

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING  
November 13, 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 YTD. Sales Tax Information. YTD Sales Tax Revenue including the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> payments of October was \$13,726,393 for an increase of \$515,784 or 3.9%. The October sales were down by a small amount of \$843 or -.07% decrease from 2023.

**RESOLUTION #62** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the October 9, 2024 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

**RESOLUTION #63** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the October 23, 2024 Budget Workshop minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

**RESOLUTION #64** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the November 6, 2024 Budget Public Hearing minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

Supervisor – S. Miller

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

PLANNING: Possible Site Plan Application to review for a Glamping Resort

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

**OLD BUSINESS**

A committee composed of Chairperson, P. Gill, Planning Board Chairperson, D. Chutas, C. Rees, and Supervisor Miller will meet to select a couple of firms to interview that submitted engineering studies for the newly proposed water district in the Town of Reading.

Attorney Krogh has reviewed and returned the final copy of the Short Term Rental Law and a Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall at December 11, 2024 at 7:00PM Clerk Alger will post on the website and also place legal notice in the Watkins Review & Express and also the Hi-Lites.

Supervisor Miller was having trouble adding contacts to the Microsoft Outlook email and a call to SCT Computers indicated that it was a glitch in the program that hopefully will be updated with a Microsoft program update.

Judicial review disputing assessments for US Salt and one other resident are still being addressed. Appraiser fee for US Salt could be costly per quotes received by Attorney Chalifoux.

P. Gill made a motion to grant permission for Supervisor Miller to draft a letter to Watkins Glen Promotions indicating the Town of Reading has no objections to the Corvette Thunder in the Glen Festival to be held May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Seconded by C. Stamp

**RESOLUTION #65** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept and adopt the 2025 Town Budget. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Town Board has reviewed the Annual Equipment and Fleet Inventory submitted by Highway Superintendent, J. Switzer, as requested by Schuyler County Highway Dept.

Since July the Schuyler County Towns Supervisors have been trying to reach an agreement with the HSSC for a reasonable contract for 2025. They are basing their contract amounts based on a % of dogs taken in from each Township in 2023. The HSSC reports indicate that 9 dogs were taken in by Animal Control from the Town of Reading in 2023. Of the 9 dogs, 1 dog was in the Town of Tyrone, 2 dogs were “strays” and at the shelter, and 6 dogs were redeemed by the owners. We paid them \$3,500 in 2023. The initial contract, dated June 27, 2024, indicated they would like us to pay them \$11,834 in 2025 with a 5% annual increase. During negotiation with the Townships and the County they increased the amount to around \$14,000. The Town Board suggested we be generous and budget \$5,000 for the HSSC, but they were unwilling to accept that amount.

We have received 2 proposals from the Southern Tier Animal Control. One contract was a full contract that included Animal Control Officer duties and the other contract was per dog at large. Per much discussion with other Town Supervisors and in consideration of the Schuyler County Animal Control Officer’s position, Supervisor Miller recommends that we sign the \$175 per dog contract rather than pay the HSSC the unfounded amount they are requesting for 2025.

C. Stamp made a motion to grant permission for Supervisor Miller to sign the Southern Tier Animal Control per dog contract. Seconded by P. Gill

**COMMUNICATION:**

\$10,000 Grant approval letter from NYSERDA for the Clean Energy Community Funds.

Year End Board meeting discussed and date will be decided at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**RESOLUTION #66** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 011 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

General Town wide	\$	12,509.05
Town Outside Village	\$	1,724.58
Highway Town wide	\$	11,643.87
Highway Outside Village	\$	14,343.35
Sewer	\$	91.21
Total:		\$40,312.06

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

NAYS: none

**RESOLUTION #67** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:25 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer