

Minutes

Town of Richford Special Board Meeting November 9, 2016

The Special Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Councilman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer, Attorney Canizio, Highway Superintendent Hunt and eight townspeople were present.

Supervisor Davis explained that the Board has completed the preliminary budget. It is the Town Boards intention to keep a 0% increase in the town's portion of the budget. Please remember that the total tax amount paid includes the town portion, fire district and recycling fees.

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

Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 by Supervisor Davis.

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The regular Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Councilman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer, Attorney Canizio, Highway Superintendent Hunt and seven townspeople were present.

Supervisor Davis asked that the Board, attorney, highway superintendent and the clerk go into executive session. The board returned at 7:50pm.

We began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance led by BOY SCOUT .

Announcements and Proclamations:

UCC of Newark Valley will be holding their annual craft fair on Saturday, November 12, 2016. UCC is also holding an Energy meeting November 22, 2016 from 4-6pm, please pre-register. The Historical Society will hold a meeting at the Town Hall on November 28, 2016 @ 7pm.

Public Comment:

None

Review of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 11, 2016 Town Board Meetings were presented.

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

- Page 1 correct spelling of residents

- Page 4 correct spelling of cameras
- Page 5 change to word included to include
- Page 5 add Barden Rd

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to accept the October 11, 2016 Town Board Meetings minutes as amended. With 5 ayes, minutes are approved as amended.

Abstract of Vouchers:

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Miller, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #11. With 5 ayes, vouchers will be paid.

Highway Superintendents report:

- Aurora Street Road Closure was discussed
- Ed Wajock asked Councilman Holcomb to bring up the fact that his driveway requires gravel due to roadwork done by the town. Superintendent Hunt explained that the residence has a lot of water running down the driveway and causing the washing out of gravel. The roadwork performed by the town did not cause this issue since the roadway was graded toward the driveway like every other driveway on the road. If any driveway was more than two inches lower than the road then additional gravel was added, however, this was not the case with this driveway.

Justice Report:

- Check for \$3,139 was presented to the Board

Dog Control Report:

- Victory Hill dog loose
- Robinson Hollow – the dog control officer researched this ongoing complaint about dogs continually barking. The complaint was determined to be unfounded. Attorney Canizio suggested that the Dog Control Officer keep a log of phone calls and his actions.

Code Enforcement Report:

- July Report – Fees Collected \$375

Town Planning Board report was presented.

- The Planning Board approved a subdivision and a boarder issue was resolved.

Friends of Rawley Park – FORP:

- Trunk or Treat was a success. About 40 cars and 100 kids
- Joe Kral, Charlie and Vicki Davis went to Lowes to learn how the grant would work
- Boy Scout Eagle Scout Project – Corey Coombs
 - He made two new tables

- Repaired 10 tables by removing all nails and staples and replacing nails with screws and bolts to keep the tables together
- Supervisor Davis asked for the Board's permission to sign the Eagle Scout paperwork. 5 ayes and the paper was signed

EMS:

The Fire District received a contract from Maine Ambulance. A copy was provided to each Board member and the request that they review it and it will be discussed at the December meeting.

Highway Superintendent Term:

The proposition to extend the Superintendent of Highways term to four years was passed by a vote of 252 to 137. Supervisor Davis will begin the process of filing the law with the state.

Stray Haven:

The town received a \$100 bill from Stray Haven for the housing of a dog. The Town will contact the dog owner for reimbursement.

Code Enforcement Contract:

A copy of the contract was given to each Town Board Member and they were asked to review and it will be discussed at the December meeting.

Salt Shed:

The blocks are in and Superintendent Hunt would like to expand it to 16' wide.

LED Street Lighting:

Jonson Controls has pulled out as a part of the project. The group is searching for a new vendor.

Lawn Mower:

Bill Stell obtained a state bid quote which was \$2,500 under retail cost. Bill will bring the description of the mower to the next meeting and a decision will be made regarding purchasing the mower.

New Business:

2017 Budget

The final budget must be presented to the County by November 18, 2016.

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Miller, made the motion to hold a Special Town Board Meeting to adopt the 2017 budget to be held Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 6:30 at the Town Hall. With 5 ayes the motion was passed.

Volunteers:

We have a few residents that need to perform community service. Supervisor Davis found out if they did work for the Town they would be covered by the Town's insurance. Ideas for public service hours are: food pantry, installing the playground equipment, cemetery clean-up, graded school house.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk

Town of Richford Special Board Meeting November 12, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

In attendance were Supervisor Davis, Councilmen Thayer, Miller and Herrick

Absent was Councilman Holcomb and Town Clerk, Lyke.

There were no other attendees at this special meeting.

In the absence of a clerk to record minutes, Supervisor Davis requested that Councilman Herrick accept the duty of compiling minutes. Supervisor Davis presented copies of the proposed 2017 budget to all board members in attendance. Councilman Miller requested information on calculations of the budget regarding the tax cap and real growth figures. Supervisor Davis downloaded the information from the OSC website and board members re-checked the figures to check that the 2017 budget was within the tax cap and near to the 2016 tax rate. Supervisor Davis asked board members in attendance if there were any further questions regarding the proposed 2017 budget, hearing none he called for the vote to approve the 2017 budget as presented, Councilman Herrick seconded, Supervisor Davis called for a roll call vote, Councilman Miller, aye, Councilman Thayer, aye, Councilman Herrick, aye and Supervisor Davis, aye. The Town Board approved the 2017 budget as presented. Having no other business, Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Herrick moved the special meeting be adjourned, Councilman Miller seconded, all approved, adjournment at 6:45 pm.

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