

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

May 9, 2023

Present: Elected Officers

Mayor Richard Spencer, Trustees Ruth Stewart, Fred Culbert

Lucas VanRiper and Robin Moshier

Appointed Officers:

Also Present:

Clerk Lori Gilliam and Deputy Clerk Harriett Geywits

ZEO Joseph Roberts, DPW Supervisor Joe Coan WTP Superintendent Doug Bordinger, Fire Chief Chad Stone.

Guest:

Donna Bordinger, Cindy Klemm, Kevin Putnam

Mayor Spencer called Meeting to order at 6:59 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Public Hearing for the proposal of Sewer Rates Increase was opened by Mayor Spencer at 7:00 pm.

There was no audio recording being done. In attendance were 6 audience members, Mayor, four Village Trustees and two appointed Village officers.

Motion by Trustee Culbert, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to approve Sewer Rate increase of 44% All voted yes.

Motion by Mayor Spencer, 2^{nd} by Trustee Moshier to end the Public Hearing at 7:40 pm. All voted yes.

ZEO Officer Roberts informed the Board that he is working on Proposed Maintenance Planning Laws And their signs. Also, he is no longer working as an Otsego County Codes Officer.

DPW Superintendent Coan informed the Board that all the Village Street signs that needed to be replaced have been, and two New 30 mph speed signs have been added on to Lake Street.

Superintendent Coan informed the Board that he and Trustee VanRiper would be meeting with Arborist Ron Higgins in the next coming week to make a final list of all damaged/dangerous trees in the Village that would need to come down.

Superintendent Coan informed the Board he was doing some research on getting the DPW their own gas tanks to try and save money and he would report back to the board at a future meeting.

Superintendent Coan informed the Board that street paving for this year would cost between \$110,000.00-115,000.00 and that the Village could use \$230,000.00 of CHIPS money.

Superintendent Coan informed the Board that on May 9th, B&L Engineers started researching the condition of the Sewer pipes with Camera's and the job should take about two weeks.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to authorize the Village to use 25% of their grant Match for the Sewer Capitol Project towards the Continuation of the Sewer Pipes Camera expedition. All voted yes.

Superintendent Coan asked for Board approval for a Permissive Referendum to purchase a Truck fron Van Bortel Ford in the amount of \$49,950.00.

Resolution #16

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE DPW EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Richfield Springs established a capital reserve fund for the purpose of funding equipment costs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law 56-c, expenditures from the Capital Reserve Fund requires authorization by the Village Board, and such authorization is subject to a permissive referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Village needs to purchase a Truck from Van Bortel Ford totaling \$49,950.00; and WHEREAS, the purchase of the above-referenced expenditure falls within the purposes for which the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund was established;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board authorizes the expenditure for a Truck not to exceed \$49,950.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clerk Gilliam will post and publish notice of permissive referendum in accordance with applicable law.

Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2nd by Trustee Moshier to Adopt Resolution. All voted yes

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Fire Chief Stone informed the Board that the Fire Department Grant was received on 5/9 and that he asked for approval to purchase two Air Packs in the amount of \$15,390.00 and stated it would take 3-4 months to receive.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to allow FD to order 2 Air Packs in the amount of \$ 15,390.00. All voted yes.

WTP Supervisor Bordinger reported to the Board that the Pressure Recording System that records the Flows Highs/Lows has not been working for over a year and that he had been working with AquaLogics and got the System back to working and Recording.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Culbert to approve Budget Transfers with stipulations. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Moshier to approve Abstracts #23 & #24. All voted yes.

General Fund	25,843.67		
Water Fund	16,830.77		
Sewer Fund	5,119.63		
Cemetery	500.00		
Total	48,294.07		

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to set a Public Hearing date of May 30th for CDBG comments. All voted yes.

Motion by Mayor, 2nd by Trustee Moshier to have the Village sponsor one of the Area Chamber of Commerce's Concerts in the Park this Summer. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Culbert to adopt QuickPay into the Clerk's Office for Electronic payments on Water & Sewer Bills and Village Tax Bills. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to allocate money from the ARPA Fund to the Youth Sports Field Project. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Moshier to approve Otsego Computer experts (OCX) of Cherry Valley to install a new Server in the Clerk's Office for \$4,800.00. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2^{nd} by Trustee Stewart to set a Public Hearing date of June 13th for the proposal of a Water Rate Increase. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2^{nd} by Trustee Moshier to adopt a Permissive Referendum for the DPW to purchase a new Patrol Truck within 30 days. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to adopt Resolution #16. All voted yes.

Resolution #17

AUTHORIZING VILLAGE CLERK TO RE-LEVY UNPAID WATER/SEWER BILLS TO 2023-24 PROPERTY TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, delinquent sewer rents and water rents may be added to the tax roll in accordance with the provisions of sections 452 of General Municipal Law and 11-1118 of the Village Law, respectively, to become liens against the property of the individual property owners which liens shall then be taxed as part of the 2023-2024 Village property tax bill; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Gilliam prepared the Relevy and reported to the Board delinquent accounts in arrears over \$150 and all flat fee accounts left unpaid for two consecutive months, along with any unpaid property maintenance invoices, all subject to an \$150 administrative fee, as set forth by previous Board motion. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Richfield Springs does hereby authorize Clerk Gilliam to transmit to Otsego County Department of Real Property Tax and IT Services for said charges totaling \$56,416.73 be levied upon the 2023-2024 Village property tax bills.

Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to adjourn meeting at 9:38 pm. All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Gilliam, Village Clerk