

## TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2024

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

**ABSENT:** None

### **VISITORS:**

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature

Ann Barford – 5090 Mapes Mathews Rd, Hector, NY

Michael Hale - 3321 Reading Rd., WG

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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 \$8,830,466. This was an increase of \$329,554 or 3.88% compared to 2023. The July sales tax was favorable. July sales tax had an increase of 4.9% compared to 2023.

Ann Banford and Michael Hale representing the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway distributed information and spoke to the board about the expansion of the Scenic Byway along the West side of Seneca Lake in the Towns of Dix, Watkins Glen, and Reading. One of the first steps is receiving a resolution of support from the Townships affected by the new boundaries. They also appealed to the Board to encourage a member to join their board to provide insight into the historic markers and local information. Supervisor Miller would like to have some more information about it and M. Hale and A. Branford encouraged us to look at the DOT Website and the Hector corridor that was completed.

**RESOLUTION #47** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the July 10, 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 2 Lot Line Adjustments for August

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Catherine Rees from RCAP Solutions has sent a draft of a proposal to hire an engineering firm to begin the process of an engineering study of the proposed water districts on SR 14, 14A, and Co. Rd. 28. This was the point we left off in 2022 due to cost, but RCAP Solutions says there are State grants and possible County Funding available to help with the cost. Clerk Alger will work with Supervisor Miller to complete the packet which will include ads in the paper, and a public hearing.

Progress on Short Term Rental Law to be addressed at the Planning Board meeting on August 21, 2024.

Abandoned property on St. Rt. 14A cleanup will just be allowed to run its course with being put up for auction by the County in 2025. That seems to be the best solution at this time.

After consulting with SCT Computers, switching emails from Haeefele htva is pending a new software update that needs to be completed first. There will be a \$14/mo. charge for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION #48** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to approve the Budget amendments for General Funds dated August 7, 2024. Seconded C. Richtmyer

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

Supervisor Miller attended a meeting with Town Supervisors and the Humane Society concerning the proposed increases they are proposing for Townships based on the number of dogs taken in per 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. Several other topics were discussed including the cost of adoption and new state requirements for animal shelters. The Town Board feels our offer of \$4,000 is reasonable.

**RESOLUTION #49** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to allow Supervisor Miller to sign retainers for lawyer, Sheila Chalifoux, to represent the Town of Reading in the US Salt and one residential Judicial Assessment review. Seconded J. Rumsey

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

NYSEG has finally replaced the streetlights with LED ones after phone calls regarding several of them not working. These replacements should reduce our streetlight bill significantly.

COMMUNICATION: None

**RESOLUTION #50** Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to pay Abstract # 008 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	9,786.11
Town Outside Village	\$	338.67
Highway Town wide	\$	22,225.61
Highway Outside Village	\$	11,633.57
Sewer	\$	543.92
Total:		\$44,527.88

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

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #51** Supervisor Miller made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding a personnel matter at 8:50 PM; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

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

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #52** Supervisor Miller made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:05 PM. Seconded by P. Gill

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

NAYS: none

Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:10 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer