



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

August 27, 2024

Present: Elected Officers: Mayor Richard Spencer, Trustees, Ruth Stewart, Robin Moshier , Fred Culvert
and Luke VanRiper.

Appointed Officers: Clerk Lori Gilliam

Also present: ZEO Joe Roberts; DPW Superintendent Joe Coan; Fire Chief Chad Stone;
Fire Lieutenant; Scott Kurkowski

Guest: Village Attorney; Michelle Kennedy, ZBA Chair Nancy Duevel and Fred Eckler

Mayor Sencer called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

ZEO Roberts emailed the Board with the revised code changes and is waiting for the Zoning Law Review to get back to him.

DPW Superintendent Coan informed the Board they will need more stone for the Center Street Project and will get a breakdown of the cost. The Skid Steer lease payment has increased and has asked the dealer to look into other options. The Manhole cover on Main Street Infront of Marabito's Gas station needs to be replaced and has contacted Engineers.

DPW Superintendent Coan would like to thank the Town of Richfield's DPW department and NYSEG for helping with replacing culverts on Monticello Street last week.

Fire Chief Stone stated they are \$8,000.00 short towards the upgrade to their Dual Band Radios and will look into getting other quotes for them.

Fire Lieutenant Kurkowski brought to the Boards attention there has been an issue with homeless sleeping in the back of Village Park Pavilion, in which they are leaving trash and asked if anything could be done. The Board stated they will look into it.

Fred Eckler asked the Board to look into a forgiveness for account # 3700 and to consider the meter had been changed on July 26th.

Motion by Trustee VanRiper, 2nd by Trustee Moshier to reevaluate forgiveness for Account #3700 with amount given at the next meeting. All voted yes.

Village Attorney Kennedy read the following resolution to the board and asked for votes for;

SEQR RESOLUTION

RICHFIELD SPRINGS ECO-INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS PARK

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") for the Village of Richfield Springs (the "Village") was convened in public session in the Village Office Building located at 102 Main Street, Richfield Springs, Otsego County, New York on August 27th, 2024 at seven o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Richard Spencer and, upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT:

Fred Culbert, Trustee

Robin Moshier,
Trustee

Ruth Stewart, Trustee

Lucas VanRiper,
Trustee Richard
Spencer, Mayor

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Culbert, seconded by Trustee Stewart to

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RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD SPRINGS
RECOGNIZING ITSELF AS AN INVOLVED AGENCY AND ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE
NEGATIVE DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE TOWN OF RICHFIELD PLANNING BOARD AS
LEAD AGENCY UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT IN RELATION TO THE
RICHFIELD SPRINGS ECO-INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS PARK

WHEREAS, the Village is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law, to enter into intermunicipal cooperation agreements: and

WHEREAS, the Town of Richfield (the "Town") and the County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency (the "IDA") have requested that the Village enter into intermunicipal cooperation agreements (the "IMAs") for the purpose of providing water and sewer service to the Richfield Springs Eco-Industrial Business Park (the "Business Park") upon the establishment, under applicable provisions of New York State Town Law Article 12-a, of Town water and sewer districts encompassing the Business Park: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA") the Town of Richfield Planning Board, as Lead Agency, (hereinafter, the "Town Planning Board" and the "Lead Agency") designated as a Type I action the proposed Business Park project, consisting of the development of the Business Park in the Town of Richfield, County of Otsego, New York on property totaling 55.057 acres of land owned by the County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency, Tax Map Nos. 24.00-1-18.31 And 24.00-1-37.00, including, without limitation, the installation of water and sewer distribution lines, the building of a new entranceway to the Business Park and the extension of natural gas and electric service to the site, to accommodate future business in need of new manufacturing or distribution facilities (the "project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board must satisfy the requirements under SEQRA, prior to making a final determination whether to enter into the IMAs in relation to the project; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Board in determining whether the Project may have significant effect upon the environment, the Town and the IDA have submitted to the Board the following documents with respect to the Project: (A) an environmental assessment form (the "EAF"), PART 1 DATED June 22, 2023, Part 2, and Part 3 dated September 11, 2023 and (B) a written determination of significance, recorded on Part 3 of the EAF, adopted on September 11, 2023 by the Town Planning Board (the "Planning Board Determination of Significance"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Board has received and reviewed a copy of the (A) EAF and (B) Planning Board Determination of Significance, (collectively the "Reviewed Materials"); and

WHEREAS, the Board, not previously named, but qualified as an "involved agency" (as such quoted term is used in SEQRA) and willing to hereby waive lead agency notice requirements under SEQRA, now desires to formally accept and adopt the Planning Board Determination of Significance relative to the Project, including, without limitation, the provision of water and sewer services to the Business Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD SPRINGS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based upon (A) the discussions held by the Board at this meeting respecting the Reviewed Materials and (B) the review of the EAF and the Planning Board Determination of Significance conducted by the Board at this meeting, and as required by Section 617.7 of the SEQRA regulations, the Board hereby accepts and adopts the Planning Board Determination of Significance relative to the Project.

Section 2. Based upon the foregoing, the Board hereby finds and determines that:

- A. The Board has reviewed the Reviewed Materials and has considered the relevant environmental impacts, facts and conclusions disclosed in the Reviewed Materials;
- B. The Board has weighed and balanced the relevant environmental impacts identified in the Reviewed Materials with social, economic and other considerations;
- C. The Board has reviewed the Act, the Reviewed Materials, including the Planning Board Determination of Significance, and based on said materials, the Board finds no compelling reason to proceed with the Project and specifically the provision of water and sewer services to the Business Park;
- D. The requirements of SEQRA have been met with respect to the project; and
- E. As set forth in the Planning Board Determination of Significance, as accepted and adopted by the Board relative to the Project, the Board hereby agrees that the identified adverse environmental impacts will not be significant and therefore a negative declaration is issued by the Lead Agency.

Section 3. In consequence of the foregoing, the Board hereby makes a determination to proceed with entering into the IMAs, subject to final Board and attorney approval of terms and conditions, upon creation of the Town water and sewer districts.

Section 4. The Mayor is hereby directed to (A) send a copy of this Resolution to the Lead Agency; (B) send a copy of this Resolution to each entity identified by the Lead Agency as an "involved agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted term is used in SEQRA), (C) send a copy of this Resolution to the IDA; (E) send a copy of this Resolution to each other person who has requested a copy of same, and (F) place a copy of this Resolution in the files of the Village that are readily accessible to the public and made available on request.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call. which resulted as follow-s:

	<u>VOTING</u>
Fred Culbert, Trustee	Yea
Robin Moshier, Trustee	Yea
Ruth Stewart, Trustee	Yea
Lucas VanRiper, Trustee	Yea
Richard Spencer, Mayor	Yea

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to waive the reading thereof and adopt the minutes from the 8/13 meeting. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Moshier to approve Abstract #06. All voted yes.

General Fund	39,462.84
Water Fund	11,008.74
Sewer Fund	9,326.44
Total	59,798.02

Clerk Gilliam asked the Board to approve Leak Forgiveness for account #46100 in the amount of \$450.07.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, 2nd by Trustee Culbert to approve Leak Forgiveness for account #46100 in the amount of \$450.07. All voted yes.

Clerk Gilliam asked the Board to approve Pool Fill credit for the following account: #51600 in the amount of \$13.10.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Stewart to approve Pool Fill credit for account #51600 in the amount of \$13.10. All voted yes.

Motion by Mayor Spencer , 2nd by Trustee Moshier to adjourn regular meeting and enter into an executive session at 8:32 pm. All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Moshier, 2nd by Trustee Culbert to end the executive session at 9:24 pm and enter back into the regular meeting . All voted yes.

Motion by Trustee Culbert , 2nd by Trustee Stewart to adjourn meeting at 9:25. All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Gilliam, Clerk