

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING**  
**October 12, 2022**

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

**ABSENT:** Supervisor S. Miller

**VISITORS:**

Carol Everett, 3016 Lover's Lane, WG

Karen Storm, 3006 Lover's Lane, WG

Greg Bittler, 3425 County Road 30, WG

Jami Ford, 2395 Chase Rd, Rock Stream

George Mahlar, 3403 Salt Point Rd, WG

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 September Sales Tax Information. September Sales Tax Revenue was \$2,247,885 for a decrease of \$50,887 or 2.21% from 2021. Our YTD Sales Revenue is up \$433,636 from 2021 or 4.13%.

Greg Bittler, resident and business owner of the Tiki Bar expressed his disappointment that we are discontinuing the water study due to lack of interest among Reading residents. He feels very strongly that a water district is needed on County Road 30 (Salt Point Road). He reported that it costs him a lot of money to provide water for his business and it will cost him several hundred thousand dollars to create his own water system. P. Gill said that there just wasn't enough interest to justify spending a large amount of money on an engineering study etc. If he could rally up some support and present it to the board, that could help reopen the water study.

Jami Ford expressed support of the water study and provided input from previous board meetings she had attended

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PLANNING:** 3 members and Clerk Alger attended training in Canandaigua on AirBnB's

**HIGHWAY:** Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

**LANDFILL:** No Report

**CLERK:** Clerk Alger read her report

**RESOLUTION #58** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the September 14 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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| AYES: | Councilperson P. Gill      | NAYS: none |
|       | Councilperson R. Everett   |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Stamp     |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Richtmyer |            |

OLD BUSINESS

A meeting date of November 16, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Reading Town Hall has been set with the Village of Watkins Glen Board and the Town Board of Reading for the proposed Property Annexation of Raphael Specchio. Mr. Specchio would like approval for a piece of the property located in the Town of Reading from (Tax Map No. 65.13-1-1.2) to be annexed to the Village of Watkins Glen and become part of (Tax Map No. 64.08-1-34). Both boards have to agree and approve the Annexation.

**RESOLUTION #59** Deputy Supervisor, P. Gill made a motion to revise Local Law #2 of 2007 as mandated by NYS to include part 1203 of article 19 of the NYS Compilation of codes, rules and requirements. (NYCCRR). Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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| AYES: | Councilperson P. Gill      | NAYS: none |
|       | Councilperson R. Everett   |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Stamp     |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Richtmyer |            |

Highway Supt., Jason Switzer, has received and placed a sign at the Highway garage recycling area indicating that recycling is for Town of Reading residents only.

No additional information provided from WG Village regarding their request for \$5,000 to help fund the 2023 Summer Recreation program to be held at Clute Park

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the 2023 Preliminary Budget

**RESOLUTION #60** Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to adopt the 2023 Preliminary Budget as the Tentative Budget for 2023. Seconded by Councilperson R. Everett

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| AYES: | Councilperson P. Gill      | NAYS: none |
|       | Councilperson R. Everett   |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Stamp     |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Richtmyer |            |

There will be a public hearing to adopt the 2023 Budget on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Sealed roofing bids were opened by Deputy Supervisor, P. Gill. Only 1 bid was received and was from Hale Roofing in the amount of \$104,000. P. Gill will notify Hale Roofing that no immediate decision was made by the Town Board. The Town Board would like to discuss the bid with Supervisor Miller who was absent from the board meeting.

G. Conklin submitted a letter of resignation as Historian for the Town of Reading. We will need to find a replacement.

Hwy Supt, J. Switzer, received an email from Fleet Management indicating that we are at high risk of having our order canceled for the 2022 Dodge Ram that we have on order due to inventory and component constraints. He recommends that we also pre order a 2023 Dodge Ram with a price increase of \$5,503. If we are still able to receive the 2022 Ram, we can cancel the 2023 order.

**RESOLUTION #61** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to allow Hwy. Supt., J. Switzer, to order the 2023 Dodge Ram for a price increase of \$5,503. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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| AYES: | Councilperson P. Gill      | NAYS: none |
|       | Councilperson R. Everett   |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Stamp     |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Richtmyer |            |

**RESOLUTION #62** Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to appoint Louis DeBolt as an Alternate to the Planning Board. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

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| AYES: | Councilperson P. Gill      | NAYS: none |
|       | Councilperson R. Everett   |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Stamp     |            |
|       | Councilperson C. Richtmyer |            |

COMMUNICATION:

Email from Fleet Management

Equalization Rates for Schuyler County

**RESOLUTION #63** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to pay Abstract # 010 as follows; seconded by Councilperson R. Everett

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| General Town wide       | \$          | 13,151.26 |
| Town Outside Village    | \$          | 192.01    |
| Highway Town wide       | \$          | 19,214.98 |
| Highway Outside Village | \$          | 54,061.34 |
| Sewer                   | \$          | 254.45    |
| Total:                  | \$86,874.04 |           |

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

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #64** Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:40pm Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp