

Minutes

Town of Richford Special Board Meeting November 9, 2017

The special Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Supervisor Davis, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Thayer, Councilman Miller, and one townspeople were present. Councilman Holcomb and Superintendent Hunt were absent.

Discussions were held regarding unexpended balances.

Councilman Herrick identified an error in A9950.9. The Board would like to add \$1,000 to Highway DA5142.1 and remove it from A9950.9. This will keep the bottom line the same.

Townsperson Bill Stell indicated he thought that the Board did a great job in keeping the budget low and watching over the budget.

General Revenue under Rental Appropriations went up \$2,200 a year.
Adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk

Town of Richford Board Meeting November 14, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Supervisor Davis, Councilman Holcomb, Councilman Herrick, Councilman Thayer, Councilman Miller, Attorney Canizio, Superintendent Hunt and nine townspeople were present.

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

Proclamations:

None

Review of Minutes:

The budget hearing did not hit the papers in time for the public to know about the meeting. The ad was sent but not published and Supervisor Davis did his best to announce around town and at the voting location.

The public hearing for the side walk ordinance will be held next month.

Councilman Thayer, seconded by Councilman Herrick, made the motion to approve the October 2017 minutes. With 5 ayes the motion was passed.

Abstract of Vouchers:

Councilman Thayer, seconded by Councilman Herrick, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #11, less the Dog Control Mileage request. With 5 ayes, vouchers will be paid.

Supervisor Report:

Supervisor will email these to the Board members since the internet is not working for him. The report is an overview of the transaction for the month.

Town Clerk Report:

Presented a check for \$2,686.50 was presented to Supervisor Davis.

Highway Superintendents Report:

- Peeling Shoulders
- Cleaning Ditches
- Getting Equipment ready for snow removal
- Making sand for winter use
- Patching Potholes

Justice Report:

- Check for \$2635.00 was presented to the Board

Dog Control Report:

October 15, 2017 - called to 83 Sears Road for a black lab running at large. Responded found dog, transported to temporary holding kennel, had 6 people say it was their dog, 5 came and looked said it was not their dog, 6th person came and it was his dog, it was returned to owner having ran away from him while walking on land they had just acquired. Met owner at Quikway in Richford to return dog. Total 86 miles.

November 9, 2017 – Two calls about a dog barking constantly on Aurora Street, was told it was the mobile home at the corner of Aurora and Rte 38, arrived found nothing, left notice to comply. Was told no dog lived there on follow-up. 40 miles total.

November 10, 2017 – Called to mobile home on Aurora Street not the one on the corner but right out back of the Town hall for a Barking Dog and Neglect call. I responded waited 1 hour dog did not bark in that time, left notice to comply, and then passed the neglect info on to Stray Haven. 40 miles total. I had 6 other calls, they were all cruelty in nature, I provide the callers with the information for Stray Haven.

TOTAL MILES: 166 claimed.

TOTAL SEIZED: 1 dog

TOTAL RETURNED: 1 dog

The Board discussed how mileage should be calculated. The determination was that the dog control and code enforcer should be claiming mileage from the town line to the incident and then back to the town line.

Rawley Park:

Bill Stell and Supervisor Davis have done the closing of the park for the winter. Only thing needs to be done is chaining up the tables.

Neighborhood Watch:

- None

Town Planning Board:

There were 30 Berkshire and Richford Water Well Surveys filled out at the Nov. 7 election. They have been sent to Steven Winkley. More will be available at the Town Hall.

Planning Board members, Victoria Nuzzo and John Schwartz attended the “Strategy for a Flood Resistant Southern Tier” training put on Tioga County Dept of Economic Develop & Planning on November 1, 2017. A copy of the outline of the presentation is available for the Town Board.

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A first draft of the Subdivision Law revision has been completed. A discussion of the first half is on the Dec. 5 Planning Board agenda. The revision follows the town of Ancrom subdivision law where appropriate. The draft will be ready for a reading by the Town Board early next year.

Councilman Herrick asked the Planning Board to take on looking into the town being a energy efficient town. Councilman Herrick will send the information to John Schwartz.

Code Enforcement Report:

	Current Month	Year to Date
Building Permits Issues	6	30
Building Permit Renewals	2	8
Building Permit Renewals Notices	1	8
Building Permit Inquiries	2	36
Closed out Permits		
Certificates of Occupancy Issued	1	8
Certificates of Compliance Issued	2	11
Temporary C of O Issued		1
Violations/Complaints/Postings	2	20
Stop Work Orders Issued	1	3
Plan reviews	7	66
Total Permits, Notices, etc above	24	191
Fees Collected	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 4,640.00
Construction Cost	\$ 343,026.00	\$ 1,114,752.00

Inspections:		
Site visits/ inspection / soil	32	234
Foundations/Footers/Post Holes	3	49
Framing / Structural inspections	16	99
Plumbing/ Mechanical inspection	1	12
Insulation inspection		8
Final, Pre-final Inspection	4	20
Chimney / solid fuel burning devices		
Swimming Pool inspections		
Fire/Safety/Annual inspections		2
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	56	424
Training Class Credits (CEU's)		31

Submitted by : Kevin McMahon

Old Business:

EMS Contract

Volunteer Ambulance insurance is covered under the Town’s Workman’s Comp policy. Councilman Holcomb asked for the EMS to send a report for the current activity prior to the meeting. Richford Fire District did receive an ambulance from Northern Tioga however, this vehicle would only be used as a First Responder time but after training has been completed. The Town provided the Maine with the 2017 Contract. Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion for Supervisor Davis to sign the 2017 contract with the Maine Emergency Squad Incorporated. With 5 ayes the motion was passed.

County or Town Planning Board Representative:

If you are interested in volunteering for the County or Town Planning Board please contact Supervisor Davis.

Post Office:

Our involvement is limited. Anyone interested was directed to the State.

Traffic Study:

No new news.

NY State Walking Path:

Councilman Herrick and Supervisor Davis have been working on this and found out that we will not have to use a bonding company if we can find contractors to invoice and then get paid from the state. Currently waiting for updated bids for the application, which has already been approved.

New Grants:

Councilman Herrick has submitted a grant from the Hooker Foundation and Council of the Arts of the Finger lakes for banners made by local students.

Sidewalk Ordinance:

Copies will be available at the Clerk's Office and a public hearing will be scheduled for December 12, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Energy User and Suppliers:

Supervisor Davis will talk to Newark Valley Mayor and see how their work with Mega Energy is going.

Budget Meeting:

Copies of the budget were provided to the Town Board. The number has been updated to correspond with the state numbering.

Supervisor Davis and Councilman Herrick spoke to the State Comptroller's Office and went over the numbers and we have stayed under the Tax Cap.

From the previous meeting the numbers that were indicated that needed correction were in fact correct. Thus, no changes from the tentative budget.

Councilman Holcomb, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to accept the 2018 Budget as presented to the Town Board. With 5 ayes the motion was passed

Roll Call:

Councilman Holcomb Aye

Councilman Miller Aye

Supervisor Davis Aye

Councilman Herrick Aye

Councilman Thayer Aye

New Business:

Mowing of The Graded School House:

The town will still mow the yard.

Fire Department

The new fires station updates they have Blue Prints drawn up and architect is getting some numbers together so that estimates can be obtained.

Public Comment:

Barb Keener asked if she could help with the Retirement Fund.

Winter Storm Stella Application has been completed and we are waiting for responses from FEMA.

Harrison Marsh asked if the Town Highway Department has an equipment inventory. Supervisor Davis indicated that all large equipment is inventoried and insured. Mr. Marsh indicated that many town residents asked about the inventory of small equipment. Mr. Marsh also indicated that the residents are dissatisfied with the weight limits on roads because doesn't allow farmers and loggers. The limit was placed to reduce the wearing of the roads and it's the heavy trucks going through short cuts.

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Councilman Holcomb, seconded by Councilman Herrick, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. With 5 ayes the motion passed.

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