

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING

September 11 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

Sheila Chalifoux – Attorney 15 Fishers Road, Pittsford, NY

Don Chutas – 3176 Burrell Pl, 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 \$10,368,265. This was an increase of \$377,711 or 3.78% compared to 2023. The August sales tax was favorable. August sales tax had an increase of 3.23% compared to 2023.

Atty, Sheila Chalifoux, visited to introduce herself to the Town Board. She also came to see the 2 properties she is has been retained for that have taken us to Supreme Court to dispute their property assessment.

RESOLUTION #53 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the August 14, 2024 minutes, as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

NAYS: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Site Plan Review Application to review

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

The Request for Proposals to hire an engineering firm to begin the process of an engineering study for newly proposed water district in the Town of Reading has been published in the Elmira Star

Gazette and also placed on the NYS Contract Reporter Bulleting Board. Supervisor Miller has already received some responses. The time period to submit bids is from the publish date of September 9 to October 9th at noon. Sealed bids will be opened at the October 9th Board meeting.

Atty. G. Krogh has returned a redline copy of the Short -Term Rental Law to be reviewed at the Planning Board meeting on September 18, 2024.

Atty. G. Krogh is working on a revised local law to give the Code Enforcement Officer more jurisdiction in enforcement of the NYS Codes concerning abandoned property and cleanup of properties.

Anthony from SCT was here for most of a day to work on migrating the Haeefele email over to the townofreadingny.org emails using Microsoft Outlook. There still are a few bugs to work out to make sure all email is being forwarded from our old Haeefele email account.

Both Judicial review disputing assessments are being responded to by legal counsel, S. Chaulifoux.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was recommended by Bookkeeper, H. Ribble, that we pay an average monthly mileage payment to D. Tremblay, Code Enforcement Officer, to make it easier on him. H. Ribble took an average from last years mileage to calculate the monthly amount of \$190.

RESOLUTION #54 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay \$190 month for mileage to Code Enforcement Office, D. Tremblay, commencing in October. This amount to be reviewed at the Boards discretion. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

Supervisor Miller will be attending another meeting on September 26th with the other Town Supervisors to discuss the new HSSC dog contract fee proposals recommended to the local Townships. The biggest issue is that the annual amounts recommended by the HSSC do not seem fair or reasonable.

We had some problems with the fax line, but a Verizon repairman was able to diagnose and remedy the problem by repairing an outside line.

Code Enforcement Officer Tremblay would like to try a different software package. The current IWORQ's program isn't really meeting his needs like he had hoped. The Town Board would like some pricing comparisons to the proposed Cloud Permit program vs. IWORQ.

RESOLUTION #55 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion for the Town of Reading to offer its support for the expansion of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway along the west side of Seneca Lake into the Town of Reading. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

NAYS: none

COMMUNICATION: None

RESOLUTION #56 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 009 as follows; seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

General Town wide	\$	5,805.04
Town Outside Village	\$	398.16
Highway Town wide	\$	4,790.78
Highway Outside Village	\$	32,284.73
Sewer	\$	92.41
Total:		\$43,371.22

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

NAYS: none

Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:40 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer