

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
November 8, 2023**

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

ABSENT: Councilperson C. Stamp

VISITORS:

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature
Don Chutas – Planning Board Chairman

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 YTD. Sales Tax Information. YTD Sales Tax Revenue including the 1st payment of October was \$13,028,407 for an increase of \$1,123,477 or 9.4%. The 1st Payment of October sales were up by \$44,587 or-4.61% increase from 2022.

Planning Board Chairman, D. Chutas, spoke to the Town Board about approval of the Area Variances issued by the Land Use Board of Appeals for Argetsinger Road allowing a home to be built on 1.18 Acres and also allowing for a 2nd Minor Subdivision on County Road 28 within a 12 month period with a stipulation that no further subdivisions can be held for 24 months..

RESOLUTION #74 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the October 12th minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson C. Richtmyer	
	Councilperson J. Rumsey	
	Supervisor – S. Miller	

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Minor Subdivision application, continued review of Short-Term Rental Law

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: Things are still progressing to get the Landfill cleaned up and presented to the DEC to finalize its closing.

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Jaynes Used Auto – Not much happening as far as cleanup.

Accountant that was going to complete the 2023 AUD report has declined due to the fact we do not use Williamson and Law Accounting, but rather Quickbooks. H. Ribble, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor plans to complete it.

Supervisor Miller reported that there is still \$18,000 left of the American Rescue Plan funding and will be looking at utilizing it for further repairs on the Highway office/garage.

The Town Board reviewed and discussed the draft copy of the Short-Term Rental Application and Local Law that was drafted by the Planning Board. There were discussions regarding Waste Water System requirements, Statement of Compliance, and Special Use Permits for Short Term Rentals located on private roads. The goal is to make it more simplified. The application fee and renewal period were also discussed. D. Chutas will make revisions and discuss with the Planning Board

RESOLUTION # 75: Councilperson P. Gill made the following motion:

WHEREAS, certain property owners in the Town of Reading are delinquent in payment of their sewer and water bills, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Reading is desirous of having those delinquent in payment of sewer and water bill charges on the 2024 Town and County tax bills as a separate item for the amount of arrears in water and sewer bills as shown in the 2024 Reading Budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delinquent sewer and water bills, from the Town of Reading, as shown in the 2024 Reading Town Budget, be added to the January 2024 Town and County tax bills as a separate item for the arrears, as provided by Town Law Section 198 subsection (k).

Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

AYES:	Councilperson - P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson - J. Rumsey	
	Councilperson - C. Richtmyer	
	Supervisor - S. Miller	

RESOLUTION #76 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept and adopt the 2024 Town Budget. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

RESOLUTION #77 Councilperson J. Rumsey made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments as attached and dated November 8, 2023 for the General Funds in the 2023 Budget. Seconded by P. Gill

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

Records room for the Justice is on hold until 2024 when next grant opportunity is available.

NYS Unified Solar permit application was posted on the Town Website to meet the October 31st deadline. Last action to complete to receive the \$5000 and to be considered an energy conscious Township is for D. Tremblay, Building Inspector III, to complete training class to be held in December.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Inspector, D. Tremblay, has placed a do not occupy placard on a homeowner's residence on PreEmption Road. Supervisor, Miller has continued working with Schuyler County Office of the Aging and Adult Protective Services and other community agencies to help remedy this unfortunate situation.

Supervisor Miller discussed possibly increasing the annual dog license fee due to increasing postage costs and a request from the Humane Society of Schuyler County (HSSC) to send them an increased one-time payment in January to help them with their budget vs sending variable monthly payments of dog licensing fees collected. Supervisor Miller has determined that the \$10 spayed and \$20 unspayed fee is pretty uniform throughout the County Townships.

COMMUNICATION:

RESOLUTION #78 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 011 as follows; seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

General Town wide	\$	7,053.15
Town Outside Village	\$	387.19
Highway Town wide	\$	17,054.06
Highway Outside Village	\$	9,503.29
Sewer	\$	82.91

Total: \$34,080.60

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey
Supervisor S. Miller

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #79 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:00 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer