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The regular meeting of the Richfield Town Board was held on Monday July 15, 2019 at the Richfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Supervisor Palumbo. Board Members in attendance were Eckler, Frigault, K. Seamon, and R. Seamon.

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

A General	\$ 5,129.54
B Town Outside village	\$819.44
DAHighway	\$19,315.69
DB HW Outside Village	\$133,222.00
SL Street light	<u>\$92.81</u>
TOTAL	\$ 158,579.49

Motion by R. Seamon to accept June 17, 2019 minutes second by Eckler. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Highway Superintendent Proctor reported that the paving of Dugan Rd and Prey Hill have been completed. The highway department is working on putting shoulders down. The roller that the board declared surplus is being prepared for auction.

Clerk Young reported June fire and ambulance reports are on file. The clerk has had steady flow of dog registrations and renewals.

Planning Board Chairman Dan Sullivan reported the Planning Board held a public hearing for a residential solar panel installation for Bill Kosina on County Hwy 25, the permit was granted. There is a public hearing scheduled for the August meeting for a residential solar panel installation for Paul Domion on St. Hwy 28, pending the application is received in time. The Planning Board voted to forward a reformatted copy of the Subdivision Ordinance to the Town Board for their approval.

County Rep Keith McCarty reported the County approved Youth Money. Richfield Youth Sports will receive \$1,440.00 and the Community Center will receive \$7,100.00. The State put through \$65 million in winter recovery funds. There are 80 properties going up for auction in Otsego County in August. McCarty handed out tick kits supplied by the Department of Health. County Health Nurse Heidi Bond is available to give classes on Lyme Disease and tick removal.

Land Use Officer Chris Corrigan submitted her report of newly issued Land Use Permits. Corrigan received a complaint about a house on Fenton Rd that burned down last year. The neighbors say nothing has been done to clean it up and it is attracting rodents. Corrigan will write a letter to the property owner asking that something be done with the remains of the house.

The Clerk received two letters of interest for the Climate Smart Task Force. Theresa Sullivan, Ronda Morrison, and Dan Sullivan will join Village Climate Smart Task Force members, Kurt

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Zurmuhlen and Robin Mosher. Dayle Barra is also interested in joining the town side of the task force. Dan Sullivan will act as Chairman.

David M. Diaz, Land Protection Manager with Otsego Land Trused asked the board for a letter of support in regards to a NYS Farmland Protection Grant for the Cantwell farm. Otsego County Land Trust is looking to use the grant money to preserve approximately 700 acres of Woodland Dairy Farm, owned by Tim and Susan Cantwell. Diaz gave a presentation on how the program works and answered questions the board had. Councilman Frigault recused himself from voting on this topic as Tim and Susan Cantwell are his in-laws.

Motion by Palumbo to write a letter of support for the NYS Farmland Protection Grant, Second by K. Seamon. Eckler-no, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Old Business

The Monticello LED Street Light contract with NYSEG will be given to Town Attorney Kennedy for her approval.

Proctor gave a follow up on the Fire Alarm panel. At this time Fargo does not offer a cover to go over the control panel on the home model. Fargo is still looking into seeing if a cover is available on the commercial model.

Councilman Eckler got an estimate to replace the roof on the gate house at Bakers Beach from Lenny Pickens for \$1,400.00. This estimate does not include underlayment. Eckler stated a group has offered to take up a collection to offset the cost of the new roof. Proctor got an estimate from K&B Construction for \$3,250.00 for a tin roof, \$3,000.00 for a shingle roof. Jim Ward's estimate was \$2,500.00 for a tin roof, \$2,000.00 for shingles.

Motion by Palumbo to accept Lenny Pickens estimate of \$1,400.00 up to \$2,000.00 if underlayment is needed, second by Eckler. Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

Councilman Frigault spoke with Dan Maxwell in regards to the Assessor Position that will be open in October. Maxwell agreed he would take the position for an annual salary of \$17,000.00 plus the current contractual. Maxwell will use the current assessor's space and will hold office hours.

Councilman Frigault will follow up with NYMER in regards to Sexual Harassment Training for town employees.

Councilman Frigault spoke with two engineers in regard to Baker's Beach water supply. Frigault sent Ken Andela and Jim Jordan the document from the State. Andela gave a ballpark figure on what a water treatment system would cost and Jordan needed more time to give an estimate. Testing will need to be done to find out what system is best. If the water issue is not resolved by

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next season, none of the buildings at the beach will be open to the public. The state would like the town's plan by September 1, 2019.

New Business

The Village of Richfield Springs has asked the Town to write a letter of support in regard to Storm Water Protection Program.

Motion by Palumbo to write a letter of support for Storm Water Protection Program, second by Eckler. Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

Cyndy Andela has asked the Village of Richfield Springs and the Town of Richfield to write a joint letter of support in hopes of receiving a grant to create a water sewer district in the town for the proposed Business Park her company plans to open. Andela held an informational meeting earlier in the day at Town Hall to explain the plans for the business park and the importance of the water sewer extension.

Motion by K. Seamon for the Town to write a joint letter of support to create a water sewer district in the town, second by Eckler. Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

The State Department of Taxation and Finance issued a letter stating that property values are up approximately 5%, because of this, county taxes will be going up. The Equalization Rate is down to 91 %.

Supervisor Palumbo reported that the court income is very low. It looks like the court will be \$20,000.00 under the projected amount. This could cause a 3% tax increase for next year. Palumbo has asked all departments to only make necessary purchases.

Proctor informed the board that the total amount to pave Prey Hill Rd came in at \$124,000.00 the board had agreed to move funds as the bills came in at the May 2019 meeting. Proctor will file for CHIPS reimbursement. The town will also receive \$16,900.00 in winter recovery reimbursement.

Motion by Palumbo to increase budget line DB5112.4 and DB3501 by \$45,000.00, second by K. Seamon. Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

Motion by Palumbo to move \$6,000.00 from DA5120.4 (Bridges) to DA5142.4 (Snow Removal), second by Eckler. Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

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Motion by Palumbo to move \$100.00 from A1220.4 (Supervisor CE) to A1920.4 (Municipal Association Dues), second by Eckler. Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

Councilman K. Seamon would like to look into a higher interest rate for the town checking accounts.

Privilege of the Floor

Village Mayor Moshier informed the board that they are looking for funding for the Storm Water Protection Program. The Village has signed their contract for the LED light conversion. The Village will convert 58 street lights to LED with a 3000 kelvin.

Rich Lorenzo is concerned about the budget. He cannot afford a tax increase. He would like to see the board pump the breaks on spending. He does not think the board is working together.

The board took a ten minute recess at 8:39 pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:48 pm.

The board went over part 2 of the Environmental SEQR for the Draft Zoning Law.

Palumbo asked if there would be a public hearing on the SEQR. If a negative declaration is found, there will not be a public hearing. If there is a positive declaration a public hearing will be required.

Motion by Frigault that part 2 of the Environmental SEQR for the Draft Zoning Law was completed, second by R. Seamon. Eckler – yes, Frigault – yes, K. Seamon – yes, R. Seamon – yes, Palumbo – yes.

Town Attorney Kennedy will put part 3 of the Environmental SEQR together.

Motion by Palumbo to adjourn at 9:21 pm second by Eckler. All members were in favor.

Maggie Young