes, as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

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

RESOLUTION #29 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the March 22 minutes, as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson C. Stamp	

Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey
Supervisor – S. Miller

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Minor Subdivision Public hearing in April and several Minor Subdivision Applications have been received.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No Report. There will be a meeting later this month

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Atty Krogh has reviewed the Appeal of Action By Land Use Officer or Planning Board drafted by Planning Board Chairperson, D. Chutas and found it adequate with a few minor changes. This is the final obstacle in moving forward to having a public hearing and filing Local Law No. 2 of 2023: A Local Law Amending Certain Sections of the Land Use Law of the Town of Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 30. SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING UPON THE ADOPTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2023, AMENDING

THE TOWN OF READING LAND USE LAW (LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2018)

The following Resolution was duly presented for consideration by the Town Board:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law #2 of 2023 was duly presented to this meeting by Supervisor S. Miller, and this local law proposes to amend the Town of Reading Land Use Law (Local Law #1 of 2018) in two respects: (i) to implement certain changes to the Seneca Lake Protection Area and restrict applications and approvals for waiving or varying dimensional standards; and (ii) to update and clarify rules for expanding, repairing and maintaining certain non-conforming uses, lots, and structures; and

WHEREAS, this proposed local law is determined to be in its final draft form such that review thereof should be advanced under and pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 20, and upon deliberation upon such local law and these matters, it was duly:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Reading proposes to be the Lead Agency for an uncoordinated environmental review, and in connection therewith it is determined as follows:

- i. This action is classified as an Unlisted Action;
- ii. The Town of Reading is the sole Involved Agency and, as such is and intends to be the lead agency for environmental review; and

- iii. The Interested Agencies are determined to be the Town of Reading Planning Board, The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC Region 8), the Schuyler County Planning Department, the Village of Watkins Glen, the Town of Dix, the Town of Tyrone, the Town of Orange, the Town of Starkey, and Yates County; and it is further

RESOLVED and ORDERED, that a Public Hearing will be held at the Reading Town Hall, 3914 County Route 28, Watkins Glen, NY, as located within the Town of Reading, on the 10 day of May 2023, at 7:00 pm, to consider the adoption of proposed Local Law #2 of 2023 and the environmental impacts and review thereof, and to thereat take and hear all testimony, comments, and evidence to be submitted upon the subjects thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED and ORDERED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Reading be and is hereby authorized and directed to: (i) cause a Notice of Public Hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the Town of Reading, and also to post a copy thereof on the Town signboard maintained by the Town Clerk; (ii) provide a copy of this resolution and the subject EAF and local law to all involved agencies; and (iii) cause an application to be filed with the Schuyler County Planning Department seeking a review General Municipal Law § 239-l, *et seq.*, requesting official and advisory comments at or prior to the date of the public hearing. Motion made by C. Richtmyer and seconded by J. Rumsey

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill Councilperson C. Stamp Councilperson C. Richtmyer Councilperson J. Rumsey Supervisor S. Miller	NAYS: none
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D. Tremblay talked with the board about GML Law 136 concerning Auto Salvage, fencing requirements, and description of a salvage vehicle. Riqui Hess's questions were further addressed at this time.

We received a phone call from the WG School Youth program regarding not receiving our pledge for \$5000 for the Summer Youth program. Supervisor Miller returned the call and said we had never agreed to nor have that amount earmarked in our budget for the Youth Program. Supervisor Miller spoke with Craig Bond and Nan Woodworth Shaw and Craig Bond will come to the next board meeting. The Town Board would still like information regarding how many youths from Reading utilize the program.

Hale roofing has finished the garage roof and will be repairing screens that were damaged during the roof project. Awaiting final invoice which includes additional charges due to underlying roof damage that was discovered.

Town Historian, B. Chapman, noticed that some of the closed cemeteries are in need of maintenance. Highway Supt, J. Switzer, said some of his men will be going to the cemeteries and doing some mowing and maintenance in the near future.

Dumpster Day will be scheduled for Saturday, April 29th from 9am – Noon at the Highway Garage. Ads have been placed in the Watkins Review and the Hi-Lites and on the Town website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason has received some favorable bids that are well within our budget that the Soil and Water Conservation District had received for us for a Salt Storage shed for the Highway Dept.

A film crew representing PERMA was at the Highway garage April 12th filming a safety segment recognizing the Town of Reading being a recipient of the Triple Threat Award.

Bookkeeper, H. Ribble, will be preparing Annual Water and Sewer bills to be mailed out by the end of the month.

Supervisor Miller met with Mike Stamp and added the new 2022 Volvo Roller to our Insurance Policy.

Several employees have completed the interactive Sexual Harassment training. Training should be completed by all employees by the end of the month.

COMMUNICATION:

Email from Town Historian, B. Chapman, regarding Cemetery Maintenance

RESOLUTION #31 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 004 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	101,262.99
Town Outside Village	\$	889.50
Highway Town wide	\$	9,197.69
Highway Outside Village	\$	120,122.49
Sewer	\$	278.71

Total: \$231,751.38

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

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #32 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:05 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp