

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING**  
**August 10, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor S. Miller, Councilperson P. Gill, Councilperson R. Everett, Councilperson C. Stamp, Hwy. Supt. J. Switzer, Clerk T. Alger.

**ABSENT:** C. Richtmyer

**VISITORS:**

Carol Everett

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 July Sales Tax Information. July Sales Tax Revenue was \$1,173,271 for an increase of \$183,074 or 18.49%. Our YTD Sales Revenue is up \$716,637 from 2021 or 10.54%.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

PLANNING: Finalizing 2 Site Plan Review Applications and modifying the Land Use Law

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No Report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

**RESOLUTION #45** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the July 13 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson R. Everett	
	Councilperson C. Stamp	
	Supervisor S. Miller	

**OLD BUSINESS**

Catherine Rees from RCAP solutions visited the Town Board to follow up on our thoughts and progress of sending out a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to residents about forming Water Districts, sharing results of the 1<sup>st</sup> survey, and encouraging those that didn't respond to complete the survey enclosed. Also discussed was the cost and funding that might be available to do an engineering study. C. Reese had performed a few water sample tests on those that requested them and the water had harmful bacteria in them. She was surprised at the number of residents surveyed that had dug wells. The Town Board will discuss further and no decision was made.

The court date was held for the Cease and Desist order issued to Off the Beaten Path RV Park. Atty, T. Bowes, was unable to attend or provide guidance to Building Inspector III, D. Tremblay. The Quarterly retainer fee has increased by \$250. Atty, T. Bowes, suggested we find another lawyer to handle our municipality legal matters. Supervisor Miller is looking for a replacement.

Supervisor Miller will be working on getting paperwork out to accept bids on replacing the roof on the Highway garage.

#### NEW BUSINESS

M. Rondinaro spoke on behalf of the Planning Board about the revisions requested by the Planning Board to the Land Use Law. Specifically that a pre existing, non conforming structure may be enlarged by a maximum of 25% of the gross footprint of the building excluding decks and porches. This was inadvertently left out of the Land Use Law of 2018. There are a few other minor changes as well to be corrected.

**RESOLUTION #46** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the Procurement Policy as revised. Seconded by Councilperson B. Everett

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson R. Everett	
	Councilperson C. Stamp	
	Supervisor S. Miller	

Clerk Alger shared a draft of a sign to be made into a signboard to be placed at the Highway Garage on Saturdays indicating that recycling is for Town of Reading residents only. J. Switzer is going to check with the County to see if a sign can be created that is less expensive and can permanently be placed on a post.

We will need to revise Local Law #2 of 2007 to include part 1203 of article 19 of the NYS Compilation of codes, rules and requirements. (NYCCRR). This should be completed by December 31, 2022.

Received a letter from the Village Clerk of WG regarding a request by Jr. Specchio to allow an annexation of a small parcel of his property to the Village of Watkins Glen. Both the Town of Reading and the Village of WG will have to work together to make this happen. We are waiting to receive a petition from Mr. Specchio to proceed.

Received a request from Environmental Emergency Services Inc. for \$500 to put in our budget to be used to maintain climate stations and rain gages along the streams and rivers throughout Chemung, Steuben and Schuyler Counties. The gages monitor rain/snow accumulation, wind

speed/direction, temperature/humidity and barometric pressure. The Town Board does not feel this is necessary for us to participate in.

We received a petition from Upper Chase Road residents asking to reduce the speed limit on Upper Chase Road. The same residents have successfully succeeded in the placement of reduced speed limit signs in the Mennonite school zone area on Upper Chase Road. As a result of the placement of the reduced speed limit and school zone signs it was also required to place a 55mph sign on Upper Chase Road. The residents request the Upper Chase Road speed limit be reduced for the entire road due to safety hazards such as blind spots and narrow width of the road.

**RESOLUTION #47** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to send petition presented by D. Gleason asking for a road study to determine the need for a reduced speed limit on Upper Chase Road to K. Thurston, Schuyler County Highway Supt who will then forward to the NYS Dept. of DOT for further investigation. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson R. Everett	
	Councilperson C. Stamp	
	Supervisor S. Miller	

**RESOLUTION #48** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to allow 3 Planning Board members and Clerk, T. Alger to attend an education credit class on September 28 in Canandaigua on AirBNB and regulation of Short Term Rentals at a cost of \$90 each. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson R. Everett	
	Councilperson C. Stamp	
	Supervisor S. Miller	

COMMUNICATION:

**RESOLUTION #49** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 008 as follows; seconded by Councilperson R. Everett

General Town wide	\$	6,620.41
Town Outside Village	\$	568.24
Highway Town wide	\$	3,777.16
Highway Outside Village	\$	9,399.57
Sewer	\$	268.72
Total:		\$20,634.10

AYES:

Councilperson P. Gill  
Councilperson R. Everett  
Councilperson C. Stamp  
Supervisor S. Miller

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #50** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:45 pm Seconded by Councilperson R. Everett