

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2024

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:

Alice Conklin-Altay Road

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature

Don Chutas-3176 Burrell Pl, 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 2024 Sales Tax Information. YTD Sales Tax Revenue was \$1,786,725. This was a decrease of \$51,573 or 2.81% compared to 2023.

RESOLUTION #23 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the February 14 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 for March meeting.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Miller sent a certified receipt letter to Deborah Payne, owner of Jaynes Auto for removal of all salvaged title vehicles in front of the fence. Deadline is March 26, 2024.

Supervisor Miller also spoke that Building Inspector, D. Tremblay, will be prioritizing cleanup around the Town of the blatant offenders of property maintenance and/or are abandoned properties that have become safety issues.

Short Term Rental Policy and Application are in final revision and will be sent to the Town Attorney Krough. The Town Board agreed the application fee should be \$500 and renewed every 3 years. Supervisor Miller would also like to see a Bed & Breakfast definition added.

The Town Board members received the draft copy of a local law to address larger Solar Farms over 25kw and will review and discuss at the April 10th meeting.

The \$5,000 NYSERTA grant application indicating we would be using the grant funds to update to more energy saving garage doors at the Highway garage was submitted by Clerk Alger.

NEW BUSINESS:

The main Xerox copier/fax machine stopped working and prompted a service call to SCT We purchased the copier from SCT in 2018 and Anthony indicated although it could be fixed for a significant sum, it would be best to replace it because it's life span of 5 years is over. Supervisor Miller is working with SCT to order a new black and white printer. Town Bookkeeper, H. Ribble, indicated there was enough funds in the Town Hall Equipment Fund to cover the purchase of a new copier/fax machine.

RESOLUTION #24 Councilperson J. Rumsey made a motion to appoint Derek Bacon to fill the unexpired 2-year term of Planning Board member, Melinda Sorber, who resigned her position in December 2023 due to time constraints. Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill

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

RESOLUTION #25 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to grant permission for 3 Planning Board Members, Clerk T. Alger, and Building Inspector, D. Tremblay to attend the Annual Regional Leadership Conference held in Corning on April 4th. Cost is \$75 per registrant. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

New Highway Dept. laborer, J. Robbins, started on February 20th and is doing well.

COMMUNICATION:

NYS Dept of Taxation letter concerning Revaluation of Reading properties.

RESOLUTION #26 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 003 as follows; seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

General Town wide	\$	9,127.57
Town Outside Village	\$	2,328.30
Highway Town wide	\$	3,667.38
Highway Outside Village	\$	3,829.61
Sewer	\$	354.76

Total: \$19,307.62

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

RESOLUTION #27 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:35 PM Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey