

Minutes

Town of Richford Special Board Meeting October 11, 2016

The Special Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Councilman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer, Attorney Canizio, Highway Superintendent Hunt and three townspeople were present.

Supervisor Davis explained this special meeting for the Tax Levy Law which is needed in case the budget is over the tax cap. Supervisor Davis further emphasized that the budget looks good thus far and the Town Board will do its best to NOT go over the tax cap.

Residence expressed their concerns that taxes not be raised due to the fact that many residents are on a limited income.

Resident, Ed Evenson, expressed his concern that the budgeting process is backwards. He encouraged the town board to stay under the cap. Please note that if the town goes over the tax cap the residents do not receive a rebate.

Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 by Supervisor Davis.

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The regular Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Councilman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer, Attorney Canizio, Highway Superintendent Hunt and three townspeople were present.

We began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance led by Ken Miller.

Announcements and Proclamations:

Rawley Park mosaic dedication to be held Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.. The Girl Scouts will hold an award ceremony on October 12, 2016 at the Berkshire Community Hall.

Public Comment:

Many residents discussed the reasons for the Aurora Street road closure. Supervisor Davis explained that the road is closed, except to local and emergency traffic, due to the large amount of traffic at a high rate of speed on this road and the almost fatal accident.

Review of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 13, 2016 Town Board Meetings were presented.

The following corrections were asked to be made by the board:

- Page 1 add the late
- Page 4 change Park to Parker

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Holcomb, made the motion to accept the September 13, 2016 Town Board Meetings minutes as amended. With 5 ayes, minutes are approved as amended.

Abstract of Vouchers:

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Holcomb, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #10. With 5 ayes, vouchers will be paid.

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Herrick, made the motion to move \$1,500 from A513.42 to A5132.4.

We reviewed the Planning Board, Park electrical and medical insurance. Account A8997.0 contains the Parker Building expense.

Highway Superintendents report:

- West end of Tubbs Hill Rd (1.5 miles) is ready for Oil and Stone next year
- Currently fixing washed out shoulders and ditching
- Getting trucks ready for winter

Justice Report:

- Check for \$1,595.00 was presented to the Board

Dog Control Report:

- No report
- If any information needs to be dropped off it should be left in the justice door

Code Enforcement Report:

- July Report – Fees Collected \$1200. 46 inspections

Town Planning Board report was presented.

John Schwartz presented the following report:

A glitch in the Post Office Box to mail box transition in the Hamlet

People living in the Hamlet are putting up mail boxes rather than pay a fee to keep the Post Office boxes they have had. A hamlet resident reported folks in the hamlet may not have received the recent town Newsletter which was sent to the P.O. Boxes. It appears they were not forwarded to the appropriate mail boxes in front of people's homes. The resident walked around the hamlet and mapped out the approximately 35 homes and apartment buildings that are likely affected.

Renewal for Agriculture District property designations

People whose land is part of the Tioga County Agricultural District must renew their designation by November 4. Forms and information are available from:

The Town of Richford website
www.richfordny.com

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Shovel Ready Projects

Shovel ready projects are those where the preliminary work has been done and are basically ready for implementation. When grants become available for municipal projects, usually it's the shovel ready ones that are funded. The most recent edition of the journal, Talk of the Towns & Topics, has an extensive article on how towns can get ideas into shovel ready form. The town has copies of the journal. More information can be found at:

www.esd.ny.gov/BusinessPrograms/Data/BuildNow/index.htm

Graded School

The Richford Historical Society met with the student led Design Connect of Cornell University. The Design Connect Team were able to study the inside as well as the outside of the Graded School and talked with the members of the Historical Society about the project. The team has copies of the questionnaires sent out in the town Newsletter and a summary of the ideas raised at the open meetings on the Grade School project. They also have the Town of Richford Comprehensive Plan update. There is an open meeting for members of the town on Thursday, October 20 at 7 PM in the Graded School. The Design Connect team will present a preliminary draft of ideas they've developed for discussion. A second open meeting is planned on Monday, November 28 at 7 PM, tentatively at the Town Hall, to review the draft of the team's recommendations. All are encouraged to come to both meetings. One part of the project is a list of potential granting sources for the Graded School improvements. All of this information is in the recent town newsletter.

This is the budget request from the Town of Richford Planning Board for 2017.

You will notice that it is less than in the past. This budget is made with the following understandings:

The town will purchase stamps for the town use. The stamps for the four (4) town newsletters in 2017 will come from this supply. We anticipate 4 newsletters of 450 copies each. This amounts to 1,800 postage stamps.

The proposed Planning Board expenses are as follows:

Transportation reimbursement for Planning Board member to attend appropriate meetings. \$200
Newsletter printing costs: \$500
Miscellaneous expenses: \$100
Total 2017 Planning Board budget request: \$800

Friends of Rawley Park – FORP:

- Wood chips and playground equipment coming in soon
- Applied for Lowes Grant to refurbish kitchen and bathroom at the park

Park Security:

Camera's arrived and need them to get installed.

Highway Superintendent Term:

All paperwork has been turned in and the vote will be on the November ballot.

Salt Storage:

Superintendent Hunt may have enough funds in snow removal to take care of the expense for the salt storage.

Substitute Dog Control Officer:

We need to add the name to the Resolutions in 2017.

LED Lighting at Town Hall:

Councilman Holcomb will do some research to determine the best lighting for the Town Hall.

New Business:

Fire Department Test Holes:

A lengthy discussion was held. Supervisor Davis will ask the Fire Commissioner's to request the Engineer attend next month's meeting.

Tax Cap:

2017 Tax Cap:

Supervisor Davis stated that in the past the Board has passed a tax cap override. The Board tries to keep the increase in taxes down. A public hearing and local law will need to be done prior to the budget being passed.

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Thayer, to hold a Public Hearing on the local law to override 2017 tax cap to be held October 11, 2015 @ 6:45pm.

With 4 ayes the motion is passed

A legal notice will be sent to the paper and the attorney will draw up the law.

Town people in attendance concerned about the budget. At this time the board has started the budgeting process but the final numbers are not known. This process is done just in case there is an increase in the budget over the state tax cap.

Insurance:

Supervisor Davis will meet with the Insurance Company to finalize the policy which will included the Parker Property (replacement value \$1.3 million).

Town Road Weight Limit Resolution:

Resolution 9-2-2016

Be It Resolved that pursuant to Section 1660 of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law, that the following listed Town of Richford Roads or portions of said roads within the Town of Richford, shall be posted to restrict any vehicle with a gross weight (vehicle plus load) in excess of ten (10) tons. Emergency vehicles, routes established as temporary emergency routes and local deliveries and pick-ups are exempt.

Michigan Hill Rd
Victory Hill Rd
Rockefeller Rd
Sears Rd
Payne Marsh Rd
Hubby Rd
Tubbs Hill Rd
Hog Hollow Rd
Andersen Hill Rd
Brummage Rd
Davis Rd
Creamery Rd

Such restrictions will go into effect as the roads are posted.

Motion Made by Board Member: Councilman Holcomb

Seconded by Board Member: Councilman Herrick

Roll Call: Councilman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer

Ayes: Board Member(s): 5

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Nays: Board Member(s): 0

Councilman Holcomb, seconded by Councilman Miller made a motion to adjourn. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 06p.m.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk