

## **TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING**

**March 12, 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

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 February Sales Tax Information. February Tax Revenue was \$982,076 up \$136,869 for an increase of \$16.19% From 2024. YTD Sales Tax is \$2,041,853 with overall sales tax increase of 14.28% from 2024.

**RESOLUTION #12** Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the February 12, 2025 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

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

NAYS: none

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

PLANNING: Minor Subdiv. Public Hearing, 2 Site Plan Applications for Campground & Wedding Venue

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: K. Pierce is working on the AFR (Annual Financial Report) that needs to be filed annually.

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Town Board reviewed the revisions to the Local Law 2 of 2003 and Local Law 1 of 2023 Amendments recommended by Town Atty's Krogh. Next month will look over the Resolutions and SEQRA, if necessary, and schedule a public hearing for May 14, 2025 board meeting.

The Town Board reviewed the tentative Intermunicipal document between WGCSD, The Town of Reading, and Schuyler County to share appraisal fees regarding 2 petitioners filed against the 2024 assessment roll. WGCSD is indicating they may not want share cost of the individual petitioner. The agreement looks like WGCSD will pay 54%, County 31%, and Town of Reading 15%. Mark Rondinaro reported that we have been awarded \$13,200 grant from the Sch. Co. Econ. Development Fund to be used towards the Environmental Assessment cost of proposed New Water District.

We received notice that we have been awarded the grant for \$10,000 from NYSERDA for the Clean Energy Communities Grant.

D. Trembley, CEO, has requested approval to attend training out of state.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Miller discussed the tentative finds from ESquare Engineering looking at the feasibility of the creation of new water district. Bringing the water supply up the hill from Village of Watkins Glen does not look feasible. Bringing water down from the higher elevations in Reading looks more feasible, but would be costly. The Board would like more information on what our options are to bring water supply down from higher elevations.

Supervisor Miller has done some research into the cost of a professional audit to be performed for the Town of Reading. Cost could be as high as \$10,000. The Town Board feels we should have one for transparency. Supervisor Miller would like to review costs for presentation as we have enough money in our engineering budget line to cover the expense.

Supervisor Miller has signed a 5 year contract with the Board of Elections allowing the Town Hall to be a polling place.

Town Clerk Audit was performed by Councilpersons C. Richtmyer and J. Rumsey.

**RESOLUTION #13:** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept Town Clerk and Tax Collector audit as complete Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer.

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

Town Supervisor Chief Financial Officer Audit was performed by Councilpersons P. Gill and C. Stamp.

**RESOLUTION #14:** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept Town Supervisor Chief Financial Officer audit as complete Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer.

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

COMMUNICATION:  
SCIDA Pilot Sublease Summary received.  
Public hearing regarding addition of RR Crossing  
Hwy Supt. J. Switzer, shared an email from NYS Assoc. of Town Superintendents of Highways reporting that thanks to their efforts in Albany that both the Senate and Assembly requested increases in local highway funding.

**RESOLUTION #15** Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 003 as follows; seconded by Councilperson J. Switzer

General Town wide	\$	16,300.53
Town Outside Village	\$	1,289.95
Highway Town wide	\$	12,999.70
Highway Outside Village	\$	3,102.59
Sewer	\$	1,314.73
Total:		\$35,232.31

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

Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:55 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer