

TOWN BOARD MEETING
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The regular meeting of the Richfield Town Board was held on Monday, December 18, 2017, at the Richfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Palumbo. Other board members in attendance were Eckler, K. Seamon, and R. Seamon.

The meeting opened with a scheduled public hearing on the proposed 2018 Fire & Ambulance Protection Contract between the Town of Richfield and Village of Richfield Springs. The 2018 cost is \$52,385.00. There were no comments from the public. Motion by Palumbo, second by K. Seamon to close the public hearing at 6:02 PM and commence with the regular meeting. Eckler – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

The board reviewed vouchers for payment. #259 from the A fund needs documentation for the purchase of a vacuum cleaner before it can be paid. Motion to pay all claims with three signatures by Palumbo, second by Eckler. Eckler – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

A General	\$ 11,056.88
B General	\$ 933.24
DA Highway	\$ 76,095.69
DB Highway	\$ 19,360.00
SL Street Lighting	\$ 84.81
Total	\$ 107,530.62

Motion to approve minutes the minutes of November 20, 2017 by Palumbo, second by Eckler. Eckler – yes, K. Seamon – abstain, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes. Motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2017, by Palumbo, second by K. Seamon. Eckler – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

Highway Superintendent Kress reported that the guard rails are being installed on the bridge and should be done by tomorrow; the design engineer will come to inspect it and as soon as DOT does an inspection and approves the work the bridge can be opened. The total cost of the bridge should come in at around \$210,000.00. Paperwork for Winter Storm Stella is still being processed, some money will be coming. DOT has approved the speed limit request for county Highway 25 (45MPH); the county has put up new speed limit signs. The window work is complete on the garage, there is a huge difference in drafts coming into the building. The doors are on order, that work may be done this week.

Planning Board Chairman Urtz – the Planning Board has held one public hearing on the Snyder application, another one will be held on January 8, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Comprehensive Plan Chairman Sullivan – the Village of Richfield Springs has passed the Comprehensive Plan.

There was a discussion by the board and Sullivan about the current plan.

Sullivan – there is no zoning map. People’s concerns are not warranted.

Councilman K. Seamon present TBR # 08-2017, a RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF RICHFIELD AND VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD SPRINGS JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Councilman Eckler thanked the committee for the work, but has concerns over the plan. He wants to see some changes made and doesn’t like the answer about the map. He has a problem with the Route 20 west corridor being excluded from development. Why was there no joint meeting held between the town and village? Was the plan voted on by the whole Comprehensive Plan Committee or only some? He has studied all the appendices and feels the number of residents that gave input was exaggerated.

Supervisor Palumbo – it is the Town Board that will appoint a zoning committee. He would like to see a mailer survey before we move into zoning; a narrow commercial district should be included along the Route 20 west corridor; Councilman-elect Frigault stated at a village board meeting that the residents west of the village were asked about commercial development and they don’t want it. The residents of the village and Lake District were not asked or given the opportunity to say no.

Councilman K. Seamon stated he is comfortable with the plan as presented. It was brought to the Town Board by the community. Motion by K. Seamon, second by R. Seamon to approve TBR # 08-2017, a RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF RICHFIELD AND VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD SPRINGS JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Supervisor Palumbo requests the map to be updated to include development along the Route 20 west corridor and recommends the board vote on this at the January 2, 2018, meeting.

Eckler – no, not as it stands, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – no, for reasons specified.

Comprehensive Plan Chairman Sullivan stated that if the plan had been approved changes could be made to it. Because it was not approved, a new SEQR, public hearing, and 239m need to be done.

Motion by Palumbo, second by Seamon to accept the 2018 Fire & Ambulance Protection Contract between the Town of Richfield and Village of Richfield Springs. Eckler – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

New Business

Motion by Palumbo, second by Eckler to appropriate \$61,000.00 from the DA Fund to increase line item DA5120.4 by \$61,000.00. Eckler – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

Two letters of interest have been received for the vacant position on the Planning Board; Joe Zvirzdin and Michael Reid. Larry Frigault has submitted his letter of resignation from the Land use Board of Appeals, effective December 31, 2017. There is an opening on the Board of Assessment Review; Richard Laurenzo will not be accepting reappointment. The clerk will advertise for letters of interest.

The Snow and Ice Contract with Otsego County has been received. The highway department needs to have one change made – the turnaround used on county 27 should be 1006 county Highway 27, not Ellard Road. Motion by Palumbo, second by Eckler to approve the three year contract with the one change as noted. Eckler – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

There will be five week grant writing class in Cobleskill, January 22, 2018 to February 19, 2018.

Motion by Palumbo, second by Eckler to appoint Maggie Young to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics, appointment to begin January 1, 2018.

Motion by Palumbo, second by Eckler to approve that newly elected officials attend training school in Albany. Eckler – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

The Town Board will hold two special meetings, one on December 28, 2017, at 9:00 AM to finish up yearend business, and an organizational meeting on January 2, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

The Town Board presented retiring Highway Superintendent Kress and Clerk/Collector Harris with a plaque to recognize their years of service to the town.

Motion to adjourn at 7:03 PM by Palumbo, second by K. Seamon. Eckler – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

Monica Harris, Clerk