



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

March 9, 2021

Present: Elected Officers Mayor Robin Moshier, Trustees Kevin Putnam, Barbara Wahl-Shypski, Lucas VanRiper & Warren Leonard  
Appointed Officers Clerk Dayle A. Barra

Mayor Moshier called the meeting to order at 7:04pm in the Public Library Memorial Room streamed live on YouTube via Zoom for public viewing.

**Motion by Trustee Wahl-Shypski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Leonard to approve paying Joe Coan retroactive pay for Acting Superintendent while Tony Bourne self-quarantined during COVID-19. The pay will be calculated as the difference in hourly rates times hours worked. All voted yes.**

The Board requests the Superintendent position be advertised in the *Pennysaver* prior to hiring in-house. Applications will be accepted until 3/23. Until the position is permanently filled, Joe Coan has verbally accepted the promotion to temporary Superintendent of Public Works with compensation at the current Step 1 wage rate. Approved by unanimous vote by the Board.

Donald and Joy Bond submitted a letter stating they purchased the property on 124 Cemetery Road where former residents received outside water service. They are requesting that service from the Village. Once a contract is received and approved, a new meter will be installed.

Mayor Moshier read correspondence from Mr. James Jordan offering to replace missing trees on Main Street with Linden trees. Main Street with Linden trees. By unanimous vote, the Board accepted this gracious offer on behalf of the Village.

**Motion by Trustee Putnam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Wahl-Shypski to approve site improvement plans for Main and River Streets as submitted by Architect James M. Jordan. All voted yes.**

**Motion by Trustee Putnam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee VanRiper to approve Meeting Minutes from 2/23. All voted yes.**

The Board authorized Treasurer Seamon to reinvest the Cemetery CD that matures 3/11/2021 with Bank of Cooperstown for 12 months with a .30% rate.

**Clerk Barra**

**Motion by Trustee Putnam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Leonard to approve Abstract #19. All voted yes.**

General Fund	32,277.78
Water Fund	11,829.30
Sewer Fund	50,447.73
Total	\$94,554.81

Resolution #32

**ESTABLISHING RUNOFF ELECTION DATE AND MANDATORY FACE COVERINGS DURING ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Village Election is Tuesday, March 16, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event two or more eligible persons receive an equal number of votes for the same office will result in require a Special Runoff Election.

**RESOLVED**, the date for the Special Runoff Election shall be held on the first Tuesday falling at least 10 days after the final certification of the results of a tie vote, which shall be held March 30, 2021

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees further stipulate that both the Annual Election and any Special Election require personal protective face coverings to enter the building.

**Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Wahl-Shypski to Adopt Resolution. All voted yes.**

**Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2nd by Trustee Putnam to hold public hearings April 13<sup>th</sup> on sewer rates, the tentative budget for fiscal year 2021-22, Emergency Services Intermunicipal Agreements, and Local Law 1-2021 entitled 'Tax Cap Override', as introduced and annexed hereunto. All voted yes.**

Due to the even more stringent regulations State Department of Agriculture and Markets imposes on Farmers' Markets to ensure compliance with New York State food sanitation during the pandemic, the Board approves the use of Spring Park for their season this year.

**Motion by Trustee Leonard, 2nd by Trustee Putnam to approve 'Effective Claims Processing' draft, as submitted, and incorporate into the Procurement Policy. All voted yes.**

February 2021 fees collected totaled \$118. Check to Treasurer Seamon 3/1 for same.

**Motion by Trustee Leonard, 2nd by Trustee Putnam to approve hiring Court Clerk, Loretta Fish. All voted yes.**

**Motion by Trustee Leonard, 2nd by Trustee Putnam to approve Water Treatment Plant Operator, Doug Bordinger, to purchase garnet for \$5136. All voted yes.**

**Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2nd by Trustee Wahl-Shypski to authorize Doug Bordinger and Chris Butler, of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants, respectively, the one-time sale of non-potable water at a rate of \$25 per each 5000 gallons. All voted yes.**

**Motion by Trustee Wahl-Shypski, 2nd by Trustee VanRiper to adjourn meeting at 8:28pm. All voted yes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dayle A. Barra, Village Clerk

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2021

### TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

A local law to override the tax limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c

#### Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the **Village of Richfield Springs** to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the 'tax levy limit' as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

#### Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

#### Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

**Board of Trustees of the Village of Richfield Springs** County of Otsego is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

#### Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

#### Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.