

VILLAGE OF RICHMONDVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING

October 16, 2023

Board Members in Attendance – Mayor Warner Jr; Trustee Spenello; Trustee Miller, Trustee Jackson

Departments in Attendance – DPW Superintendent Eric Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Hope Bayes, Building Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wilcox, RPL Superintendent Tim Smith

Absent – Fire Chief DesRoches, Trustee Davis, Attorney Brandon Parshall

Others in Attendance – Phil Butler, Robert Hyatt, Becky Turk, James Veley, Judy Fancher, Jason Fessel, Gary Righty, Lisa Scott, Megan Ostrander

Call to Order – Mayor Warner Jr. opened the regular Board meeting at 5:00pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Privilege of the Floor – Mr. Fessel spoke out about a wire that runs across his property and close to the tree line and asked that the RPL department come and look at them. Superintendent Smith said they would come take a look at the property and take care of any issues they find to be problematic. Mr. Veley asked about the fire inspections for apartments and why a charge and how often. Code Enforcement Wilcox stated that the law requires apartments to be inspected every three years and the fee covers the cost of the inspection, and all apartments are to be inspected. Ms. Fancher asked why is her bill being charged three units when only one meter is installed, Superintendent Jones replied and said if there are multiple unit in a dwelling then they will be charged some dwellings have multiple meters and is based on the plumbing of the dwelling they reside in resulting in the way the bill is generated.

Adoption of Minutes – A motion was made by Trustee Miller to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2023, with an amendment of the chicken law from the planning Board was tabled at the last meeting seconded by Trustee Jackson; carried unanimously.

Resolutions – Resolution #12-23 appointing Beautification Committee policy Motion offered by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Spenello

Department Reports

Fire Chief Shawn DesRoches – Was absent, and his written report was reviewed, With no further discussion, this report was acknowledged.

Hope Bayes reviewed her written report Trustee Spenello asked if more detailed notes from the planning board could be included in the minutes, A motion was made by trustee Miller to approve budget modifications and seconded by Trustee Jackson opposed by Trustee Spenello with no further discussion a motion was offered by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW Superintendent Jones reviewed his written report, Trustee Jackson asked about the complaint they received with the parking on Holmes St. The complaint stated the way the car park is difficult to drive

and see and maybe we should only have parking on one side this is being looked into. Trustee Jackson suggested the occupants on that street should talk to one another to come up with some solutions and bring to the board to alleviate parking issues there. a motion was offered by Trustee Spenello and seconded by Trustee Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

RPL Superintendent Smith reviewed his written report, a motion was offered by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Spenello. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement Officer Wilcox – reviewed his written report, He stated that complaints were made by Michele Thomas regarding parking issues with her neighbor and that superintendent Jones and himself had gone to the property reviewed the pictures and had a Sherriff come take a look they all agreed that they could see to back out of the driveway. Superintendent Jones has asked Mr. Croote to clear the frontage of the roadway of the firewood and rock wall and has been given time to do so. Mr. croote has responded and will be moving back away from the road. With no further discussion, this Oreport was acknowledged.

Committee Reports The planning board has given the chicken rules that need to be amended to the zoning laws and asked for those to be approved and asked for a public hearing. The Board has approved this and will have a public hearing on November 20 @ 5:30 pm at the Firehouse. Lisa Scott stated that they looked into the solar infrastructure and found that our community would not benefit from solar power as Richmondville Power is hydro power and 100% green and they are not obligated to buy back any solar power. Lisa also said they would like the board to approve a committee for the comprehensive plan, Mayor Warner Jr. made a motion to form a committee and seconded by Trustee Spenello all in favor of vote, this report was acknowledged.

Mayor's Report Discussed the Bunn Runn and the pumpkin carving to follow at the firehouse and hopes to have a good turn out this year. Mayor Warner Jr. stated that he is renting out space in our basement to the contractor for the High St bridge project so they can be closer. They are cleaning out the pond for the bridge project and hope to be finished soon weather cooperating. He has stated that Superintendent Smith, Linesman Brett Ryder, and himself will be attending the Linesman graduation of Gabe Warner on October 26 in Victor Ny.

Mayor Warner Jr. opened the fuel bids from Mirabito and Buell Fuels. These were discussed and tabled until all members could look over the bids.

New Business None

Old Business None

Audit of Bills

Trustee Spenello stated that she is concerned with the cost of the Bills concerning BST and how can we reduce the cost. The mayor said this will be looked into. On the motion of Trustee Spenello, seconded by Trustee Miller, it was unanimously resolved to authorize payment of the audited bills.

With no further discussion, on the motion of Mayor Warner Jr, it was unanimously resolved to close the Regular Board meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Executive Session

At 6:39 p.m., Visitors were excused, and the Board members, entered Executive session to discuss personal issues.

On the motion of Trustee Miller seconded by Trustee Jackson, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the Executive session at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Bayes
Clerk-Treasurer