

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING**  
**May 8, 2024**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilperson P. Gill

**VISITORS:**

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature	Barbara Chapman, PO Box 253, WG
Harold Ayers – 1872 Ray Roberts Road, WG	Frank Geluso – 2208 Chase Rd, Rock Stream
Richard Tierney – 2222 Chase Rd, Rock Stream	Debra Gleason- 2208 Chase Rd, Rock Stream
Justin 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 \$3,894,886. This was a decrease of \$164,095 or -4.04% compared to 2023. This total does not include the April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Payment.

Reading Historian, B. Chapman, gave an update on what she has been accomplishing this year. Public engagement via a local community Facebook page is often utilized to share historical tidbits. The Underground RR sign has been refurbished using all volunteer help, cemeteries that are closed have been cleaned up, and she will be populating the Historian page on the Town of Reading website [www.townofreadingny.org](http://www.townofreadingny.org) with some interesting articles. She thanked the Town for providing the funding to purchase a laptop because it has been so beneficial to her position as Town Historian.

H. Ayers inquired about how many votes of the Town Board were needed to approve an action and Supervisor Miller said a majority. Mr. Ayers also questioned M. Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislator, about the recent dismissal of a County Employee by the County Legislature. Supervisor Miller said this topic has been raised at other meetings and personnel matters are not discussed publicly at Legislature or County public meetings.

R. Tierney, F. Geluso, and D. Gleason Upper Chase Road residents spoke at length and are displeased with the amount of dust on their road and would like something more to be done by the Highway Dept. to reduce the amount of dust generated by the increased traffic on Upper Chase Road. Ultimately, they would like to see their road paved. They offered their suggestions about what they feel will help remedy this situation. Supervisor Miller agreed that a long-term plan needs to be implemented to address these road repair issues and that it will be looked into.

Justin Payne on behalf of Jaynes Used Auto Parts inquired about the status of receiving an operating permit as he had completed all requirements and had met with Building Inspector, D. Tremblay, and reviewed and discussed the titles of the remaining cars in front of fence.

**RESOLUTION #31** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the April 10 minutes, as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

PLANNING: Sign application approval and Short-Term Rental Local Law

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jaynes Auto discussed in visitor's comments and Supervisor Miller said a meeting will be set up between Building Inspector, D. Tremblay, and Jaynes Auto to physically inventory the titles and remaining cars in front of the fence. If all is satisfactory, an operating permit will be given.

D. Chutas, Planning Board Chairperson, still working on another draft to present to the Town Board implementing suggestions recommended by Town Attorney, G. Krogh.

The Board had decided at the January 11, 2023 board meeting that there is no benefit to the Town of Reading or any public good to allow the annexation of the 1.94 acre parcel on Summit Ave (Tax map no. 64.08-1-34) to the village of Watkins Glen. Town Attorney, G. Krogh, has spoken to R. Specchio's attorney, G. Welch, Sr. and an agreement was made between the attorney's that Mr. Specchio's annexation request needs no action at this time.

Town Attorney, G. Krogh, has spoken to Attorney, David Mashweske on behalf of letter received April 5, 2024 in opposition to the area variance issued by the Land Use Law Board of Appeals on October 25, 2023. Per Attorney, G. Krogh, firstly an appeal to the courts to challenge this determination is required to be filed with the 30 days of the determination. Secondly, All procedure was followed correctly in notifying the public of the public hearings via newspaper and utilizing the Town website and there is no cause to protest or rescind the area variance issued for 4360 Argetsinger Rd, Rock Stream.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Miller has spoken with Catherine Rees from RCAP Solutions recently and she is encouraging us again to continue our efforts to create new water districts for Rt 14, St. Rt. 14A,

County Road 28 and a few other roads. She believes the Town of Reading has a great chance to receive a grant to help with the Engineering Feasibility Study which was a great expense that hindered us from proceeding in 2022. After discussion the Town Board granted permission for Supervisor Miller to continue discussions to acquire additional information to get a better idea of what the cost of the study would be.

Building Inspector III, D. Tremblay, continuing to work with Town Attorney, G. Krogh, to take legal action on residents violating Local Law No. 2 of 2003 "Nuisances on Private Property"

**RESOLUTION #32** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to allow Highway Superintendent, J. Switzer, to take the pesticide certification exam in May or June for an examination fee of \$100, and also to attend the Annual Highway School in Ithaca June 3-5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Seconded C. Richtmyer

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

NAYS: none

**COMMUNICATION:**

Council of Governments April Meeting Agenda  
Catherine Reese email to Supervisor Miller  
Certificate of Final Railroad Ceiling  
Town Historian Work Plan  
2024 Tax Assessment Information from Schuyler County Real Property

**RESOLUTION #33** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to pay Abstract # 005 as follows; seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

General Town wide	\$	46,722.70
Town Outside Village	\$	412.87
Highway Town wide	\$	8016.38
Highway Outside Village	\$	15,431.01
Sewer	\$	365.10
Total:	\$70,948.06	

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

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #34** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:45 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer