

Minutes

Town of Richford Board Meeting March 21, 2017

The regular Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Councilman Holcomb, Supervisor Davis, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer, Superintendent Hunt, and two townspeople were present. Attorney Canizio was absent.

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

Announcements and Proclamations:

Thank Mike Hunt and the crew for doing a great job with the snow.

John Schwarz was in the hospital but is home recovering and we wish him the best.

Public Comment:

None

Review of Minutes:

The minutes of the February 14 and February 21, 2017 Town Board Meetings were presented.

Councilman Holcomb, seconded by Councilman Miller, made the motion to accept the February 14 and 21, 2016 Town Board Meetings minutes as amended. With 4 ayes, minutes are approved as amended, Councilman Herrick abstained.

Abstract of Vouchers:

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Holcomb, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #3. With 5 ayes, vouchers will be paid.

Supervisor Report:

Supervisor provided the Board with the 2017 Appropriations thus far.

Under general deposits \$497.69 is for the county sales tax.

Council of Government meeting will be asking about Tioga Downs Licensing fee and if any of this might be distributed to the towns.

Town Clerk Report:

Presented

Highway Superintendents Report:

- Plowing Snow
- Repairing Equipment
- Fixing Roads as Needed

Meeting with County and we may get FEMA money. If we do receive some then the money will go into the equipment fund.

Justice Report:

- Check for \$2,134.00 was presented to the Board

Dog Control Report:

- Received a NY State report done on Stray Haven which received negative rating on record keeping of dogs, appropriate redemption period not been met, dogs remitted without licensing and no contracts with local municipalities.

Code Enforcement Report:

	<u>Current month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Building Permits Issues		2
Building Permit Renewals		
Building Permit Renewals Notices		
Building Permit Inquiries	3	7
Closed out Permits		
Certificates of Occupancy Issued		
Certificates of Compliance Issued		
Temporary C of O Issued		
Violations/Complaints/Postings	2	6
Stop Work Orders Issued		1
Plan reviews	5	16
Total Permits, Notices, etc above	10	32
Fees Collected		\$ 425.00
Construction Cost		\$ 215,000.00

Inspections:		
Site visits/ inspection / soil	18	32
Foundations/Footers/Post Holes		1
Framing / Structural inspections	4	6
Plumbing inspection		
Insulation inspection	1	1
Final, Pre-final Inspection		
Chimney / solid fuel burning devices		
Swimming Pool inspections		
Fire and Safety inspections	1	1
ANNUAL INSPECTIONS		
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	24	41
Training Class Credits		
Submitted by : Kevin McMahon		

Letter from ISO and he received a less than stellar report. Kevin McMahon is confused because other towns he did well. He is checking on this. Councilman Miller would like Supervisor Davis to check with Kevin regarding the ISO report.

We are working on a FOIL request regarding the Code Enforcement information.

Town Planning Board report was presented:

- Discussed Subdivision Law and some changes
- King Bird Farm wants to put up three green houses, waiting for word on the property being classified as Ag property.

Rawley Park:

Next Meeting March 28, 2017 to discuss the upcoming progress
Picnic Tables were secured.

Old Business:

EMS:

Councilman Miller called Mr. Bangs and indicated we should speak to Tompkins County and possibly create a district with neighboring towns. A district would allow getting tax funds to pay for the EMS coverage.

Councilman Thayer spoke to Broome Volunteer and recommended that the town take back the Certificate of Need from Maine and contact the Tioga Dispatcher to dispatch the closest available ambulance. Town of Richford had 60 calls in 2016.

Town Board likes the idea of a district and speaking to other municipalities will take place. Everyone will read the information about forming a district by next month's meeting.

Procurement Policy:

Supervisor Davis has a draft Procurement Policy that he will email to everyone and please look at it before next meeting.

County Planning Board Representative:

Still in search of a volunteer for the County Planning Board if you are interested please contact Supervisor Davis.

AUD:

Working on 2016

Subdivision Law:

Next joint meeting will be in a month or two due to illness and people working on their items.

Labor Department:

No news on the violations.

Code Enforcement Contract:

Supervisor Davis has the contract and the amount is \$9,486, which is a 2% raise for Kevin. Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Holcomb, made a motion to sign the 2017 Building Code Enforcement contract with Caroline in the amount of \$9,486. With 4 ayes and one abstention the contract is signed and it will be paid.

New Business:

Recycling and Town Tires:

Tioga County has an electronic recycling center in Owego at Taylor Garbage on Glenmary Drive. Weismann's has donated money to the County for recycling of tires. This allows 8 tires per household free for disposal and a \$2 charge for each other tire. Commercial businesses must pay for all the tires. Supervisor Davis is looking for May 17 and May 20. Separate dumpster for tires with rims and other metal.

Next month the tire and scrap metal will settled.

Town Wide Collection Day:

Councilman Herrick and Supervisor Davis will look into processes for getting this for the town.

Zero Turn Lawn Mower:

The lawn mower was delivered. Thank you to Bill Stell for the follow-up on the lawn mower.

NJPA:

There are services available on the NJPA to help save money from companies like Cargil, Staples and more. The town has purchased the lawn mower and loader from this system.

New York State Retirement Fund:

The incorrect amounts were reported to the state retirement system was the reasons for the increase in cost. The Retirement Benefits should be coming out of General Fund.

Warehouse Committee Meeting:

Meeting will held to discuss what to do with the new building. This meeting will be held March 28th at 6:00 pm, the Town Board would like two volunteers from the public and the public is welcome to attend this meeting. If you are interested in being on the committee please contact Supervisor Davis.

Road Closing Signs:

Town Board would like to remove the road closed signs. Supervisor Davis will discuss these options.

Graded Schoolhouse:

Town of Richford owns the Schoolhouse. The board would like to sign it over to the Historical Society but this can't be done until the 501c3 paper work is updated.

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. With 4 ayes the motion passed.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk