

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2022

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

ABSENT: R. 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 April Sales Tax Information. Overall, sales and sales tax revenue for 2022 continues to be very favorable and was up \$383,873 from 2021 for an increase of 78.44%.

RESOLUTION #29 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the April 13 2022 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Planning Board to discuss modifying Land Use Law to clarify 25% expansion.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No Report.

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Catherine Reese, Water Resources Specialist from RCAP Solutions, provided summary information on the results of the water survey that was mailed to residents on the Cemetery Road, Church Road, County Road 28, County Road 30, State Route 14, and State Route 14A.

There was a 47% response rate which was encouraging. Most responses were favorable. The next step would be to reach out to those residents who have responded and also have drilled or dug wells to see if they would provide a water sample to test their water. There is a small grant available for this.

After the sampling is performed a final results summation would be mailed to all the residents that received the first mailing. It was also discussed that we could enclose another questionnaire to those who failed to respond to the first mailing to seek their input.

RESOLUTION #30

WHEREAS, it being the desire of the municipality of the Town of Reading to provide for the licensing and identification of dogs, the control and protection of the dog population, and the protection of persons, property, and domestic animals from dog attack and damages incurred in the Town of Reading including the Village of Watkins Glen within boundaries of the Town of Reading.

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing for proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2022 to be held on May 11, 2022 having been duly published in the official newspaper of the Town;

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held, at which time all interested persons were heard, and the Town Board has duly considered the adoption of passage of said Local Law No. 1 of the year 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, proposed Local Law No 1 of the year 2022, in the form attached hereto be, and hereby is passed, adopted, and enacted

Motion by Councilperson C. Stamp

Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill

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

Greenleaf garbage and recycling is hoping to begin to offer their services to the Town of Reading residents beginning in June. This will be welcome news for the residents. We will talk with the Highway Dept. to pick a Saturday for Dumpster Day most likely in June.

We finally received a response from the NYS DOT approving a school zone reduced speed limit of 45 mph from 7am – 4pm on school days. The Town will have to purchase several signs and J. Switzer will be placing an order for the signs.

D. Tremblay, Building Inspector III, reviewed Local Laws 1 & 2 of 2007 on Property maintenance with the Town Board. Local Law 1 is regarding unsafe buildings and structure law and the Local Law 2 is regarding enforcement of the NYS uniform fire prevention and building code. D. Tremblay has concerns over the many abandoned or dilapidated structures in the Town of Reading and how he should handle them. The Board members will review them and discuss at the June meeting.

We are still working on revising the procurement policy to update the numbers provided by the General Municipal Laws 103 and 104. S. Miller will update and the Board members will review at the June meeting.

Sexual harassment and Gender Identity training for employees will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. Jason will also be looking at scheduling forklift training for employees.

There will be a change in the water and sewer billing cycle. Beginning in March of 2023 we will send out water and sewer bills annually for period of January 1 – December 31. We will notify recipients of this change in the August 2022 billing.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor, S. Miller, would like to revise the Employee Handbook to account for and provide guidelines for compensated time off in lieu of overtime pay. Revision will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Supervisor Miller suggested we change due date of Chemung Canal credit card statements to a later date in the month to avoid late payment charges.

SCT Computers, whom we have a contract for services with, has recommended that we replace our Server that is outdated at a cost of \$2800 plus labor. We will need to get 2 additional quotes to comply with the procurement policy.

RESOLUTION #31 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to allow Highway Supt, J. Switzer, to attend Highway School in Ithaca in from June 6-8th. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer.

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

COMMUNICATION:

Invite received to attend a Grant Information class session to be held on May 26, 2022 from 4:30-6pm.

Information received on CHIPS funding from NYS DOT

RESOLUTION #32 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 005 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	36,558.24
Town Outside Village	\$	218.92
Highway Town wide	\$	4,121.12
Highway Outside Village	\$	11,132.82
Sewer	\$	76.95

Total: \$52,108.05

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

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #33 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:25 pm Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill