

**Village of Richfield**  
**4128 Hubertus Road, Hubertus, WI**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes February 8 , 2017**  
**7:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Village President John Jeffords at 7:01 pm. A quorum of the Village Board was present. Present: Village Board of Trustees; Rock Brandner, Bill Collins and Dan Neu

Also present: Village Administrator Jim Healy

**2. Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Village Administrator Healy verified that the meeting was posted per statute at three local post offices and the Village Hall. Digital copies of the agenda were sent to the West Bend Daily News, Germantown Express News, Hartford Times Press, and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Public comments are an opportunity for citizens to voice concerns to the Board regarding reports and discussion/action items on the agenda, only. Public comments are not a public hearing and are typically a one-way conversation from a citizen to the Board. Individual comments shall not exceed 3 minutes, with a total time limit of approximately 20 minutes. Unless part of a Public Hearing, handouts will not be accepted by the Village. Comments beyond 20 minutes will be moved to the end of the meeting at the discretion of the President.)**

Bob Kelbe, 4768 Sonseeahray Dr., asked why Washington County would expect the Village to participate in this project.

Ms. Chan Siefert, 1582 N. Friess Lake Dr., supports the project but is not pleased with the timeline of the land acquisition. Ms. Siefert believes the Village should have more say in the project decisions.

Jim Koch, 1534 E. Friess Lake Dr., he supports the land acquisition as a land owner on Friess Lake. While he does have lake frontage he does not have direct access to the lake.

Norbert Weyer, 4045 Maple Grove Dr., stated he believed the Village should put more emphasis into road improvements along with more investment in infrastructure.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Discussion regarding Washington County Planning and Parks- potential land acquisition of “Wally and Bees Last Stop Resort”, located at 1571 Lake Drive**

Village President Jeffords expressed his disappointment with the timeline the Village has been given by the County to decide on the project but applauded Staff’s efforts to notify residents with the Friess Lake Advancement Association. He stated his belief that this project would be positive for the community and expressed concern if this land was bought by a private individual who people on the lake would access the water. He went on to say that while \$250,000 is more than he would personally feel comfortable with contributing to the project, perhaps the Village offering ‘something’ would show that we are also vested in the site’s overall success.

Trustee Neu did not feel the Village should have to pay for this County and DNR project and cited the previous two (2) boat launches that were constructed by the DNR as an example of how it ought to be handled.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (...Continued)**

Todd Pythik, 4896 Lakeview Ave., mentioned the park entrance fees could be a way Richfield makes some money, by taking a percentage of the entrance cost. He also brought up the FEMA floodway maps that were issues in October of 2015 and the special assessment by FLAA as being two points of concern in this project.

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Karl Glunz, 4695 N. Friess Lake Dr., stated this project is taking funds from the Washington County taxes collected as well as Village of Richfield taxpayers. Mr. Glunz is also against the proposal because the site work is over a million dollars above estimates.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (...CONTINUED)**

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. **Discussion /Action to enter into Closed Session under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. – Potential financial commitment to Washington County to assist County in land acquisition of 1571 Lake Drive**

Motion Trustee Neu to enter into Closed Session; Seconded by Trustee Collins; Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**9. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

- a. Discussion/Action regarding matters addressed in Closed Session outlined above

Motion by Trustee Neu to reconvene in Open Session; Seconded by Trustee Collins; Motion passed without objection.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Neu to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 PM; Seconded by Trustee Collins; Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Healy  
Village Administrator