



VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

March 26, 2024

Present: Elected Officers: Mayor Richard Spencer, Trustees, Ruth Stewart
Fred Culbert, Luke VanRiper and Robin Moshier.

Appointed Officers: Clerk Lori Gilliam, Deputy Clerk Harriett Geywits
Also present: ZEO Joe Roberts, DPW Superintendent Joe Coan,
WP Supervisor Doug Bordinger

Guest: Village Attorney Michelle Kennedy, Grant writer Dan Hall, Angela Roberts & Dan Sullivan

Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ZEO Roberts presented the Board with two quotes from IWORQ for a computer program for Zoning in the amount of \$2,400.00 for a basic pkg. and \$4,350.00 for level 2 pkg. The Board will review for the next meeting.

Village Attorney Kennedy presented to the Board a declaration of Lead Agency for the Water Improvement project.

Motion by Trustee Culbert, 2nd by Trustee Moshier to declare the Village Board as Lead Agency for the Water Improvement Project. All voted yes.

Village Attorney Kennedy presented to the Board a declaration of Lead Agency for the Waste Water Improvement project.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Culbert to declare the Village Board as Lead Agency for the Waste Water Improvement project.

Village Attorney Kennedy presented the Board with Resolution # 22

RESOLUTION NO. 22

Proposed Action: Village of Richfield Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sanitary Sewer
Improvements Project

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD
SPRINGS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT & SANITARY SEWER
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IS A TYPE 1 ACTION AND WILL NOT HAVE A
SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield Springs (Village) is proposing the Village of Richfield Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (Project), located in the Village of Richfield Springs and Town of Richfield, Otsego County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as a "Type I Action" as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board sent a letter and Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) to other potentially "Interested Agencies" and "Involved Agencies" (as these terms are defined in the SEQRA Regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617.2), indicating the Village's desire to serve as the "Lead Agency" (as this quoted term is defined in the SEQRA Regulations) and to complete a coordinated review of the Project (in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6); and

WHEREAS, responses from Interested and Involved Agencies were requested, and each of the potentially Interested and Involved Agencies has agreed to, or raised no objections to, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board serving as Lead Agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board has considered the significance of the potential environmental impacts of the Project by(a) using the criteria specified in Section 617.7 of the SEQRA Regulations, and (b) examining the FEAF for the Project, including the facts and conclusions in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the FEAF, together with other available supporting information, to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board hereby establishes itself as Lead Agency for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon an examination of the FEAF and other available supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each relevant area of environmental concern, and based further upon the Village's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board makes the determination that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and that the Project will not require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a consequence of such findings and declaration, and in compliance with the requirements of SEQRA/SERP, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board, as Lead Agency, hereby directs the Village of Richfield Springs Mayor to sign the FEAF Part 3 — Determination of Significance indicating that a Negative Declaration has been issued for the Project; this shall take effect immediately and will be properly noticed.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Culbert to adopt Resolution # 22 for the Waste Water Improvement project and authorize Mayor Spencer to sign. All voted yes.

Village Attorney Kennedy presented the Board with Resolution # 23

RESOLUTION NO. 23

Proposed Action: Village of Richfield Springs Water System Improvements Project
RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IS A TYPE 1 ACTION AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield Springs (Village) is proposing the Village of Richfield Springs Water System Improvements Project (Project), located in the Village of Richfield Springs and Towns of Richfield and Springfield, Otsego County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as a "Type I Action" as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board sent a letter and Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) to other potentially "Interested Agencies" and "Involved Agencies" (as these terms are defined in the SEQRA Regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617.2), indicating the Village's desire to serve as the "Lead Agency" (as this quoted term is defined in the SEQRA Regulations) and to complete a coordinated review of the Project (in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6); and

WHEREAS, responses from Interested and Involved Agencies were requested, and each of the potentially Interested and Involved Agencies has agreed to, or raised no objections to, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board serving as Lead Agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board has considered the significance of the potential environmental impacts of the Project by (a) using the criteria specified in Section 617.7 of the SEQRA Regulations, and (b) examining the FEAF for the Project, including the facts and conclusions in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the FEAF, together with other available supporting information, to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern:

(b)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ITRESOLVED, that the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board hereby establishes itself as Lead Agency for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon an examination of the FEAF and other available supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each relevant area of environmental concern, and based further upon the Village's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board makes the determination that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and that the Project will not require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a consequence of such findings and declaration, and in compliance with the requirements of SEQRA/SERP, the Village of Richfield Springs Village Board, as Lead Agency, hereby directs the Village of Richfield Springs Mayor to sign the FEAF Part 3 — Determination of Significance indicating that a Negative Declaration has been issued for the Project; this Resolution shall take effect immediately and will be properly noticed.

Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to adopt Resolution # 23 for the Water Improvement project and to authorize Mayor Spencer to sign. All voted yes.

Village Attorney Kennedy presented a Bond Resolution for the Waste Water Improvement project.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to adopt Bond Resolution of the Village of Richfield Springs for the Waste Water Improvement project. All voted yes.

Village Attorney Kennedy presented the Board with a Bond Resolution for the Water Improvement project.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Culbert to adopt Bond Resolution for the Village of Richfield Springs for the Water Improvement project. All voted yes.

Resident Roberts asked the Board to take down a damaged tree in her front yard that appeared to be on the Village property line, stating it was dangerous to the surrounding properties and kids as well as her own.

Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to elevate the statis, already deemed dangerous tree at 39 Monticello Street to an Emergency Removal and have it removed by Stumpin' by Mike, LLC. All voted yes.

Village Grant Writer Hall presented to the Board a Residential Housing Rehabilitation Program Survey to be mailed out to Village residents for possible housing grants and stated it would need to be back to him by May 15th.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Culbert to authorize the mailing of the Residential Housing Rehabilitation Survey to Village residents along with the April Water & Sewer billing. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Culbert to approve the minutes from 03/12 meeting. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Moshier to approve Abstract #20. All voted yes.

General Fund	12,004.13
Water Fund	3,973.52
Sewer Fund	5,777.35
CM	512.23
Total	22,267.23

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Moshier to close regular meeting and enter into an executive session At 8:41 pm. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Culbert, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to close executive session and return to regular meeting at 10:08 pm. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Moshier , 2nd by Trustee VanRiper to adjourn regular meeting at 10:10 pm. All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Gilliam, Village Clerk