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The regular meeting of the Richfield Town Board was held on Monday, January 21, 2019 at the Richfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Supervisor Palumbo. Board Members in attendance were Eckler (via video conference from 37418 Lilly Bea Ave, Zephyrhills, Florida 33541), Frigault, K. Seamon, and R. Seamon.

Board members Frigault and K. Seamon questioned if Councilman Eckler should be allowed to vote over video conference. Supervisor Palumbo stated he contacted Bob Freeman of the Association of Towns on the matter and was told it was allowed. K. Seamon read from the Councilman Handbook that states; board members must be physically present to vote. The board decided to move forward with the meeting and look into the matter further if necessary.

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

A General	\$ 10,579.10
B Town Outside village	\$ 6000.00
DA Highway	\$ 19,542.54
DB Highway Outside village	\$ 66.60
SF	\$ 53,957.00
SL Street Lighting	\$ <u>89.81</u>
Total	\$ 90,235.05

Motion by K. Seamon to approve December 17, 2018 and December 28, 2018 minutes, second by R. Seamon. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Highway Superintendent Proctor reported the 2019 Western Star snow plow truck is in the final stages of being painted. It should be delivered within the next few weeks. Supervisor Palumbo has the final paperwork that needs to be signed. The highway crew has been busy plowing and sanding roads.

Clerk Young reported Fire and Ambulance reports and Tax reports are on file. The Clerk has collected \$354,725.88 to date. The new tax software ATC has been working well.

Dan Sullivan of the Planning Board reported “The Barn at Hyder Creek Event Venue” public hearing was rescheduled for February 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

County Rep Keith McCarty was not in attendance.

Carol Frigault of the Zoning Commission gave an overview of how the Draft Zoning Ordinance came about. The Zoning Commission has been collecting input from the community and has made over fifty updates based on that information. At this time the Zoning Commission is waiting to hear back from Elan Planning to make sure the Route 20 Corridor section is done correctly. A final draft will be put together and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Old Business

The Town Hall boiler needs to be relined. Supervisor Palumbo has asked Air Temp for an estimate. Proctor put a monitor on the boiler to calculate how often the boiler runs. A smaller unit may be more cost efficient for the building. The board will look into different options.

The phone service has been switched over to Verizon from Magna 5. Verizon offers more features at a lower price.

Supervisor Palumbo went to Bank of Utica on January 2, 2019 to open a \$230,000.00 1 year CD with a 2.5% interest rate.

The board is waiting to hear back from Judge Marmet in regards to the 2018 court audit.

The board has not received any letters of interest for the Board of Assessment Review. Supervisor Palumbo explained if the Town cannot maintain a Board of Assessment Review the County will have to take over, costing the Town approximately \$1000.00.

Appointment

The Board received one letter of interest for the open appointment on the ZBA.

Motion by Palumbo to appoint Tim Cantwell to a five year term on the ZBA, second by K. Seamon. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Motion by Frigault to name Cantwell Chairman of the ZBA, second by K. Seamon. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

The Clerk read letters of interest for the open appointment of Land Use Officer from Mike Reid, Chris Corrigan, and Don Urtz.

Motion by R. Seamon to appoint Chris Corrigan Land Use Officer, second by Frigault. Eckler-yes, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

The Clerk read letters of interest for the open appointment on the Planning Board from Don Urtz and Joseph Zvirzdin.

Don Urtz addressed the Board in regards to his over twenty years of service on the Planning Board. Urtz asked that the letters of support that were received by the Clerk and the Supervisor be shared with the board and community.

Supervisor Palumbo received emails from Alex & Barb Shields, Bob and Fran Hazelton in support of re-appointing Urtz to the Planning Board. Clerk Young received emails and phone calls from Laurie & Dennis Bond, Mary Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Hazelton, Rich Laurenzo, and Cindy Klemm in support of re-appointing Urtz to the Planning Board. The Clerk received letters and phone calls from Louis & Lucy Salaun, Carolyn Hopper, Joann Schmidt, Fran & Bonnie Enjem, and Dawn Seamon opposed to Urtz being re-appointed.

Supervisor Palumbo stated it has always been a courtesy to ask the appointed member whose term is up if they would like to continue. Palumbo wants to be fair to Urtz.

Eckler- Urtz is one vote; he is not the only one making the decisions on the Planning Board.

Mrs. Lynch asked the board what Urtz has done wrong for him to not have the boards support to be re-appointed.

Councilman Frigault- does not have the confidence that Urtz can do the job. It is time to put a new person in the position.

Bill Juteau, Bill Klemm, Monica Harris, Richard Harris, Patrick Doyle, and Cindy Andela spoke on behalf of Don Urtz and the good work he has done on the Planning Board for over 20 years.

Janet Sylvester asked, who decides the Chairperson of the Planning Board? How was the decision that Urtz would be Chairman for 15 years?

Palumbo answered, the board has the option to decide the Chairperson.

Urtz stated he offered to step down as Chairman.

Motion by Eckler to appoint Don Urtz to a five year term on the Planning Board, second by Palumbo. Eckler-yes, Frigault-no, K. Seamon-no, R. Seamon-no, Palumbo-yes.

Motion not moved.

Motion by Frigault to appoint Joseph Zvirzdin to a five year term on the Planning Board and to name Dan Sullivan Planning Board Chairman, second by R. Seamon. Eckler-no, Frigault-yes, K. Seamon-yes, R. Seamon-yes, Palumbo-yes.

Councilman K. Seamon thanked Don Urtz for over 20 years of service to the community.

Urtz thanked the community for all of their support.

New Business

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Casella Waste has increased their price per bag of garbage. It will now be \$4.00 per bag up to 30 gallons.

Supervisor Palumbo and Highway Superintendent Proctor will be attending the County's Hazard Mitigation workshop on January 29, 2019.

The Route 20 Association is offering a \$600.00 grant to be used for community projects if anyone would like to apply.

Motion by Palumbo to adjourn at 8:09 pm, second by K. Seamon. All members in favor.

Maggie Young, Clerk