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Minutes

Town of Richford Board Meeting February 9, 2016

The regular Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer, Councilwoman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilwoman Herrick, Highway Superintendent Hunt, Attorney Canizio, and seven townspeople were present.

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

Announcements and Proclamations:

Mindy from the Neighborhood Watch thanked Mike Hunt for putting up the signs. She also indicated that Police are checking old vacant buildings on a regular basis.

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

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

- Page 2 Under Highway Report – change second bullet to read: Mirabito was called to negotiate a lower fuel price for town barns
- Page 3 Add the following statement to end of sentence: In lieu of a projector system.
- Correct spelling of the

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

The Town Clerk's, Town Supervisor's, Highway Superintendents, Building Code Enforcement and Court reports for January 2016 were presented.

Highway Superintendents report:

- Brush Hogging Michigan Hill
- Maintenance, snow removal, painting town barn
- Heater at Town Barns maybe broken
- Mike proposed purchasing a Grade-All. Used on found with 2,000 hrs of work. In Reading PA. Cost is \$8k with transportation approximately \$1,000.
- Continue work on Grant for Truck and Skid Steer.

Councilwoman Holcomb, seconded by Councilwoman Herrick, made a motion to approve the purchase of the 1990 Grade-All GSWD Cummings for \$8,000 and transportation up to \$1,000 upon Mike Hunt's determination that the equipment is worth the money. With 5 ayes the motion was passed.

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Justice Report:

Check for \$5,538 was presented to the Board

Dog Control Report:

- An elderly woman with many dogs was cited for not being able to take care of them and the dogs were seized. Issue taken care of.

Code Enforcement Report:

- 1 building permit issued, 1 reviews
- 1 certificates of occupancy, 16 inspections, 1 complaint issued

Town Planning Board report was presented.

John Schwartz presented the following report:

- Tioga Opportunities working to do repairs this summer for residents in need of assistance. They will be doing: Porches, ramps, steps, etc. Applications can be picked up at town hall and at the church.
- Joe Kral asked the Fire Department if they were open to sharing the use of the sign. They total agreed.
- Chuck Merrill is looking into the purchase of the projector.
- Design Connect declined our grant to help with Graded School House but gave other groups that may be interested in helping.
- Councilwoman Herrick asked how the letters to residents an care of the new sidewalks is coming along. It is still in Draft form but when done Doris Caskey and Charlie will deliver personally to residents.

Councilwoman Holcomb attended a meeting on Natural Gas held near Bainbridge. Town of Windsor indicated that they received \$1.2 million dollars for roads due to the pipeline, and an additional \$33 million in tax revenue. An additional benefit shown was the gas company donates to local organizations.

Councilman Miller looked into the keypad for the town hall and it was over \$100. Councilman Miller spoke to Attorney Canizio regarding the Stray Haven Contract. Attorney Canizio contacted Stray Haven and spoke to Kristy Scheider. Attorney Canizio will email suggested changes to the contract to Kristy. She indicated that we would have a month to month agreement until contract can be worked out. Discussion was held regarding recouping fees from dog owners and the only way would be small claims court. The board discussed updating the dog ordinance to agree with Stray Haven Contract.

Friends of Rawley Park:

FORP is looking for grants to help with the bathroom upgrade, clearing and making the field useful for sports, and safe access to the creek.

Supervisor Davis, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to support the Friends of Rawley park looking into the plans as discussed above and further support

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the application for grants for remodeling the bathrooms. With 5 ayes the motion passed.

Supervisor Davis, seconded by Councilman Miller, made the motion to accept reports as presented. 5 ayes the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution – tabled to March Meeting

New Business:

Haefele TV:

Supervisor Davis spoke to Haefele regarding the price for phone and internet service for town hall. He received a good verbal estimate but nothing in writing at this time.

Purchase Used Oil:

Tabled to next meeting

Code Enforcement Contract:

Attorney Canizio looked at the contract. He feels that the Code Enforcer should be within Tioga County. Berkshire Code Enforcer is looking for additional work since leaving NV. Attorney Canizio believes we should look into a shared service agreement. Supervisor Davis will speak to current Code Enforcer and his supervisor about a shared service agreement. Attorney Canizio will draw up an agreement when needed.

EMS:

Newark Valley advertised request for proposals for EMS Services. Supervisor Davis told the NV Supervisor to keep us in the loop. Richford Fire Department has asked for equipment distribution when the Northern Tioga EMS is disbanded. This request included an ambulance. Many of the Fire Department members are taking EMS classes. The equipment may be dispersed in March. The board discussed this issue at length.

Winter Parking in Town:

State law allows police to ticket and remove vehicles that are parked in the way of snow removal vehicles or in cases of flooding.

If the town had a law it may be easier to go in front of the judge to get situations resolved quickly.

The Board is not in agreement about creating a town law. Supervisor Davis would like to see one and Councilwoman Holcomb would like to use the state law.

Mike Hunt will call Sheriff office if he has any issues with parked vehicles in the way of snow removal.

Town Hall Security:

ADT is over \$500/year. Key pad locks for doors are \$100 and a security system is approximately \$318. Since this cost is less than ADT the board agreed with the alternative.

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Supervisor Davis, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to look into the new locks and security system for the Town Hall. 4 ayes the motion is passed.

Tables for Town Hall:

Fire Department purchased tables and we purchased 12 tables from them for \$120. Inmate outreach came and cleaned all the tables.

Credit Card:

Mike Hunt requested a Credit Card to purchased items online when costs are significantly lower. Supervisor Davis will draw up a procedure for the use of the credit card.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Richard Harrington – Asked status of grant for the Truck and Skid Steer. Supervisor Davis indicated the grant is 90% completed. We are waiting to receive our CAGE Code from the government.

Barb Keener – Mirabito send Mike Hunt a price for fuel every Monday morning. Mirabito was also provided information for tax exempt status. Also, new garbage truck does not need an inspection until inspectors are in the area. Tioga County Tourism added Rawley park to their website. This will help with grants.

Benches at the Park need some repair. Barb asked if Boy Scouts might be able to help. Bill Stell will look into this for the board.

Abstract of Vouchers:

Councilman Thayer, seconded by Councilwoman Miller, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #1 and that the vouchers on the Abstract are the same ones signed by the Board. With 4 ayes, vouchers will be paid.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk