

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING

April 9, 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:

Trevor Field – Cross Rd, WG

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Mark Rondinaro (Not able to attend, but provided March Sales Tax Information) March Sales Tax Revenue was \$993,790 up \$11,433 for an increase of \$1.16% From 2024. YTD Sales Tax is \$3,035,643 with overall sales tax increase of 9.63% from 2024.

RESOLUTION #16 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the March 12, 2025 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

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

NAYS: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Special Permit Public Hearing, 3 Site Plan Applications, and Minor Subdivision

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No Report

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. D. Chutas will send to the County Planning Commission for review. Public hearing scheduled for 7:00 PM at May 14, 2025 board meeting.

No word back from the WGCSD Atty. on completion of the Intermunicipal document between WGCSD, The Town of Reading, and Schuylers County to share appraisal fees regarding 2 petitioners filed against the 2024 assessment roll.

Supervisor Miller discussed making a revision to the Employee Handbook regarding firearms on Page 8. Further discussion will be had at the May meeting.

Chainsaws, leaf blowers, batteries etc. utilizing the \$10,000 NYSERDA grant have been delivered to the Highway Garage. There are a few things still on backorder. Jason Switzer, Highway Supt., reports that the tools seem to work well.

CEO, D. Tremblay, would like Board approval to attend the annual State Building Office Assoc. conference in April. Registration cost is \$35.

RESOLUTION #17 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion allow CEO. Tremblay permission to attend the SBOA Conference Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Miller discussed the additional information received from Square Engineering looking at the feasibility of the creation of new water district. Maps from the hydro-geologist show there is a probability of 100 gallons per minute from the upper elevation above Ray Roberts Rd.

Recent Animal Shelter Report from Dept. of Ag and Markets showed that the Southern Tier Animal Control has passed their inspection.

Topic for recent discussion with the Sch. Co. Council of Governments and County Engineer has been housing concerns in the County. Supervisor Miller has had much discussion and shared some of the water problems that the Town of Reading faces that limit housing development in Reading.

A property owner on Summit Ave would like to build a house quite a distance off Summit Ave. in Water District #3. The property owner questions whether they need to connect to the Water District #3 or if they can add their own septic and well. Supervisor Miller doing research on this.

Attorney, G. Krogh, has provided us with some resolutions for the Local Laws proposed and the intermunicipal agreement with the County and WGCSD.

The Highway Dept. has returned to a 4 – 10hr. day workweek until Fall.

Dumpster Day is coming up on April 26th 9 – Noon. Clerk Alger has put ads in Hi-Lites and Watkins Review.

Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to schedule a public hearing for 7 PM on May 14, 2025 for Local Law 1 of 2025, Regulation and Abatement of Unsafe Buildings and Public Nuisances Local Law and Local Law No. 2 Amendments to Local Law #1 of 2023 Code Enforcement Law and Regulations Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer.

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

COMMUNICATION:
Shelter Inspection Report from NYS Ag. & Markets
List of Foreclosures from Schuyler Co. Clerk in Town of Reading

RESOLUTION #18 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 004 as follows; seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

General Town wide	\$	15,205.00
Town Outside Village	\$	1,281.72
Highway Town wide	\$	10,781.30
Highway Outside Village	\$	35,254.66
Sewer	\$	260.16
Total:		\$62,782.84

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 8:45 PM Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey