

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2024

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:

Alice Conklin-Altay Road

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature

Don Chutas-3176 Burrell Pl, WG

Glenda Gephart – Church Rd (Sch. Historical Society)

Mandy Qualls – Trumansburg, (Sch. Co. Public Health)

Raphael Specchio Jr. -202 N. Monroe St, WG

Justin Payne – 8559 St. Rt 415, Campbell, NY

Deb Payne – 8559 St. Rt. 415, Campbell, NY

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 \$2,769,082. This was a decrease of \$215,558.67 or -7.22% compared to 2023. Hopefully the Eclipse traffic and visitors will help make a difference in 2nd Qtr.

Mandy Qualls from Schuyler Co. Health spoke on behalf of all the services provided by Public Health.

Glenda Gephart on behalf of the Schuyler County Historical Society presented the Board with the 2023 Annual Report and encouraged membership and visiting the museum to see what great things they are doing.

Raphael Specchio, Jr. presented the board with a letter from his new Atty, G. Welch Sr., to consider once again his request to annex a portion of his land from the Town of Reading into the Village of Watkins Glen. Supervisor Miller responded that we did this once in February 2023 in conjunction with the Village of Watkins Glen and the annexation was denied. We will not pursue this annexation again as the results will be the same. Town Attorney, G. Krogh, will be contacted to respond to Mr. Specchio's Atty, G. Welch, Sr. to see if further action is required.

Justin and Deb Payne on behalf of Jaynes Used Auto Parts inquired when they would be getting their operating permit as they had moved all the salvage title cars behind the fence as requested.

Supervisor Miller responded that he has instructed D. Trembly, Building Inspector III, to send a letter requesting a copy of the titles for the remaining vehicles outside the fence.

D. Chutas, Planning Board Chairperson, mentioned that a Reading resident who attended the Public Hearing in March had unrelated concerns about not being able to receive internet services. The resident lives on Nye Road and Supervisor Miller said that the main issue is that Haefele, who provides internet services for several residents in the area, cannot get permission to cross the RR tracks on Nye Rd. Mark Rondinaro replied that there is an internet service called Starlink that he is hearing good things about. Clerk Alger will forward this information to the resident.

RESOLUTION #28 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the March 13 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: Site Plan Application and a Sign application for the April meeting

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Jaynes Used Auto Parts will be asked to provide copies of titles for remaining cars outside of the fence.

Short Term Rental Policy and Application final revision was sent to Town Attorney, G. Krogh, and Supervisor Miller would like the board to review Attorney Krogh's notes and discuss at the next meeting.

Expecting to receive a \$5,000 grant check from NYSERTA to be used to update Highway Garage doors to be more energy efficient.

Supervisor Miller would like to propose purchasing an improved security camera for viewing the dumpster area at the Highway Garage. There have been incidents of people dropping garbage and things off in the recycling dumpster outside of Saturday's collection hour and it is difficult to identify vehicle and view license plate numbers with the current camera.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Justice has finalized the NYS Audit of Judge Raymond Berry's funds during his term as Town Justice. It was found that there were some irregularities in the bail monies in the amount of \$99.25. The NYS Comptroller's office has state that the amount of \$99.25 must be returned to the

Town Justice. Clerk Alger will add the amount of \$99.25 to the May Abstract to be paid to the Reading Town Court.

Dumpster Day will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 9 – Noon at the Town Highway Garage. This has become a much anticipated event for the Town of Reading residents.

Please review Local Law No. 2 of 2003 concerning nuisance on private property for see if it should be updated.

We received a letter from an attorney whose client would like to protest the Board of Appeals decision that was rendered on October 25, 2023 allowing an area variance on 4340 Argetsinger Rd. Clerk Alger forwarded the letter and other pertinent information to Town Attorney G. Krogh. Attorney Krogh will write a letter stating “an appeal to the courts to challenge this determination is required to be filed within 30 days of the determination”

RESOLUTION #29 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to approve the Budget amendments for General Funds dated April 10, 2024. Seconded C. Richtmyer

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

COMMUNICATION:

Tentative RR Ceiling from NYS Dept. of Taxation

RESOLUTION #30 Councilperson J. Rumsey made a motion to pay Abstract # 004 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	9,910.05
Town Outside Village	\$	593.57
Highway Town wide	\$	14,859.03
Highway Outside Village	\$	35,810.02
Sewer	\$	354.22
Total:	\$61,526.89	

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

RESOLUTION #30 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:15 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer