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Minutes

Town of Richford Board Meeting May 9, 2017

The regular Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Supervisor Davis, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Holcomb, 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:

Girl Scout Troop put together a video for a grant to make the walking/biking path at the park.

Public Comment:

Review of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 11, 2017 Town Board Meetings were presented.

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to accept the April 11, 2017 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 #5. With 5 ayes, vouchers will be paid.

Supervisor Report:

Supervisor provided the Board with the 2017 Appropriations thus far.

The report is an overview of the transaction for the month.

Council of Government Meeting will be meeting many times in the next month or so because of the Governor's plan to consolidate services. They have also talked about a county wide assessment and code enforcement office.

May 17, 2017 NIMR meeting and it will cover with risk management at the park and part time workers.

Councilman Holcomb, seconded by Councilman Miller, made the motion to pay travel expenses for the Supervisor to attend the NIMR conference in Schoharie County. With 4 ayes, motion was passed.

Town Wide Clean-Up Day:

A newsletter was sent out labelling what can be brought in and dates and times. You must be a Richford Resident to drop items off.

Tire Day:

The Richford Residents can drop off any tires with rims or up to five tires free and one dollar charge for each one thereafter.

Town Clerk Report:

Presented

Highway Superintendents Report:

- Working on Patching Dirt Roads
- Truck Inspections
- Crushing Stones

- Swept Roads

Justice Report:

- Check for \$1,880.00 was presented to the Board
- Judge Anderson has been assigned, by the Court in Binghamton, as a Special Justice for Berkshire until they elect or appoint one

Dog Control Report:

- Complaint of a dog issue but resident did not leave a phone number

Building Permits Issues	1	6
Building Permit Renewals		
Building Permit Renewals Notices	1	1
Building Permit Inquiries	3	14
Closed out Permits		
Certificates of Occupancy Issued		
Certificates of Compliance Issued		2
Temporary C of O Issued		1
Violations/Complaints/Postings	1	7
Stop Work Orders Issued		1
Plan reviews	7	28
Total Permits, Notices, etc above	13	60
Fees Collected	\$ 160.00	\$ 960.00
Construction Cost	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 409,000.00

Inspections:		
Site visits/ inspection / soil	23	75
Foundations/Footers/Post Holes	1	2
Framing / Structural inspections	4	16
Plumbing inspection		4
Insulation inspection		4
Final, Pre-final Inspection		2
Chimney / solid fuel burning devices		
Swimming Pool inspections		
Fire and Safety inspections		1
ANNUAL INSPECTIONS		
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	28	104
Training Class Credits (CEU's)	7	11
Submitted by : Kevin McMahon		

Code Enforcement Report:

Town Planning Board report was presented:

Richford Planning Board Report
May 9, 2017

The Town of Richford Planning Board met on May 3, 2017 at 6 PM for business which consisted of approving the April Planning Board meeting minutes and addressing the special Town Recycling Newsletter.

At 7 PM there was a report from Steven Winkley, Hydrogeologist & Source Water Protection Specialist, New York Rural Water Association. Mr. Winkley's services were requested by the Town Board and are a response to Goal 2.1 of the Town of Richford Comprehensive Plan

2.1 Protect and preserve the water resources of the Town.

- Conduct an aquifer and watershed survey to determine specifics of water source(s), replenishment rates, and protection needs. Integrate results into water quality and quantity protection plans. Integrate results into all proposed development plans to protect water quality and quantity, and existing wells.

In attendance were: John Schwartz, Victoria Nuzzo, Bill Stell, Chuck Merrill, members of the Town of Richford Planning Board, Charlie Davis, Richford Town Supervisor, Ken Ceurter and Keith Flesher of the Berkshire Planning Board.

Mr. Winkley described the process. He supplied an outline of his PowerPoint. A copy has been sent to the Town Board members and will be available on the Town of Richford website.

One of Mr. Winkley's recommendations is to set up a planning team for Richford. The next meeting with Mr. Winkley is Thursday June 15, at 7 PM in the Richford Town Hall.

Rawley Park:

Joe Kral was in attendance. Most of the playground equipment is put together. Saturday Morning (May 13) at town hall they will be determining layout of equipment. A recommendation was made to move the big stone and maybe some concrete blocks so that people cannot drive into the equipment.

The Group would like to put the equipment in by June 1 so if you would like to volunteer to help please come to the park to help install the equipment.

Mike Hunt has donated his equipment to dig the holes for the equipment.

Neighborhood Watch:

Wednesday, May 24th @ 7:00 pm Neighborhood Watch Meeting all are welcome to attend. Mindy is asking for other Neighborhood Watch captains to come to help improve the committee.

Mindy spoke about a close call of potential pedestrian motor vehicle accident on Route 38. With this being said she is trying to find grants to get electronic speed signs. Mindy found an estimate for a solar powered unit for \$3500/unit.

The Neighborhood watch has deterred different crimes in town such as copper thieves and a making of a meth lab in an abandoned home.

Councilman Herrick indicated that she would look into the grant but did not promise to write the grant.

Old Business:

EMS:

Attorney Canizio is trying to get some state assistance since the response time is too length, the costs is way too expensive and it would be a hardship to the town to pay the yearly amount.

County Planning Board Representative:

Supervisor Davis will connect with Mr. Ferris.

AUD:

Working on 2016

Subdivision Law:

Planning Board has asked for a list of the type of roads in Richford.

Labor Department:

Supervisor Davis and Superintendent Hunt are working on correcting all issues.

NYS Retirement Fund:

Supervisor Davis will be emailing everyone to identify their standardized work week.

New Business:

Farmer's Market:

Doris Caskey presented her Business Plan for the Richford Farmer's Market. She would like to do the market on Saturday Mornings from 10 to 1pm on Town Barn Road due to the location of the Garbage Truck and the local traffic. It would begin operation June 9th until September 9, excluding the Blueberry Festival. The reasoning behind this was the Comprehensive Plan and the community's interest. Doris has been in touch with Cooperative Extension and Chambers of Commerce to get assistance. Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to allow Doris Caskey to proceed with her farmer's market plan with will run June 9 to September 9, 2017. With 4 ayes and 1 member abstained.

Ink/Print/Save Rebuild Printer:

Rob Seay gave a proposal to rebuild the printer for \$360. Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Holcomb, made the motion to make the repair. With 5 ayes, the motion passed.

Mega Energy Proposal:

Town of Owego and Spencer are looking into this program. Municipal electric and gas alliance will be providing us a proposal. We can choose a fixed rate or a variable rate. They use a competitive bid process and municipalities can piggy back off another municipality. NYSEG will still be responsible for delivery, power outages and maintenance. MEGA would get a competitive bid to supply the energy. Individuals and towns can be involved with this program. There are many steps prior to implementation. A municipality can do this program without involving the residents.

Warehouse Committee Meeting:

The review showed minor issues with the building but no reason not to complete our plan. He suggested that a plan be drawn up to show what we would like to do and then he could make a diagram. It will be somewhat costly to construct the divider between Newts Garage and the rest of the building.

Affordable Housing:

Councilman Holcomb met with Elaine Jardine and she will look into the various items that may fit in Richford. A public meeting will be held at the Town Hall on May 30, 2017 at 2:30 pm.

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. With 4 ayes the motion passed.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk