

Minutes
Richford Town Board Meeting September 17, 2013

The Town of Richford Board meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Supervisor Wilcox. Councilman R. Brown was absent. Councilman Miller and Councilwomen Herrick and B. Brown were present. Six townspeople were also in attendance.

The minutes of the August 13, 2013 Town Board meeting were presented for review. It was asked that the minutes be changed to read that the original dollar proposal to cut the trees in front of the Town Hall was \$2800.00 not \$1200.00. Also under Old Business, the paragraph regarding a resolution concerning Michaud Road should be changed to show that the resolution was adopted 4 to 0 with one abstention, The figures regarding the land stipulation at 21 Victory Hill Road are: \$47,000.00 and \$228,000.00 for the vacant land. Under New Business – Frances Butler was reappointed to a 6-year term beginning on October 1, 2013 not a five-year term. Councilwoman Herrick, seconded by Councilwoman Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. All approved,

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

Deputy Highway Superintendent Perry gave a report for August 2013. He reported that the repair work on Tubbs Hill Road is almost complete. Also work on Belden Ryan Road drainage pipe is being worked on. Mr. Perry indicated that the Highway Department would stop by and check out the tree at the Graded School that has branches hanging on Mitchell Thurston's property.

The Justice Court report for August 2013 was presented and shows \$1195.00 being collected in fines. The Code Enforcement and Dog Control reports for August 2013 were presented.

A Planning Board report for August 2013 was given by Charlie Davis. John Schwartz and his wife gave a presentation on NTNN (Neighbors helping Neighbors). They also had a handout regarding the program. It was also reported that the Planning Board continues to work on the Town Comprehensive Plan.

Councilwoman B. Brown seconded by Councilwoman Herrick, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #9 and that the vouchers on the Abstract are the same ones signed by the Board. The General Abstract includes vouchers A183 through A200 amounting to \$9,998.89. The Highway Abstract includes vouchers DA174 through DA195, amounting to \$28,107.83. All approved. Vouchers will be paid.

OLD BUSINESS:

The highway employee's contract was discussed. Supervisor Wilcox stated that he had given the Highway Employees a new contract to peruse but had not heard any comment, David Perry, representing the highway employees, said that they had received the proposed contract changes but the employees would like to discuss the matter face to face with the Town Board. Such a meeting will be held next week.

There was discussion regarding the burned house located on Route 79. Supervisor Wilcox said he had tried to email the property owner's attorney but to no avail.

NEW BUSINESS:

The matter of Tire Collection Day was tabled until the October Town Board meeting.

Health policies will change with the implementation of Obamacare. Discussion regarding these policies will be held.

There will be a meeting on September 19, 2013 at the County Office Building in Owego at 7:00 pm to discuss changes to the STAR program and health policies.

Supervisor Wilcox has received information for the Town to apply for HUD money if they are interested.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ron Raab, Dog Control Officer, was present. He discussed how he would handle a dog enumeration and the Board again okayed him to start the job.

Councilwoman Herrick, seconded by Councilwoman B. Brown, made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Judith Thurston
Town Clerk