

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
October 9 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

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 \$12,069,964. This is an increase of \$507,190 or 4.39% compared to 2023. The September sales tax was favorable. September sales tax had an increase of 8.24% compared to 2023.

RESOLUTION #57 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the September 11, 2024 minutes, as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

PLANNING: Site Plan Review Application to complete

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: Meeting held to pay bills and water testing scheduled towards DEC requirements to finalize closing of the Landfill.

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

We received several Request for Proposals by the noon deadline of October 9th from engineering firms for quotes on completing an engineering study for the newly proposed water district in the Town of Reading. Supervisor Miller would like some volunteers from the Town Board to help with reviewing the qualifications.

The final draft of the Short -Term Rental Law has been distributed to be reviewed and should be able to approve it at the November 13th board meeting.

The conversion to the new emails has been completed. Haeefele is forwarding all emails to the townofreadingny.org email addresses and Clerk Alger has set up an auto response notifying senders that the email address has been changed.

No update on the Judicial reviews disputing assessments. We did receive notice from Real Property that we would need to reimburse one applicant for the \$30 small claims fee as their assessment was reduced in small claims court. Clerk Alger has added this to the October 9 abstract.

The 2022 AUD has finally been submitted and accepted by the NYS Comptroller’s office. The 2023 AUD should be completed shortly by bookkeeper H. Ribble.

The Fax machine is up and running.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Tentative budget was received by Clerk Alger on September 30th. The Town Board has agreed upon the following dates in preparation of approving the 2025 Budget:

A Budget workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6PM.

The Budget Public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at 6PM

Supervisor Miller will be attending a meeting at the end of October with the other Town Supervisors to discuss the new HSSC dog contract fee proposals recommended to the local Townships. It appears that the HSSC is unwilling to negotiate at this time.

COMMUNICATION:

Schuyler Co. Legislature resolution to adopt Equalization Rates. Reading, Catherine, Dix, and Montour Townships now at 100% equalization rate.

Additional monies available for the Clean Energy Grant

RESOLUTION #58 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to pay Abstract # 010 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	7,961.73
Town Outside Village	\$	642.24
Highway Town wide	\$	9,132.90
Highway Outside Village	\$	20,947.32
Sewer	\$	384.13

Total: \$39,068.32

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill

NAYS: none

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

Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:00 PM Seconded by
Councilperson C. Stamp