

Minutes
Special Town of Richford Board Meeting June 15, 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 purchasing of a Town truck and skid steer via a USDA Loan/Grant.

Supervisor Davis, Councilman Thayer, Councilman Holcomb, and Councilman Herrick were in attendance. Councilman Miller was absent.

Total amount of the Loan/Grant is \$89,000. We will apply for a grant/loan from the USDA. If approved the USDA will tell the town how much will be paid by them as a grant and the remaining amount will be a loan to the town for the life of the equipment. If the equipment is sold prior to the loan being paid off then the town will repay the loan as per the contract with the USDA.

Public ad was in the Courier more than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Emilie Stuehlmiller asked question regarding the type of equipment. The equipment will be brand new. The interest on the installment loan would be about 4% and payments would come out of the Highway Fund.

Hearing closed at 7:03 pm.

Town of Richford Board Meeting June 14, 2016

The regular Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Councilman Thayer, Councilman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilman Herrick, Highway Superintendent Hunt, Attorney Canizio, and five townspeople were present.

We began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance led by Supervisor Davis.

Announcements and Proclamations:

Emilie Stuehlmiller thanked Mike Hunt for mowing the Richford signs and Mill Street. She indicated that the welcome to Richford signs need some repair.

Sandy Negus from the Historical Society informed the Board that the Historical Society application for the Cornell Design Connect project was accepted. This will run from August through December and they will be reviewing the Schoolhouse in the areas of energy, handicap accessibility, reviewing the building for functionality. The surveys for the use of the Schoolhouse show interest in History of Richford, community meetings, and farmers market. There was a volunteer to paint the building if paint was purchased.

Historical Society will hold an open house at the Schoolhouse on Monday, June 20, 2016 @ 7:00 pm.

REAP – Mr. Harrington provided the following information:

- April 13th meeting grant applications for mile study, generator for a maple syrup company, and a manufacturing company.

- Transportation study – grant for \$62,500 to perform a study about transportation in Tioga County
- REAP accepted the applications above and they will go into competitive bid on June 8th.
- Richford Grant discussed.

Roberta Holcomb – Assessment Issue: (Ms. Holcomb discussed this with the Board as a constituent)

She explained that she attended the Board of Assessment Review and showed the court order and the assessed value that was agreed in court. She asked the assessor to revise her assessment to the court amount and then to apply any increases that were town wide.

Additional discussions were held with the Attorney and the Board. Attorney Canizio tried to explain that the court order had not been signed by the judge since Ms. Holcomb signed the papers the week before the BAR review. When the judge signs the stipulation then the assessor will make the needed adjustments to the assessed value.

Minutes:

Review of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 10, 2016 Town Board Meetings were presented.

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

- Page 1 Under Announcements and Proclamations change to Board's
- Page 1 Change spelling of Mural
- Page 3 Under Neighborhood Watch change to forwarded
- Page 4 Space between 4 and years

Councilman Thayer, seconded by Councilman Herrick, made the motion to accept the May 10, 2016 Town Board Meetings minutes as amended. With 4 ayes, minutes are approved as amended.

Supervisors and Town Clerk Reports were presented.

Highway Superintendents report:

- Hauling Gravel

Justice Report:

Check for \$2769.00 was presented to the Board

Dog Control Report:

- Following up on issues on Robinson Hollow Rd

Code Enforcement Report:

- 31 inspections, 16 permits

Town Planning Board report was presented.

John Schwartz presented the following report:

- Steve Winkley presented a presentation to the Planning Board and public regarding Water Source Protection. John provided a short overview of the presentation to the Board.
- Steve Winkley would like to work with Richford and Berkshire on this project.
- John asked the Board to consider the Planning Boards Proposition:
Retain the services of Steven Winkley; source Water Protection Specialist, to do a study of source water protection for the Town of Richford.

John gave Supervisor Davis an agreement to have the Board sign.

Resolution 6-1-2016

Resolution to Participate in the New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA) Source Water Protection Program

Whereas, the NYRWA’s federally-funded Source Water Protection Program provides technical assistance at no charge to rural and small communities for the development and implementation of local source water protection plans designed to prevent the deterioration of water resources used for drinking water; and

Whereas, NYRWA’s Source Water Protection Specialist is qualified and available to assist the Town of Richford with developing a source water protection plan that involves the following elements: defining the water supply resources to be protected; identifying potential threats to the quality and quantity of drinking water resources; recommending and implementing measures to reduce threats to drinking water resources; and planning for the future, include water supply emergency events; and

Whereas, the Town of Richford seeks to further develop its water resources planning and management strategies in order to protect drinking water resources for the Town of Richford residents; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Richford will take the following steps to develop and implement a source water protection plan:

With the help of NYRWA, hold a source water protection workshop with representations from each governmental entity in the planning area invited;

Form and advisory planning team/committee to include one or two Town board members, representatives from other Town boards and committees, public water suppliers, representatives of other government entities in the planning area, county agency official, and other interested individuals;

Work with NYRWA Source Water Protection Specialist to identify water supply resources and potential threats;

Recommend and implement management strategies to protect identified water sources;

Review and approve a source water protection plan;

Periodically review and update the source water protection plan as necessary.

Motion Made by Board Member: Councilman Herrick

Seconded by Board Member: Councilman Thayer

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

Ayes: Board Member(s): 4

Nays: Board Member(s): 0

Friends of Rawley Park – FORP:

- Mosaic coming along needs more time and participation.
- Park Committee received a grant from the Hooker Foundation in the amount of \$10,095.69 for additional playground equipment. This includes money for wood carpet, cement and equipment. It does not cover installation of equipment.

Abstract of Vouchers:

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Holcomb, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #6. With 4 ayes, vouchers will be paid.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Super intent's Term:

RESOLUTION: 6-2-2016

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 July 12, 2015 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 July 12, 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: Councilman Holcomb

Seconded by Board Member: Councilman Thayer

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

Ayes: Board Member(s): 4

Nays: Board Member(s): 0

DATED: June 15, 2016

Velvet Lyke, Town of Richford Clerk

New Business:

Tire Day:

Tire day was very successful waiting for bill.

FOIL Requests:

Policy will be discussed at the July meeting.

Park Security:

Park received a grant and Supervisor Davis is working on getting the cameras.

Recovery of Animal Control Fees:

In reviewing the contract with Stray Haven it states that the Dog Control Officer gets the fees from the owner. We will check with Mr. Raab.

Highway Department Request for Weight Limit Signs:

Mike Hunt is asking to have a 10 ton weight limit placed on Payne Marsh Rd and Michigan Hill Rd. Attorney Canizio will review and discuss with the county to see how to proceed.

Zombie Houses:

Zombie houses are those homes that are in bank foreclosure. Attorney Canizio and Kevin McMahon, Code Enforcer will discuss how to proceed with these houses in the Town. Town needs to adopt an unsafe structure law.

Unlawful Dumping:

Councilman Thayer put up the new sign at the Garbage truck for unlawful dumping. The County will bill us.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk