

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
January 8, 2025

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
Aleice Guild - 2359 co. Rd. 16, WG
Emilia Rodriguez – 3335 County Line Rd, WG
Naja Ridgin – 5580 Co. Rt 414, Hector, NY
Alice Conklin – 2155 Altay Rd, Rock Stream
Nick Brusso – 2385 Co. Rd 21, 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 YTD. Sales Tax Information. YTD Sales Tax Revenue was \$16,258,345 for an increase of \$479,562 or 3.04% From 2023.

WGHS students attended to observe the Board Meeting as part of an assignment for their Government Class. Supervisor Miller spent some time introducing board members and explaining some of the board meeting procedures.

Alice Conklin spoke on behalf of the tax error discovered regarding the Veterans Tax Exemption and what is being done by the County to remedy it. Mark Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislator, and Cheryl Richtmyer, Councilperson also spoke to provide additional clarification.

RESOLUTION #1 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the December 11, 2024 minutes, The STR Public Hearing minutes, and the December 30th, Year End Meeting 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: Minor Subdivision Public hearing scheduled

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Assessment challenges still ongoing. We received the estimates for the assessments for the challenges. The estimate for the Woodcock parcel is \$2100, and over \$7,000 for US Salt assessment. Still looking to receive some financial support from the County. We received our first invoice from Chalifoux Law Firm for \$4550 for legal services challenging these 2 assessments.

We will review the revisions to the Local Law 2 of 2003 and Local Law 1 of 2023 Amendments with Atty's Krogh's notes at the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Miller has selected Empire to be the electric supplier for our NYSEG bills. Town Board in agreement that this is the most cost-effective supplier.

RESOLUTION #2-Councilman C. Richtmyer made a motion, to approve all 2025 appointments, assignments, salary, time periods subject to acceptance, and to have the future date of the regular Board meetings as the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Reading Town Hall. Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill

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

Highway Supt, J. Switzer, continuing to work on utilizing the \$10,000 NYSERTA grant to replace fossil fuel tools and equipment with rechargeable/electric tools. The deadline for the grant is February 14, 2025.

Highway Supt, J. Switzer, continuing to complete the 284 Agreement listing major road projects for 2025

RESOLUTION #3 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to grant permission for Highway Supt. J. Switzer to post 8 Ton limit on listed roads effective February 1, 2025 until May 15, 2025. Legal Notice will be published in the Watkins Review and Express. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

Councilperson J. Rumsey
Supervisor – S. Miller

The Justice Audit will be performed by council at the February 12th meeting at 7:00 PM.
Town Clerk and Supervisor Audits will be performed by councilmembers at the March 12th meeting at 7:00 PM.

Councilperson Gill commented that for our protection it would be beneficial to have an outside Auditor review the Town Clerk and Town Supervisor financial records. All councilpersons, Supervisor Miller, and Clerk Alger were in agreement. Supervisor Miller will look into finding an independent auditor to perform the audits.

The Village of Watkins Glen has requested a letter of support to be written to the Secretary of State of Local Government supporting a study to evaluate the possibility of fire service regionalization in Schuyler County.

Motion made by Councilperson C. Stamp, to send a letter of support to the Secretary of State of Local Government supporting a study to evaluate the possibility of fire service regionalization in Schuyler County. Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill.

COMMUNICATION:

Letter from Justic Norman requesting annual Audit of Justice records.
Draft of letter supporting fire service regionalization in Schuyler County

RESOLUTION #4 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to pay Abstract # 01 as follows; seconded by Councilperson P. Gill

General Town wide	\$	21,428.96
Town Outside Village	\$	4,046.60
Highway Town wide	\$	12,712.36
Highway Outside Village	\$	12,255.80
Sewer	\$	90.13
Total:		\$50,533.85

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 J. Rumsey