

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING  
October 12, 2023**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**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 1<sup>st</sup> payment of September was \$891,188 for an increase of \$443,544 or 11.63%. The September payment 1 sales were down by \$199,798 or-11.28% decrease from 2022.

Planning Board Chairman, D. Chutas, spoke to the Town Board about establishing a nominal application fee for Minor/Major Subdivisions, Site Plan, and Special Permit Applications. There is a lot of paperwork involved with them and the applicants are increasing every year.

**RESOLUTION #69** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the September 13th minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

PLANNING: 2 Public Hearings for Minor Subdivisions and 3 Site Plan Applicants

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: Things are progressing to get the Landfill cleaned up and documents will be 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.

The Town Board has reviewed the 2024 Tentative Budget. Despite rising costs and salary increases the amount to be raised by taxes will only be .26%, which is very minimal. The Supervisor commends the Highway Superintendent, J. Switzer, for his cost saving measures and keeping expenses down.

Supervisor Miller recommending that we allocate \$2750 to Tentative Budget under Accounting Contractual Expense to contract a local accounting office to complete the NYS AUD next year and also discussed the addition of \$2500 to the Youth Program contractual expense to help upgrade the community playground at the Reading Community Church and contribute to the WG Summer Recreation program if so inclined.

**RESOLUTION #70** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion adopt the 2024 Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2024. Seconded by C. Richtmyer.

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

The Planning Board has provided a draft copy of the proposed Short Term Rental Law for review to discuss at the November 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Motion to add delinquent sewer and water bills to be added to the 2024 Town and County tax bills will be tabled until we receive the arrears from the Village of Watkins Glen.

Still waiting for information for fireproof requirements for prospective record storage room for the Justice.

We have completed most all of the requirements needed to be considered an energy conscious Township. D. Tremblay, Building Inspector, will attend training in December and the requirements will be complete.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was a report given to Building Inspector, D. Tremblay, from Emergency services regarding hazardous conditions at a homeowner's residence on PreEmption Road. D. Tremblay inspected the residence and determined the residents could not stay there due to inhabitable conditions. This was reported to Schuyler County Adult Protective Services. Supervisor Miller and our Health Officer, Benjamin Saks, DO, visited the residence to determine the necessary steps to be taken to make the residence habitable. Supervisor Miller has been diligently working with Schuyler County Office of the Aging and other community agencies to help remedy this unfortunate situation.

Supervisor Miller has provided written detail to employees regarding their annual compensation.

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.

**COMMUNICATION:**

Resolution from the Schuyler County Legislature to Adopt Equalization Rates for the apportionment of the year 2024 County Tax Levy – Real Property Tax Dept.  
Town of Reading – 77.00%

**RESOLUTION #71** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 010 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	6925.64
Town Outside Village	\$	331.47
Highway Town wide	\$	6,152.18
Highway Outside Village	\$	39,004.78
Capital (Salt Storage Building)	\$	214,800.00
Sewer	\$	406.34

Total: \$267,620.41

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

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #72** Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:00 PM Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey