

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING  
December 13, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor S. Miller, Councilperson P. Gill, Councilperson C. Stamp, Councilperson C. Richtmyer, 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> & 2<sup>nd</sup> payments of November was \$14,454,656 for an increase of \$1,239,838 or 9.38%. The November sales were up by \$123,085 or -11% increase from 2022.

**RESOLUTION #80** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the November 8th minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

**RESOLUTION #81** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the November 8th Budget Public Hearing minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

PLANNING: Minor Subdivision public hearing scheduled, continued review of Short-Term Rental Law draft

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

## OLD BUSINESS

Building Inspector, D. Tremblay, is awaiting a response from Jaynes Auto to perform an inspection.

An Audit of the Town Clerk and Town Supervisor should be completed in January 2024. Chairpersons P. Gill and C. Stamp will oversee it at 7pm before the January 11, 2024 Board meeting.

We had approx. \$18,000 left of the American Resue Plan (ARPA) funds available to utilize. After purchasing around \$8,000 of sheathing/siding items for the garage there is still approximately \$10,000 available

Planning Board Chairman, D. Chutas, will send an updated draft of the Short -Term Rental Law to Board members next week. There have been some changes made such as updating the application fee to \$150 and a 3- year renewal. There were also some definitions added. Per our Town Attorney, it was recommended that the applicant can hire a professional engineer vs. code enforcement officer to complete the inspection. Another item to note was to eliminate the need for a special permit application and a public hearing, but still notify neighbors within 150 feet to be aware of the short- term rental application received. The Town Board will review the updated short term rental draft at the January meeting.

It is recommended that we get drafting a local law to address larger Solar Farms over 25kw. The Planning Board has not received additional word regarding proposed solar farm on County Road 28.

All requirements have been met to receive the \$5,000 from NYCERTA to be recognized as an energy conscious Township

The new town website created by SCT Computers [www.townofreadingny.org](http://www.townofreadingny.org) is up and running. Town Clerk Alger will notify Incommand (current website developer) that we will no longer be using [www.townofreadingny.com](http://www.townofreadingny.com) effective 12/31/23.

The residents of the Pre-Emption Rd residence that was placarded by D. Tremblay have been found other housing by Schuyler County Adult Protection Services.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Miller stated that increasing the annual dog license fee is put on hold

Year End Meeting to be held on December 27, 2023 at 6PM. Clerk Alger will post in the Watkins Review and Express and on the website.

## COMMUNICATION:

**RESOLUTION #82** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to approve the Budget amendments for General Funds dated December 13, 2023. Seconded by P. Gill

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

**RESOLUTION #83** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to approve the Budget amendments for Highway Funds dated December 13, 2023. Seconded by P. Gill

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

**RESOLUTION #84** Councilperson J. Rumsey made a motion to pay Abstract # 012 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

General Town wide	\$	18,088.39
Town Outside Village	\$	373.64
Highway Town wide	\$	5,329.13
Highway Outside Village	\$	3,425.11
Sewer	\$	286.00
Total:	\$27,502.27	

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

**RESOLUTION #85** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:40 PM Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey