

VILLAGE OF RICHMONDVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING

February 24, 2024

Board Members in Attendance – Attorney Michelle Storm; Trustee Hyatt; Trustee Kabel; 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 –

Others in Attendance – Eric Haslun, Chris English, Diana Spenello

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

Privilege of the Floor Diana Spenello asked about the tariffs and the rise of electricity cost, supervisor Smith explained that tariffs in the electric dept is not like a normal tariff but how it gets regulated, and that governor Hochul has issued a halt on the rise of electricity costs.

Diana also asked how the Warnerville sewer project was coming and, informed it's a slow process and they are still receiving funding through grants.

Diana asked if there is a plan to control what business that come in to keep our electric low. Trustee Hyatt explained that we cannot stop growth to our community. We are allowed so much energy at a cost and we are locked in and the more energy we use the more we would have to purchase on the open market. We can't purchase any more than we are allowed at a reduced rate, and at some point the town and village plan to meet to discuss growth possibilities and the impact this can have with electricity rates.

Trustee Kabel asked about the road sign on Holmes St about parking and is suggesting on moving the sign to be more visible and to paint the road where there is no parking. She also asked if we could replace the River St sign as it is no longer there. Deputy mayor Hyatt stated that he would notify DPW supervisor Jones and see what we can do to remedy the situation.

Trustee Kabel asked if the board ever made a plan to have VRBO permits in the village and Trustee Hyatt stated that we had discussed, and the board had stated that at this time there was no need for the planning board to develop a plan for short term rentals.

Adoption of Minutes –

A motion was made by Trustee Jackson to approve the board minutes January 13, 2024, seconded by Trustee Miller; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Jackson to approve the special board minutes February 13, 2024, seconded by Trustee Miller; motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions – Resolution 1-25-NYPA Rate Proposal, motion offered by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Kabel; motion carried unanimously

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 Jackson and seconded by Trustee Hyatt; Motion carried unanimously; Motion made by trustee Hyatt and seconded by Trustee Jackson to approve budget modifications as written in report. Motion was made to approve Aliha and Tim to go to MEUA conference in March for the accounting and engineering workshops in Syracuse by trustee Hyatt and seconded by Trustee Jackson; Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Committee Reports - none

Mayor's Report - none

New – The electric department has typed up a letter to explain the way we calculate a bill and some things to keep in mind, a motion was made by trustee Jackson and seconded by trustee Miller to send out the notice in the next billing cycle, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business The topic of installing cellular transponders was tabled.

The discussion on broken water/sewer were tabled due to Supervisor Jones being called out of the meeting.

Increase on water/sewer rates are tabled until the budget for 2025-2026 is completed.

The camera at the substation has been ordered and we are waiting for them to come and install Supervisor Smith will keep us informed.

Trustee Miller has asked for us to update the policy on holidays for the part time position.

Audit of Bills none

With no further discussion, a motion was offered by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Miller; it was unanimously resolved to go into executive session at 6:49p.m.

Executive Session

At 6:50 p.m., Visitors were excused, and the Board members entered the executive session to discuss personal issues.

On the motion of trustee Miller. and seconded by Trustee Kabel it was unanimously resolved to close executive session and adjourn the board meeting at 7:42p.m. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Bayes
Clerk-Treasurer