

November 12, 2013

The regular Town of Richford Board meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Supervisor Wilcox. All Board members were present. Eight townspeople were also in attendance.

The Town Lawyer, Khandikile Sokoni, was present to answer questions regarding the burned home of Joyce Hyde. After much discussion on the matter the following resolution was made by Councilman Miller and Councilwoman Herrick: --WHEREAS the property owned by Joyce Hyde at Route 79, Richford has burned and WHEREAS as the Code Enforcement Officer has deemed it to be a dangerous building THEREFORE it was resolved that Supervisor Wilcox be authorized to hold a public hearing on the matter. A roll call vote showed all Town Board members voting aye (5 to 0).

Councilman Miller seconded by Councilwoman Bev Brown made the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm to receive public comments regarding the demolition of Joyce Hyde's property and to select a contractor to inspect the aforementioned house and to prepare a report on his findings to the Richford Town Board.

The minutes of the October 8, 2013 Town Board meeting, Special Town Board Meeting on October 16, 2013 and a Public Hearing on November 7, 2013 were presented for review. Councilman R. Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Bev Brown, made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. All approved.

The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for October 2013. were presented.

Highway Superintendent Holt gave a report for October 2013. He reported that the Highway employees have been ditch digging, repairing trucks for winter service and working on finding a gravel pit.

The Justice Court report for October 2013 was presented and showed \$4270.00 as being collected in fines. There was not a Dog Control or Code Enforcement report given for October 2013.

Charlie Davis gave a Planning Board report for October 2013. He asked for signatures on a letter regarding the recent closing of the Richford post office that is being sent to the Post Office Department in Washington. He reported they are also working on Rules of Public Ethics for all Town employees. They are looking for a volunteer to work on this project. John Schwarz will be attending a meeting in Oneonta in December 2013.

Councilman R. Brown, seconded by Councilman Miller, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #11 and that the vouchers on the Abstract are the same ones signed by the Board. The General Abstract includes vouchers A213 through A232 amounting to \$20,489.15. The Highway Abstract includes vouchers DA216 through DA241 amounting to \$33,870.31. All approved. Vouchers will be paid.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor informed the Board that the 2014 Budget must be filed by 11/20/2013; He also informed the Board that our tax cap for 2014 is 123,953.

The Town Budget for 2014 was discussed and it was decided that a Special Meeting be held on November 18, 2013, to go over the budget.

There was discussion regarding holding a tire collection day in the near future Highway Superintendent Holt is to check on the availability of the needed trailer before a date is set.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Bev Brown and Councilwoman Herrick introduced the Simply Co-Pay insurance. The Town Board authorized the Town Supervisor to send Congressman Tom Reed authorization to count the Town of Richford as agreeing. All approved.

Councilwoman Herrick informed the Board that she has received complaints about the condition of the Town Hall. It was decided that a meeting be held with Becky Randall concerning the way the complaints can be resolved.

Councilwoman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Miller, made a motion to hold a special town board meeting on 10/18/13 at 7:00 pm regarding the 2014 budget. All approved.

Councilwoman B. Brown, seconded by Councilman Miller, made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary 2014 Town Budget on November 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. A notice is to be placed in the paper. All approved.

Supervisor Wilcox informed the Board that the health insurance is no longer available under the County. Excellus is the company that the Highway employees have chosen and approximately \$700.00 per month should be saved by using Excellus

The Town Board thanked Beverly Brown for her years of service to the Town.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR

There was brought to the Town Board's attention an incident on Barden Hill Road. The incident involved town employee(s) and a resident.

Councilman Ricky Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Bev Brown, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. All approved.

Judith Thurston
Town Clerk