

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2021**

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

ABSENT: Councilperson B. Everett

VISITORS: Norma Burris, 917 CR 16, Beaver Dams, NY, Mark Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislator.

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 sales tax information. Sales tax growth is very positive. October sales tax payments for 2021 was up by 12.7 % or approx. \$108,062 from 2020 during Covid shutdowns. Overall, the sales tax is still up by almost 25% or \$2.25 Million from 2020.

RESOLUTION #67 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the November, 2021 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill Councilperson C. Richtmyer Councilperson C. Stamp Supervisor S. Miller	NAYS: None
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Subdivision applicant coming to December meeting. PB needs to update Bylaws. They were last updated in 1992.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Rockwell read his report

LANDFILL: No Report.

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS:

Signed petition from the Upper Chase Road residents was forwarded to the County Highway Dept Supervisor, K. Thurston, who will then forward to the NYS Dept. of DOT for further investigation.

We have received no response to a letter mailed to a Reading resident asking for payment of road damages done to Lower Ray Roberts Road. The damages were caused by a metal tracked vehicle that broke and damaged the surface of the gravel road which necessitated repair. The damages were estimated to be \$602.72. A certified letter will now be sent by Clerk Alger.

We received a mailing list from Tom Bloodgood of Schuyler County Real Property of households in Reading that may benefit from creation of a water district. We will use the list to mail a questionnaire to residents in January. C. Stamp recommends that we modify the cover letter to explain what a water district is for better understanding.

Supervisor Miller made a speaker phone call to Catherine Rees from RCAP Solutions during the board meeting to gain more insight and information on the water district process. She has been very helpful and always available for questions.

Don Chutas, Planning Board Chairperson, has drafted a "Reading Township Business Land Use for Campsites" to be used as a guideline for increased interest in Campgrounds, Glamping Tents, and Cabin Rentals that have come before the Planning Board. He would like the Town Board's approval to use it for guidance for the Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #68 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to approve the appointment of J. Switzer as Highway Superintendent beginning January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp.

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill Councilperson C. Richtmyer Councilperson C. Stamp Supervisor S. Miller	NAYS: None
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Year End Meeting will be held December 29, 2021 at 7:30PM. Clerk Alger will place Legal Notice in the Watkins Review and Express.

COMMUNICATION:

-Received a letter from the Village of Dundee that they will not be requesting funds for their 2022 Summer Recreation Program because it has been totally funded.

-We received a letter from Rhonda Slater in Response to Supervisor Miller's request that we be exempt from paying for water testing and chemicals expenses of the Water Districts 1, 2, and 3 because we have no revenues from these water districts. We only receive funds to be allocated for operating and maintenance costs of water and sewer units. The response from the Mayor and Watkins Glen Village Board was favorable and we will no longer be charged for water testing and chemicals. This will be a great savings to the Town of Reading.

RESOLUTION #69 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 012 as follows;
seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	1847.77
Town Outside Village	\$	112.25
Highway Town wide	\$	4,415.61
Highway Outside Village	\$	18,819.16
Sewer	\$	322.42
Total:		\$25,517.21

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #70 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at
8:40pm Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill