

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2021

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

ABSENT: Councilperson B. 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 sales tax information. Sales tax growth is very impressive. September sales tax payment for 2021 was up by 31.51 % or approx. \$800,000 from 2020 during Covid shutdowns. Overall, the sales tax is up by almost 28% or \$1.02 Million from 2020.

RESOLUTION #55 Councilperson Gill made a motion to accept the September 8, 2021 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer

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

PLANNING: Planning Board will have a Minor Subdivision Public Hearing at October meeting
HIGHWAY: Superintendent Rockwell read his report
LANDFILL: No Report.
CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Billie Jo Carnes, Temporary Bookkeeper Trainee, is working out well and is very knowledgeable. All bookkeeping duties are now current.

Councilperson C. Richtmyer and Councilperson C. Stamp will act as Audit Committee to perform audits of Supervisor and the current bookkeeper records. These audits will be scheduled in November.

Supervisor Miller has made contact with Upper Chase Road residents and they plan to gather the information required to attempt to reduce the speed limit near the Mennonite School.

Supervisor Miller has contacted the NYS Assoc. of Towns to seek their input on allocating Federal Covid Relief funds we received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Miller has written a response to Michael Stamp of EC Cooper Insurance regarding the necessity of having 2 signatures on checks. Supervisor Miller has assured the Insurance agent that the security of our accounts is sound. The Town Clerk's office does require a 2nd signature on checks written over \$500 from the Town Clerk and Tax Accounts. The timeliness of requiring a second signature from the Deputy Supervisor on payroll checks and checks written out of the other Town checking accounts would be difficult

Supervisor Miller has reviewed the Fiscal Stress Scores provided by the State Comptroller office. Our Financial Stress Score has remained unchanged at 0.0 for the last 3 years. Our Environmental Stress Score was 16.7 in 2018, 16.7 in 2019, and was 20.0 in 2020.

The Town Board has reviewed the 2021 Preliminary Budget

RESOLUTION: #56 Councilperson Gill made a motion to adopt the 2021 Preliminary Budget, with changes, as the Tentative Budget for 2021. Seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer.

AYES:	Councilperson Gill	NAYS: None
	Councilperson Richtmyer	
	Councilperson-C. Stamp	
	Supervisor Miller	

There will be a public hearing to adopt the 2021 Budget on November 3rd at 7pm.

COMMUNICATION:

We received a letter from the Dept. of Public Service regarding a study on the availability of high speed internet and broadband services in NY.

RESOLUTION #57 Councilperson Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 010 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	3,920.84
Town Outside Village	\$	296.10
Highway Town wide	\$	15,698.84
Highway Outside Village	\$	117,882.18
Sewer	\$	342.21
Water District	\$	0.00
Total:	\$	\$138,140.17

AYES:	Councilperson Gill	NAYS: None
	Councilperson Richtmyer	
	Councilperson- C. Stamp	
	Supervisor Miller	

RESOLUTION #58 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:00 pm Seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer