

VILLAGE OF RICHMONDVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING

November 18, 2024

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

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

Absent – Trustee Davis

Others in Attendance – Becky Turk, Phil Butler, Ken Hellijas, Lisabeth Kabel

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

Privilege of the Floor – Mr. Hellijas spoke to us about the land we had surveyed on creamery rd he pointed out to us on a map where the property lines are and that we own a thirty foot right away which runs the length of our chips funding frontage for which the village is responsible for, this is also explained in the report that was given to the mayor.

Adoption of Minutes –

A motion was made by Trustee Hyatt to approve the minutes of November 18, 2024, seconded by Trustee Jackson; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Jackson to approve the minutes of October 28, 2024, seconded by Trustee Miller; motion carried unanimously

Resolutions - None

Department Reports

Fire Chief Floyd Seales – reviewed his written report, with no further discussion, this report was acknowledged.

Hope Bayes reviewed her written report, A motion was offered by Trustee Hyatt and seconded by Trustee Miller; Motion carried unanimously

DPW Superintendent Jones reviewed his written report, a motion was offered by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Hyatt; Motion carried unanimously.

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

Code Enforcement Officer Wilcox – reviewed his written report. With no further discussion, this report was acknowledged.

Committee Reports - Planning Board report was acknowledged

Mayor's Report - Mayor Warner Jr. and the board has advised the DPW and RPL staff to sell off some of our old equipment that is no longer in use. Mayor Warner Jr announced that the village will be having a Christmas party for the employees, a motion was offered by trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Hyatt, with one nay from Trustee Miller. Motion carried. Mayor Warner r. opened the sealed fuel bids, the first from Buell fuels, and the second was from Mirabito with discussion Buell fuel won the bid with a motion from Trustee Hyatt. and seconded by Trustee Miller to accept the bid, carried unanimously. Mayor warner discussed the hire of a new cleaner for the village and to create a position with Schoharie County, a motion was made by Mayor Warner Jr. and seconded by Trustee Jackson, carried unanimously.

New Business

Old Business The plan for the estimated water/sewer meters is finding out why they are being estimated; some are broken meters possible vacant houses, and we are looking at getting the new meters in to correct this. The request for a new backhoe has been tabled until budget time. For the substation upgrade study Supervisor Smith stated he has contacted PLM and is awaiting a answerback to report to the board. We have gotten a quote for a substation camera of \$4689.00 and will be using ARPA monies to cover the cost.to increase the water/sewer rates has been tabled. The mayor stated he will be calling PLM and BST to get in the queue for a PSC rate case. The mayor has stated we are looking for an attorney and no one has accepted the position so far and we are still looking. Supervisor Smith has been testing the meters, and needs to download a free software program to continue using and will be doing so after meter reading this month.

Audit of Bills On the motion of Trustee Hyatt seconded by Trustee Miller, it was unanimously resolved to authorize payment of the audited bills.

With no further discussion, a motion was offered by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Hyatt; it was unanimously resolved to close the Regular Board meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Executive Session

At 7:01 p.m., Visitors were excused, and the Board members entered the executive session to discuss personal issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Bayes
Clerk-Treasurer