

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
January 11,2023

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

ABSENT: Supervisor S. Miller

VISITORS:

Karen Storm, 3006 Lover's Lane, WG
Mark Rondinaro, Sch. Co. Legislator
Jamie Rumsey 4240 St. Rt 14A, Rock Stream
Riqui Hess – Ray Roberts Rd, Watkins Glen
Justin Payne 8559 St. Rt 415, Campbell, NY

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 2022 Year End Sales Tax Information. December Sales Tax Revenue was \$1,256,622 for a decrease of \$130,275 or -9.39%. from 2021. Our YTD Sales Revenue was \$14,471,440 for an increase of \$618,983 from 2021 or 4.47%.

Kirk Smith of Emergency Management shared the County Hazardous Mitigation Plan information with us. There is a section for each individual Township that needs to be reviewed and approved. We reviewed the Town of Reading section and asked a few questions about having a generator at the highway garage and the Emergency Evacuation route. It is important that Towns and Villages approve by resolution the Hazardous Mitigation Plan as soon as possible as it allows municipalities and villages to write grants for needed infrastructure repairs to their towns and villages.

Jamie Rumsey – visited to learn more about the Town Board and might be interested in Robert Everett's vacant seat.

Karen Storm – has been sitting in on Town Board meetings to learn how it operates and she is also interested in Robert Everett's vacant seat.

The Town Board has decided to wait until Supervisor Miller can share input before appointing someone to fill out the remainder of Robert Everett's vacant seat.

M. Rondinaro did provide some additional information to visitors that Robert Everett's vacant seat is a 4 year elected position that ends on December 31, 2023. If they are serious about Robert Everett's vacant seat, they will need to begin the election process of getting petitions out in Feb/Mar of 2023 for the November election.

Riqui Hess and Justin Payne visited the board representing Jaynes Used Auto Parts. Riqui Hess, office manager, read a letter she composed and provided a packet of information to board members sharing her views and experiences on what is happening at Jaynes Used Auto regarding the Building Inspector revoking their operating permit and the difficulty in getting it re-instated. The death of owner, John Payne, has caused the business to be tied up in probate and it has been a difficult time for Justin Payne, John Payne's son, to manage cleanup of the business as requested by the Building Inspector. There has been some progress made in moving cars, repairing buildings, and cleanup. Justin Payne wants to work with the Town to get the business cleaned up.

The Town Board would like to see more communication with the parties and would like to come to consensus on how to remedy the situation without lawyers. They recommend that the Building Inspector and Justin Payne work together to have a clearer understanding and remedies of cited violations.

Dennis Tremblay, Code Enforcement Officer, presented the Town Board with a summary of building permits issued in 2022. There were 68 permits issued with total revenue of \$12,456.

RESOLUTION #1 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to accept the December 14 minutes, as amended. Amendments were to correct the vote on Resolution #79, and also correcting a grammatical error Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #2 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to accept the Year End December 28 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer

NAYS: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Election of Officers to be held
HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.
LANDFILL: No Report
CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Changes to the Land Use Law presented by the Planning Board were approved by the Town Board and will be sent to Attorney, G. Krogh for revision. The Town Board will review at February meeting and if all is agreed upon a public hearing will be scheduled for March 8, 2023

The Town Board is continuing to work on adopting a Local Law No. 1 of 2023 to include part 1203 of article 19 of the NYS Compilation of codes, rules and requirements. (NYCCRR). Town Attorney, Guy Krogh, will make final revisions and Town Board will review at February meeting and if all is agreed upon a public hearing will be scheduled for March 8, 2023

The Town Board reviewed the minutes of the R. Specchio Annexation provided by the Village of Watkins Glen. The Board has decided that it is no benefit to the Town of Reading or any public good to allow the annexation of the 1.94 acre parcel on Summit Ave (Tax map no. 64.08-1-34) to the village of Watkins Glen. The board has agreed to forward this information onto Town Attorney G. Krogh to write a resolution for us to deny the annexation. This must be done by majority vote by February 14, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Justice John Norman provided information to perform the annual Justice Audit. The audit will be performed on February 8 at 7pm by C. Richtmyer and C. Stamp.

RESOLUTION #3 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to grant permission for Highway Supt. J. Switzer to post 8 Ton limit on listed roads effective February 1, 2023 until May 15, 2023. Legal Notice will be published in the Watkins Review and Express. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #4 Councilman C. Stamp made a motion to sign the 284 agreement listing major road projects for 2023 which will be forwarded to the County for signature and returned. Seconded by C. Richtmyer

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #5 Councilman C. Stamp made a motion, to approve all appointments, assignments, salary, time periods subject to acceptance, and to have the future date of the regular Board meetings as the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Reading Town Hall. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer

NAYS: none

Billie J. Carnes has resigned as bookkeeper. Effective December 31, 2022. Lead bookkeeper H. Ribble will continue to keep the Town of Reading books up to date and take care any bookkeeping needs for the near future

The Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District has sent a letter requesting we send a letter of support in opposition to proposed changes to the District Law by the Watershed Health Commission. The Soil and Water Conservation District does a great job handling natural resources and we gladly will provide letters of support for them.

COMMUNICATION:

Amanda Smith of Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition sent an email and wanted to speak with us on establishing a Smoke Free Policy and talking about the other services STTAC can offer. She was unable to attend the meeting. Councilperson P. Gill will send her an email saying we are satisfied with our current smoking policy.

RESOLUTION #6 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to pay Abstract # 001 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

General Town wide	\$ 16,276.46
Town Outside Village	\$ 4,320.52
Highway Town wide	\$ 14,744.37
Highway Outside Village	\$ 13,926.17
Sewer	\$ 0.00

Total: \$49,267.52

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #7 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:45pm Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer