

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2022

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

ABSENT: R. Everett

VISITORS:

Tom & Jami Ford 2395 Chase Rd,
Bob and Ruth Ford 4581 St. Rt 14A
Rick & Pam Tierney 2222 Chase Rd.
Frank Geluso 2208 Chase Rd
Lisa Eldridge 4451 Co. Rd. 27
Verne Smith 4294 Co. Rd. 27

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 June Sales Tax Information. Overall, sales and sales tax revenue for 2022 continues to be favorable, but due to re distribution of funds to NYC we lost a significant amount of sales tax revenue in the amount of \$751,253 in June. Our YTD Sales Revenue is up \$533,564 or 9.19%.

Anthony Henderson of SCT Computers provided more insight into the benefits of replacing our outdated server vs. using a cloud based back up system.

Lisa Eldridge, 4451 County Road 27, appeared and provided a petition signed by residents of County Road 27 to ask for a road study to determine the need for a reduced speed limit due to increased truck traffic and concern for safety of pedestrians.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Minor Subdivision Public Hearing in July

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: P. Gill reported that landfill is progressing towards finalizing closing the books & the Landfill.

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #38 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the June 8, 2022 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill

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

RESOLUTION #39 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to approve the purchase of a new server from SCT Computers to replace the outdated server. Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill

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

A Citation was issued to “Off the Beaten Path” RV Park on 3270 County Road 28 for failing to adhere to the Cease and Desist that was issued by the Building Inspector. Atty, T. Bowes, was consulted and he offered some legal advice about how to proceed.

RESOLUTION #40 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to approve D. Tremblay, Building Inspector III, to attend Continuing Education classes with lodging in October and share the cost with the Town of Dix whom D. Tremblay is also employed by as Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

All Town of Reading employees have now completed required Sexual Harassment and Gender Identity training. PERMA, our Workman’s Comp carrier has indicated to us that they also have training materials and on-line training modules available. We may utilize them for future trainings.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Board has reviewed the policy for deferred compensation that is available to all Town of Reading employees.

RESOLUTION #41

WHEREAS, the Town of Reading wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participation Public Jurisdictions (The “Plan) for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Reading is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law and

WHEREAS, the Town of Reading has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with The Town of Reading by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement.

Motion by: Councilperson P. Gill

Seconded by: C. Stamp

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

NAYS: none

The final draft of the updated Procurement Policy was distributed to the Board members for review and will be voted upon at the August 10, 2022 board meeting.

The first month of recycling and garbage services has cost around \$600. We need to get some signs posted indicating recycling and garbage is for “Reading residents only”.

Received notice that health insurance rates will increase 7.96%. This will be accounted for in 2023 Budget.

We will be receiving the 2nd half of the American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$69,692.09. Supervisor Miller is going to do some research to determine if funds can be used to replace roof on Highway garage.

RESOLUTION #42 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to send petition presented by L. Eldridge asking for a road study to determine the need for a reduced speed limit on County Road 27 to K. Thurston, Schuyler County Highway Supt who will then forward to the NYS Dept. of DOT for further investigation. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

Upper Chase Road residents have complained about the 55 mph speed limit that was installed in conjunction with the reduced speed limit for the Mennonite school.

Some Upper Chase Road residents came to voice their concern over the possibility of a Special Permit Application being approved for Custom Mix Concrete, Inc. The Town of Starkey notified the Town of Reading of a public hearing that was to be held on July 5th. The neighboring residents strongly object to it citing environmental and health concerns and proposed that the Town of Reading at least send the Town of Starkey a letter stating opposition to the approval of the Special Permit Application. Supervisor Miller and Town Board members were in cohesion that proposed concrete mix business is located in the Town of Starkey and also Yates County and is not in our jurisdiction to get involved. It was recommended that they take it upon themselves to voice their concern.

COMMUNICATION:

Town of Starkey Notice of Public Hearing to be held on July 5, 2022 for Special Permit Application
 American Rescue Plan fund distribution letter
 Schuyler County Equilization Rate info. Town of Reading will be reassessed in 2023

RESOLUTION #43 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 007 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

General Town wide	\$	14,271.33
Town Outside Village	\$	123.09
Highway Town wide	\$	5,300.71
Highway Outside Village	\$	75,178.58
Sewer	\$	63.03

Total: \$94,936.74

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

RESOLUTION #44 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:05 pm Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill