

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING**  
**June 12, 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:**

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature  
Don Chutas -3176 Burrell Place, 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 \$5,218,372. This was a decrease of \$61,588 or -1.17% compared to 2023. The May Sales were favorable with an increase of 11.46% compared to 2023.

**RESOLUTION #35** Councilperson J. Rumsey made a motion to accept the May 8, 2024 minutes, as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

AYES:	Councilperson C. Stamp Councilperson C. Richtmyer Councilperson J. Rumsey Supervisor-S. Miller	NAYS: none
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

PLANNING: Minor Subdivision Public Hearing and new Minor Subdivision Applicant

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

**OLD BUSINESS**

D. Chutas, Planning Board Chairperson, reported the State Legislature, both the Senate and Assembly, passed a Short-Term Rental Bill this week. The Governor has not signed it yet. This legislation will no doubt change our local law text and we may need to put our Short-Term Rental Law on hold for a bit.

The Town Board gave permission for Supervisor Miller to revise a Request for Proposal (RIP) to determine the cost of an engineering feasibility study. Once that is completed, we can move forward with a Request for Quote (RIQ) to see what the cost of an engineering study regarding

creating new water districts for Rt 14, St, Rt. 14A, County Road 28, and a few other roads with water issues.

**RESOLUTION #36** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to use partial funding budgeted for the Summer Recreation program that was not requested by the Village of Watkins Glen to be utilized to fund the Community Playground located at the Reading Community Church. The amount suggested was \$3,000. Seconded C. Stamp

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We received notice from Excellus that our health insurance cost will increase by 19%. Will have to discuss more during 2025 Budget preparation.

The Board of Assessment Review had a huge influx of applications to review due to the 2024 Reassessment in the Town of Reading. As a result, the (BAR) Board of Assessment Review had to meet for 2 evenings with extended hours to meet with applicants and also had to meet 2 additional evenings to make decisions on the applications.

**RESOLUTION #37** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to increase the compensation for the Board of Assessment Review to twice the budgeted amount due to increase in applicants and meeting times. Seconded by C. Stamp

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

**RESOLUTION #38** Councilperson J. Rumsey made a motion to appoint Paula Reagan as an Alternate to the Planning Board. Seconded by C. Stamp

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

**RESOLUTION #39** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion accept the resignation of Gary Conklin as member of the Land Use Law Board of Appeals. Seconded by P. Gill.

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

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #40** Councilperson J. Rumsey made a motion appoint Robert DeDominick as a member of the Land Use Law Board of Appeals. Seconded by C. Stamp

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

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #41** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to allow Supervisor Miller to sign the County Intermunicipal Agreement for CDL Training Reimbursement. Seconded by C. Stamp

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

NAYS: none

There has been some progress in moving forward with the clean-up of vacant property located at 4470 St. Rt. 14A. There has also been an inquiry of a family member regarding clean up.

COMMUNICATION:

State Bill S7834 regarding lithium battery storage facilities  
Invoice from Adventure World Playsets  
Resignation letter from Gary Conklin

**RESOLUTION #42** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 006 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	14814.14
Town Outside Village	\$	64.98
Highway Town wide	\$	5,928.07
Highway Outside Village	\$	43,045.60
Sewer	\$	386.58

Total: \$64,239.37

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

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #43** Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:20 PM. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp