

Minutes

Town of Richford Board Special Board Meeting August 9, 2016

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Davis at 6:45 pm. This special meeting was held to discuss the potential of changing the term of the Town Superintendent. Supervisor Davis, Councilman Thayer, Councilman Holcomb, Councilman Miller and Councilman Herrick were in attendance.

Supervisor Davis explained that this special meeting was to discuss changing the Town Superintendent term for 2 years to 4 years. If the board passed the resolution then a referendum would be included on the November ballot for a vote by the registered voters.

Public ad was in the Courier more than 10 days prior to the meeting.
Questions by the town constituents were answered by the Board.
Hearing closed at 7:04 pm.

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The regular Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Councilman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer, Attorney Canizio, and seven townspeople were present. Highway Superintendent Hunt was absent.

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

Announcements and Proclamations:

The Board thanked County Fire Commissioner John Scott for his years of service. Mr. Scott died suddenly last month.

John Keener Benefit – John Keener a long time employee of the town is in need of a kidney transplant. There will be a benefit on September 10, 2016 at Rawley Park. Please support John and his family.

Berkshire Library – Ice Cream and Pie fundraiser on August 18, 2016 at the Berkshire Fire Station. If you would like to donate pies please contact the library.

Richford Auxiliary is holding a Jamboree Day on Saturday August 28 for 12 – 6 pm.

Public Comment:

None

Review of Minutes:

The minutes of the July 12, 2016 Town Board Meetings were presented.

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

- Page 2 correct word superintendent
- Page 3 Correct date
- Page 4 Correct camera
- Page 5 Councilman Holcomb abstained from the vote regarding Doris Caskey

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to accept the July 12, 2016 Town Board Meetings minutes as amended. With 5 ayes, minutes are approved as amended.

Supervisors and Town Clerk Reports were presented. Supervisor Davis had to correct an error due to a deposit into the wrong fund.

Superintendent Hunt was tentatively approved for \$140k in CHIPS money.

Parker Property Purchase:

Fund A8997 will be used to pay the down payment on the property. Then the Capital Project fund will be where the monthly payments are paid. The amount of yearly payments are \$18,455.40 but must be paid in monthly installment of \$1537.95.

Salt Storage:

Bill Stell mentioned that about three years ago Mike Holt was able to apply for a grant to build a salt shed. The Board will look into this possibility. Councilman Thayer worried that this solution might not resolve the bigger issue.

State Equalization Rate:

On August 9, 2016 the state established a final 2016 State Equalization Rate for the Town of Richford. The final rate is 98%.

Highway Superintendents report:

- Installed Drain Tile on Tubbs Hill Road
- Filed paperwork for \$141,800 for first installment of CHIPS money this year

Justice Report:

Check for \$5,591.00 was presented to the Board

Dog Control Report:

- Dog hit by car and was treated. Owners paid the bill and took possession of the dog.

Code Enforcement Report:

- July Report – Fees Collected \$200. 22 inspections

Town Planning Board report was presented.

John Schwartz presented the following report:

The next Town Newsletter design;

In addition to usual topics there will be: information on obtaining an absentee ballot, sidewalk cleaning/snow removal (last newsletter of the year), town deadlines, meetings on the Graded School project and meetings on the water protection project with Steven Winkely, New York Rural Water Association. Mailing date is early October.

The planning board heard from 2 town residents, Stan Sherry and Peggy Peterson, who plan to add a small home, about 20 x 24 on a slab, to their property on 23 Tubbs Hill Rd near Payne Marsh Rd. They own 5 acres, large enough for 2 homes and presented a sketch of the location of the new dwelling. We discussed the minimum lot size of 2 acres, each home has its own lot number, well and septic system, and road access. They are already working with Kevin McMahan, building inspector, to be sure the building meets code. This is not a subdivision.

The planning board received a note from Kevin McMahan regarding the wording of Local Law #1, of 2006. It says in part: “No change shall be made in the occupancy of an existing building unless a Certificate of Occupancy authorizing such change shall have been issued.” It could be interpreted that a new Certificate of Occupancy is needed when there is a change in the residents of the building. This would be an onerous requirement, especially for the Code Enforcement Officer.

Friends of Rawley Park – FORP:

- Grouting the mosaic
- August 19, 2016 2nd Annual Potluck and movie night
- Hooker Foundation grant came in for \$10,095 this will be added to A7989. This pays for the swing for adult and child, ball throwing toy, crawling tube, curved balance beam, and the material for the ground. Labor not included and help is welcomed.
- Glenn Klingle is fixing benches near basketball area
- Security camera is set up
- NYSEG put in aviator bulbs
- New paper towel dispensers
- Need to draw up a rental policy for park and town hall

Abstract of Vouchers:

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Holcomb, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #8. With 5 ayes, vouchers will be paid.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Super intent's Term:

RESOLUTION: 8-1-2016

CHANGE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The following proposed local law, to be known as

Local Law No. 1 of 2016 entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF RICHFORD, TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK TO CHANGE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Richford as follows:

Section 1. Term of Office of the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Richford

The term of office of the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Richford shall be four (4) years commencing with and continuing after the term to begin on January 1, 2018 and, thus, this local law shall cover the outcome of the biennial election of November 8, 2016.

Section 2. This local law shall be subject to mandatory referendum pursuant to Section 23 of this state's Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with this state's Secretary of State, which filing shall await, and shall be conditioned upon, the outcome of the aforesaid mandatory referendum.

Section 4. The provisions of this local law, to the extent that they vary the provisions of Sections 20, 24 and/or 24-a of this state's Town Law, are expressly authorized within Section 10(1)(ii)(a)(1) and Section 23 of this state's Municipal Home Rule Law.

Pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, it will be necessary to hold a public hearing upon this law.

WHEREAS, Supervisor Davis has introduced this local law for the Town of Richford, to be known as TOWN OF RICHFORD LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2016, a local law of the Town of Richford, Tioga County, New York, to change the term of the office of the Highway Superintendent; be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in relation to the proposed local law as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Town Hall, 7 Bowery Lane, Richford, New York, on August 9, 2016 at 6:45 o'clock, p.m., Prevailing Time, and that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Richford, Tioga County New York by the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing and that such notice shall be in the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Richford will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 7 Bowery Lane, Richford, New York, on August 9, 2016 at 6:45 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law No. 1

of the Year 2016, to change the Term of office of the Highway Superintendent from two (2) years to Four (4) years, subject to mandatory referendum.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Richford, at the Town Hall, 7 Bowery Lane, Richford, New York, during regular business hours, (Tuesday 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday 8- 11 a. m.) between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all person interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

Motion Made by Board Member: Supervisor Davis
Seconded by Board Member: Councilman Herrick
Roll Call: Councilman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer
Ayes: Board Member(s): 4
Nays: Board Member(s): 1

DATED: August 9, 2016
Velvet Lyke, Town of Richford Clerk

EMS Service:

Maine Ambulance Service holds Richford's Certificate of Need so they will be called to any emergency.

Code Enforcement:

Supervisor Davis stopped by to discuss the agreement. A meeting will be set up.

County Planning Board Volunteer:

If you're interested in helping out the town please consider volunteering for Planning Board.

AUD:

Still working and we will contact NYS for assistance.

LED Street Lights:

Owego/Newark Valley/Village of NV/Berkshire/Richford is in an agreement to put a consortium together for the LED Street Lights. They need 1,000 street lights to have contract with Johnson Controls in Syracuse. The cost to Richford would be a proportion amount based on the number of street lights we have compared to the total.

Councilman Miller made the motion, seconded by Councilman Herrick, to be a part of the consortium and allow Supervisor Davis to approve to be part of the assessment process to determine the cost of the

project. With 5 ayes the motion is passed.

Lawn Mower:

Please remember to keep your eyes open for good deals.

Highway Worker:

Barb Keener is working for Mike Hunt. The pay for her will come out of Highway Contractual at \$9.00/hr.

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Supervisor Davis, made the motion to transfer \$50 from A5132.43 to A5010.4 to cover the cost of Barb's pay. With 5 ayes the motion passed.

Barb should do a daily log to record her hours.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 15p.m.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk