

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF RICHMONDVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 18, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Richmondville was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Natasha Foote. Present were Trustees David Hotzler, Milan Jackson, and Vivian Thurber, Superintendent of Public Works Jim Swartout, Clerk-Treasurer Joe Pizzo, Fire Chief Dennis Cole, and Vicki Swartout. Mayor Kevin Neary was available by phone. Also in attendance were Phil Butler, Michele Schaffer, Bonnie Bowes, and Harold Loder. Code Enforcement Officer Don Clarke and Superintendent of Power and Light Jeff Van Deusen were not in attendance.

Mayor Neary was contacted by phone.

Privilege of the Floor

Deputy Mayor Foote granted privilege of the floor to Steve Grimm, New York Rural Water Association Technician. Mr. Grimm proceeded to give the Board an update of the progress made by the Sustainable Utilities Management Committee. Superintendent of Public Works Swartout mentioned that this project was something that had to be done. Mayor Neary thanked all involved. The board, as a general consensus, gave the go-ahead to move forward with the Sustainable Utilities Management project.

Clerk Treasurer Pizzo proceeded to read the bid for #2 fuel oil, gasoline and on-road diesel fuel.

Trustee Thurber moved to accept the bid from Mirabito, seconded by Trustee Jackson; carried unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Thurber moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2016 special board meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Hotzler; carried unanimously.

Trustee Jackson moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 regular board meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Thurber; carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Mayor Neary felt there should be an open discussion before passing the resolution. Trustee Jackson thought that it was agreed that the proposal would be accepted if all conditions were met.

Trustee Jackson moved adoption of Resolution #32-16 authorizing issuance of a building permit to Primax Properties, LLC(Dollar General), seconded by Trustee Thurber; carried unanimously.

Mayor Neary mentioned that there would be a formal signed agreement with Primax Properties to put up the \$25,000 to put in an escrow account. Also Senator Seward agreed to a \$50,000 grant. The only thing that has changed with the passing of Resolution #32 is the amount Primax has agreed to hold in escrow, which increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Attorney Marvin Parshall, Jr. said everything looks to be in place.

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer Pizzo reported that in September, electric and water/ sewer billing remained approximately the same from the previous year. Total taxes received as of October 17, 2016 are \$208,386.08, of which \$959.67 is for penalties. Total outstanding taxes are \$25,387.36. The last day to accept taxes in the office is Monday, October 31st. After that date, the village taxes may be paid to the Treasurer's Office through November 30th. If the village taxes remain unpaid after November 30th, a penalty will be added and the entire amount will be re-levised (or added) to the Town and County tax bill which comes out in January. Clerk/Treasurer Pizzo also reported that there is an upcoming loan payment of \$12,320.00 for payment 13 of 30 of Water Project DO-17150. A wire is scheduled for October 28th. The medicare renewal rate for this year is an 11.8% increase, comparable to the prior year's increase. Clerk/Treasurer Pizzo also reported that on September 21st, we received \$99,566.18 from the Division of Homeland Security for Hurricane Irene Disaster Relief.

Trustee Hotzler moved to accept the Clerk/Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Thurber; carried unanimously.

Superintendent of Public Works James Swartout reported on streets, water, and sewer. Brush and leaf pick up has started for weekly pickup. The pool has been winterized for the year. Superintendent of Public Works Swartout also reported that we need to install new concrete the baby pool and new depth lettering in the main pool before next season per the Department of Health. Hydraulics were replaced on the 2007 Dodge due to age and corrosion. Superintendent of PW Swartout believes that the 1987 Ford Dump Truck is going to the fairgrounds for \$1,000. The 2003 Chevy Pickup is going to county auction this fall. The railroad is redoing the crossing on Neary Road and they are advising the nearby residents of their schedule. Progress is being made on the Route 7 Culvert Project. There has been some additional quantities used for existing work and there will be a scope of work change due to additional problems found on the south side of the box culvert. School Crossing Guard Bill Crumish has left his position. He was an excellent crossing guard and will be missed. The village is now looking to replace him. Superintendent of Public Works Swartout is looking for permission to go to the annual NYS Highway and Public Works Expo Wednesday, October 19th in Syracuse. The water plant is running well. The bills have been submitted to EFC for the release of funds for the old water project. Bids have come in for the new water project and they are higher than expected. Bids for the water mains ran between \$439,924 and 1,015,427. The lone bid for the control panel was \$94,370. The meters have been read for the quarter. The sewer plant is running fine. One set of flights have been repaired and there is one set left to repair. As discussed earlier in this meeting by Steve Grimm the Village has a plan and timeline to address the sustainability of the Wastewater System. Superintendent of Public Works Swartout received quotes for the water and wastewater buildings for a propane heat system. Due to MPB Heating being the low bidder for the firehouse contract Mayor Neary recommended that MPB be approved to install the heat system in these two buildings at a cost of \$3,230 at the wastewater plant and \$8,864.50 at the water treatment plant. Attorney Marvin Parshall, Jr. felt we should get another quote and put it out to bid. Mayor Neary agreed.

Trustee Thurber moved to accept the Superintendent of Public Works' report, seconded by Trustee Hotzler; carried unanimously.

Trustee Jackson moved to accept the 1987 Ford Dump Truck being sold to the Cobleskill Fairgrounds for \$1,000, seconded by Trustee Thurber; carried unanimously.

Trustee Thurber moved to accept the 2003 Chevy Pickup going to county auction for the best offer, seconded by Trustee Jackson; carried unanimously.

Trustee Thurber moved to accept Superintendent of Public Works Swartout's request to attend the Annual NYS Highway and Public Works Expo on October 19th in Syracuse, seconded by Trustee Jackson; carried unanimously.

Superintendent of Power and Light Van Deusen was excused and did not submit a report for board review.

Trustee Jackson felt that Department Heads should not be excused if they don't submit a report for board review.

Fire Chief Dennis Cole reported that there were six calls for the month. Fire prevention and pumpkin carving is on Saturday, October 22nd. The Fire Department is applying for a new grant for high band radios. Superintendent of Public Works Swartout and Mayor Neary mentioned that it is now a law to have high band radios. The Fire Department received a one-time grant for technology improvements from Senator Seward.

Trustee Thurber moved to accept the Fire Chief's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Hotzler; carried unanimously.

Trustee Foote moved to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2016 Planning Board Meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Hotzler; carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Neary met with the Bank of Richmondville regarding moving tax collection to the bank. He recommended this to the board because it would reduce the handling of cash and would be easier for customers. The bank is going to come back with a proposal. Mayor Neary also spoke with the bank regarding the new billing system and setting up online payments. Mayor Neary and Jeff Haslun are further investigating how to clean up due to/due from issues. Mayor Neary is still waiting for the Comptroller's Office to make recommendations on writing off \$10,000 due to the electric company. He also said he continues to follow up with grants. Trustee Thurber asked Mayor Neary about the results of the Town Meeting regarding the rescue squad. Mayor Neary said they are solvent until June and they are going to continue to provide service to Richmondville. He mentioned that the Village Board must accept 2 resignations with regret (Carrie Handy and Jen Rightmyer). Deputy Mayor Foote said the Village should start thinking about new members for the Beautification and Youth Committees. Mayor Neary felt that the board should discuss how to fill the positions that are opening for the March 2017 Village Election and that the Board of Elections should be notified about these openings as a courtesy.

New Business

Audit of Bills

Trustee Thurber moved to approve payment of General, Water, Sewer, and Electric Abstracts #5, seconded by Trustee Hotzler; carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Trustee Thurber moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm, seconded by Trustee Hotzler; carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pizzo
Clerk-Treasurer