

The regular meeting of the Richfield Town Board was held on Monday November 18, 2019 at the Richfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Supervisor Palumbo. Board Members in attendance were Eckler, Frigault, K. Seamon, and R. Seamon.

Motion by Eckler to pay all claims with three signatures, second by Palumbo, Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

A General	\$ 9,714.21
B Town Outside village	\$ 532.81
DA Highway	\$ 8,038.23
DB Highway Outside village	\$ 3,345.60
SL Street Lighting	\$ <u>92.81</u>
Total	\$21,723.66

Motion by Frigault to accept the October 21, 2019 and October 25, 2019 minutes second by K. Seamon. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Highway Superintendent Proctor reported the highway department has started plowing roads for the season.

Clerk Young has the Association of Town's application and training schedule for newly elected officials. The ZBA had a meeting on November 11, 2019. The Board Members did their harassment and discrimination training.

Planning Board Chairman Dan Sullivan reported the Planning Board discussed the Buell Fuel site plan review application for a 12,000 gallon oil storage tank. The Planning Board discussed narrowing the definition for the use. The town board was presented with the updated Bulk Fuel Storage definition to review. Sullivan attended a Solar Location and Agricultural Lands seminar in Riverhead Long Island.

County Representative Keith McCarty reported the County has filed a \$119,000,000.00 2020 budget. There will be a 3.73% tax increase. The County will hold a public hearing on November 26, 2019 at 6:00 pm to pass a local law to hire a county administrator. The County has tabled the five cent paper bag fee law for lack of information from the state. The October 31st storm caused \$371,000.00 worth of damage to the County Jail. The county board declared a state of emergency. Repairs on the roof will start in the upcoming week and are scheduled to be finished by the first of the year.

Land Use Officer Chris Corrigan had no new application in November. Corrigan will prepare an end of year report for the board.

The October 31st Climate Smart meeting was canceled due to weather. The Climate Smart Task Force has a tentative meeting date of December 3, 2019 at Town Hall.

Old Business

Supervisor Palumbo discussed County Shared Services and how they will financially benefit the town.

The board had a discussion on the 2020 Budget. Supervisor Palumbo opened the floor for public comment.

Julie Parese asked why businesses are not coming to Richfield.

Councilman R. Seamon stated Richfield may not be business friendly. Councilman Frigault stated that we need to be proactive in getting business to come to Richfield.

Motion by Palumbo to move the 2020 preliminary budget to the 2020 final budget, second by Eckler. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-no, Palumbo-yes.

New Business

Motion by Palumbo to make the following budget moves:

\$4,000.00 from A1355.1 to A1355.4

\$362.65 from A7230.1 to A7230.4

\$1,400.00 from DA9902.9 to DA5130.4

\$120.00 from DA9902.9 to DA5142.4

Second by K. Seamon. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Councilman Eckler asked Highway Superintendent Proctor why crusher run was bought this time of year. Proctor stated that he had no crusher run left over from the summer paving season; he needs to have some crusher run on hand in case of emergency.

Privilege of the Floor

Mike Reid stated that if board members are voting from another location, that location must be made public. If the board member lives in a gated community, the security code to get into the gated community must also be made public; otherwise it is not a legal vote.

Motion by Eckler to adjourn at 7:51 pm, second by Palumbo. All members were in favor.

Maggie Young