

The Richfield Town Board held a Public Hearing on October 15, 2018, at The Richfield Town Hall, for the Fiscal Year 2019 Preliminary Budget. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Palumbo. Other board members in attendance were Eckler, Frigault, K. Seamon, and R. Seamon.

Supervisor Palumbo briefly reviewed the budget process and how the board comes up with the proposed budget figures. There will be a 2.36% tax increase this year. Supervisor Palumbo explained the base tax cap is 2.0%, because Richfield has not had a tax increase in several years there are adjustment factors, making our tax cap 2.4%.

Councilman R. Seamon- Of the money in the bank, how much will be used this year?

Supervisor Palumbo- the projected amount about \$30,000.00-\$40,000.00.

Councilman R. Seamon- what is the current interested rate on the Town's bank accounts?

Supervisor Palumbo- about 1.1%.

Supervisor Palumbo opened the floor to the public.

Cindy Klemm thanked the board for their hard work in keeping the budget down. Klemm stated if the board members did not volunteer their time to take on other tasks in the town, outside people would have to be hired costing the tax payers more money.

All persons desiring to be heard have been heard, motion at 7:15 by Palumbo, second by K. Seamon to close the public hearing and commence with regular meeting.

The regular meeting of the Richfield Town Board was opened at 7:15 pm by Supervisor Palumbo.

Supervisor Palumbo informed the board that the Court Clerk went to annual training last month. The training she received will not only benefit the Town Court but any court she Clerk's for. The Supervisor would like to share the training expense with the Village. Mayor Moshier stated she would present the training voucher to the Village Board. At that time, the Town Board agreed to pay for half of voucher A146, in the amount of \$476.32. Voucher A160 was missing a receipt. The Supervisor will look up the receipt and attach it to the voucher.

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

A General	\$	12,353.29
B Town Outside village	\$	327.95
DA Highway	\$	33,042.33
DB Highway Outside village	\$	24,524.08
SL Street Lighting	\$	<u>89.81</u>
Total		\$70,337.46

Motion by Eckler to approve September 17, 2018 minutes, second by R. Seamon. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon- abstain, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Motion by K. Seamon to approve October 1, 2018 minutes, second by Eckler. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon- yes R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Highway Superintendent Proctor informed the board Bakers Beach has been winterized and closed for the season. The roads are all in good shape as we approach the winter. Proctor went to look at the new snow plow truck. The truck is scheduled to be delivered on time.

The Clerk reported fire and ambulance reports are on file for the month of September. The Clerk will be changing the tax software for the 2019 tax season, from Williamson Law Book to ACT Allen Tunnell Corp. ACT is the same tax software the county used, making it easier for the Clerk to communicate with the county. All tax bills will now be available to view online. There is also an option for tax payers to use their credit card to pay taxes online, with a 2.9% charge to the tax payer. Supervisor Palumbo would like to know more about how this feature works before the town uses this option. The Clerk will have an online training in November and can provide more information at that time.

Bill Klemm reported the Planning Board had no new business at their October 8, 2018 meeting.

County Rep Keith McCarty reported the county budget was up 95%, the tax levy was going to be \$20,000,000.00; they have gotten it down to \$6,400,000.00. The Highway department owes the county about \$2.4 million in CHIPS reimbursements. The County opted out of the Stream Project with Soil and Water, in hopes with the shared service agreement they would get funding. The workmen's compensation fund is doing okay; it will be cut by \$300,000.00. The Town of Richfield is at .946%, making the bill \$14,284.14 and the village \$7845.30. Supervisor Palumbo stated the County levees that amount into the county taxes; the town doesn't receive a bill. The County is currently out for Solid Waste bids. They are talking about raising the user fee because of the increase in recycling fees.

Carol Frigault of the Zoning Commission reported there was a meeting held on September 18th and September 27, 2018. Frigault handed out updated Use Table to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals at their monthly meetings. There will be a public outreach on October 24th, 2018 in the school cafeteria from 5:00-8:00 PM. The Zoning Commission members will be available to answer questions the public may have on the Draft Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the draft zoning maps and use tables will be available to the public. An ad will be put in the Pennysaver and the Daily Star.

Old Business

Councilman Eckler ordered the new Bakers Beach sign. It will be in by the end of this year.

Supervisor Palumbo is in the process of getting the flag light ordered and installed.

The Property Management Group grieved their assessment on the current Price Chopper Plaza, which the town did not grant. A lawsuit was brought against the Board of Assessment Review. The Town Attorney has requested more information from the property owner.

The board received a quote in regards to the Town Hall Building settling. EMRICH Land Surveying quoted a lump sum of \$800.00 for Phase 1-3.

Motion by Eckler to hire EMRICH Land Surveying, second by Palumbo. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-abstain, Palumbo-yes.

Supervisor Palumbo looked into health insurance options for 2019. There will be a 12% increase in coverage for the upcoming year. MVP quoted an alternative plan at a lower cost; however the coverage was not as good as the current plan.

Motion by Palumbo to continue the current MVP health insurance plan, second by K. Seamon. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Supervisor Palumbo stated employment policies need to be looked at and updated after the first of the year.

The Town received a thank you card for allowing the 2018 "NY Run for the Fallen" to come down Route 20.

New Business

Motion by Eckler to adopt the 2019 Preliminary Budget to the 2019 Final Budget with no changes, second by Palumbo. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Motion by Eckler to sign a 36 month service contract with Casella Waste Service, second by K. Seamon. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

The County would like to move away from printing each year's minutes. The county would like municipalities to look on the county website to find all minutes. The county has asked for the town's input in this matter. Supervisor Palumbo agrees it is a good idea to discontinue having minute books printed to save money and space.

The county has done a resolution requesting state action to relieve recycling mandates in times of crisis. The county has asked the governor to kick in money to help pay the cost.

The town received a letter from Senator Charles Schumer in regards to a Farm to School Program hosted by NYS Ag & Market. The deadline to apply is December 8, 2018.

After September bills are paid, two accounts will be overdrawn. Funds will need to be transferred to B1420.4 Attorney CE and DA5130.2 Machinery CE.

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Motion by Palumbo to move \$160.00 from B3310.4 to B1420.4 and \$7,800.00 from DA9060.8 to DA5130.2 Second by Eckler. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Privilege of the floor

Cindy Klemm handed out informational fliers for the Zoning Commission open house.

Motion by Eckler to adjourn the meeting at 7:59, second by Frigault. All members in favor.

Maggie Young, Clerk