

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2024

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

ABSENT: Councilperson C. Richtmyer,

VISITORS:

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature

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 \$6,799,875. This was an increase of \$247,741 or 3.78% compared to 2023. The June sales tax was favorable and seems things are back to moving in the right direction. June sales tax had an increase of 24.32% compared to 2023.

RESOLUTION #44 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the June 12, 2024 minutes, as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

NAYS: none

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

No new communication from Katherine Rees from RCAP Solutions regarding the engineering feasibility study.

Progress on Short Term Rental Law still temporarily on hold.

New security camera at the Highway garage has made night vision much better around the garbage dumpsters to help deter people from dropping off garbage and large items after hours.

Cost of Employee health care will significantly increase in 2025 and Supervisor Miller looking for Board input.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Miller looking to complete the transfer of email accounts from Haefele to townofreadingny.org in July.

The HSSC (Humane Society of Schuyler County) sent an information packet detailing the increase in the shelter costs and are looking to request a significant increase in funds per Township based on number of dogs brought into the shelter from each Town. They are proposing \$11,834 from the Town of Reading and in 2023 we paid them \$2,242 from 70% of dog licensing fees received.

Town Clerk, T. Alger, was served legal notice from the State of NY Supreme Court regarding US Salt petitioning the Board of Assessment and the Town Assessor on the findings of the Assessment Review Board and the Assessor. Town Attorney, G. Krogh, has also been contacted and at this point no court appearance is requested.

Supervisor Miller has instructed CEO, D. Tremblay, to continue to address and move forward with legal process regarding cleanup of residence on Church Rd. Tremblay met with Attorney Krough and one topic discussed regarding property maintenance was modifying our Local Law to help reduce attorney involvement moving forward. Supervisor Miller will pursue this further.

Highway Dept. equipment repairs are on the rise this year and concerns that we may have to transfer funds from unexpended fund balances before years end.

COMMUNICATION:

US Salt Petition regarding Assessment

NYS Dept of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property showing 2024 Equilization Rate Status.

Town of Reading is now at 100% Equilization rate.

Notice that we will be receiving a dividend check from Selective Insurance.

Newsletter from Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District.

NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance regarding Final Franchise Values for 2024

RESOLUTION #45 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 007 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	24,756.17
Town Outside Village	\$	571.47
Highway Town wide	\$	5,400.16
Highway Outside Village	\$	106,883.12
Sewer	\$	91.73

Total: \$137,702.65

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

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #46 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp