

The regular meeting of the Richfield Town Board was held on Monday, August 20, 2018 at the Richfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Palumbo. Board Members in attendance were Eckler, Frigault, K. Seamon, and R. Seamon.

Motion by Frigault to pay all claims with three signatures, second by Palumbo, Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

A General	\$ 5,455.42
B Town Outside village	\$ 1,670.44
DA Highway	\$ 36,387.48
DB Highway Outside village	\$ 14,613.44
SL Street Lighting	<u>\$ 89.81</u>
Total	\$58,216.59

Motion by Eckler to approve June 18, 2018 minutes, second by K. Seamon. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Highway Superintendent Proctor reported new speed limit signs have been posted. The highway department will start paving Skinner Road this week.

The Clerk reported that Fire and Ambulance reports are on file. The Clerk has received another complaint about the woman that has been going through the dumpsters at the transfer station.

Bill Klemm reported on the August 13th Planning Board meeting. The board approved the SEQR for Barbara Petersen’s subdivision. Ron Sadlon and his daughter Jacquelyn Kelly spoke with the board about a special use permit for an event center they would like to open on St. Hwy 28.

County representative Keith McCarty reported the county has started working on the 2019 budget. They have a lot of work ahead of them. The solid waste contract with Casella Waste ends in December and will go out to bid.

Carol Frigault of the Zoning Commission reported they had a busy week of meetings. They met with the Planning Board at their monthly meeting to go over the Planning Boards input on the Draft Zoning Ordinance. They met the following night with the ZBA at their monthly meeting to introduce the draft Zoning Ordinance to the board. On Wednesday, August 15, the Zoning Commission held a public presentation at the school to introduce the Draft Zoning Ordinance and take questions from the community. Frigault asked if the Town would print two copies of the Draft Ordinance so it could be available at the Village Library for the public to view. The Zoning Commission will hold a meeting on August 23rd and August 30th at 7:00 pm at the Richfield Town Hall to continuing to work on the draft.

Old Business

The town is still having issues at the transfer station with a woman going through the dumpsters to retrieve returnable cans and bottles. Residents are mistaking her for a town employee because she is taking bags out of their hands as they approach the dumpsters. Supervisor Palumbo suggested that the State Police may have to get involved or a certified letter could be sent to her informing her she is no longer allowed on the property. Kevin Putnam informed the board that people are leaving bags of garbage, mattresses, and tires outside the gates of the transfer station after hours. The Town and Village will continue to monitor the situation.

The Town received a new quote for the Bakers Beach sign. The cost of the sign would be \$300.00 for a one sided 4'X6' sign or \$400.00 for a two sided 4'X6' sign. The board is will check with the DOT to see if the sign can be moved from its original spot.

New Business

Ag & Market did an inspection of our selected dog shelter. The results came back that everything is in good standing.

The Town received the last State FEMA reimbursement check from Snow Storm Stella in the amount of \$1,168.78.

The County Shared Services program will hold a series of meetings to go over their program details. Councilman Eckler attended the first meeting at Milford BOCES. The county needs 35 towns to be involved for the program to move forward. There will be a vote held on September 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Otsego County Office Building. Voting on the project does not require the town to participate in the program. Supervisor Palumbo will attend the next meeting.

The Price Chopper Plaza has filed a lawsuit against the Board of Assessment Review. They asked for a reduction in their property assessment that was denied. The lawsuit paperwork was sent to the Town's insurance company. The insurance company does not cover this type of claim. The Town Attorney informed Supervisor Palumbo the town does not need to take any action at this time. After a court date is set more information will follow. At that time Ms. Kennedy's rate of \$90.00 per hour will be applied to matters regarding the lawsuit.

Supervisor Palumbo informed the Board that budget season is upon us. Each department will provide their tentative budget for 2019. There will be review meetings and a public hearing date will be set sometime in October. Palumbo stated that taxes have not been raised in four to six years. The Town's fund balance is in good standing; however the town incurred many expenses

this year. Highway Superintendent Proctor will need to replace one full time employee in the upcoming months. The Board had a lengthy discussion on the hiring of highway personnel.

Motion by Eckler for Proctor to hire a new employee per the current personnel policy, second by Palumbo. Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

The Flag outside Town Hall needs to be lit at all times. Supervisor Palumbo got a \$430.00 quote for lighting the flag. Proctor believes there is already a light on the building that would need to be re-positioned and possibly repaired. Palumbo will get a quote to have the light repaired.

The Beach Pavilion floor is in need of repair. Beach Manager Ryan Fagan has suggested acid washing and sealing the concrete. Fagan estimated the supplies will cost between \$650.00-\$770.00, and the beach crew would do the labor.

Motion by Eckler to purchase supplies for the Pavilion at Bakers Beach, second by K. Seamon. Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

The Shure Catch building is falling into the creek. It is not clear if it is Town parcel or if the Town has authority to assess the situation. Proctor stated he would drive to the property and assess the matter from the road. Proctor will contact the DEC if he feels it is necessary. Councilman K. Seamon asked what the statue of the Town Hall building was since the walls shifted a few months ago. Councilman Frigault , James Jordan, and Proctor met with the water authority to check the property, no leaks were found. The sewer department is scheduled to check for leaks. They are going through the process of elimination at this time. K. Seamon informed the Board that he has received two emails for the Ethics Board to review.

Mayor Moshier reported the Land Bank is interested in three properties located in the Village. The Land Bank will be at the next Village meeting to give a presentation on what conditions need to be met.

Motion by Palumbo to adjourn at 8:33, second by Frigault. Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes

