

Monthly Supervisor's Report: May 2015

The latest updates from the desk of Richmond Town Supervisor Ralph Angelo:

Highway

The Richmond Town Board voted this month to adopt a road preservation law based on a model provided by Ontario County. This gives our municipality the ability to establish a truck route for heavy traffic on town roads, and require that companies generating heavy traffic bear the financial obligation of related road repairs or upgrades so that the burden does not fall to local taxpayers. The law does not target a specific industry, and does not affect existing community businesses or local "heavy" traffic such as school buses, farm equipment, delivery trucks and emergency vehicles.

Chatfield Engineers worked with the Highway Department and Town Board this month to prepare plans and oversee the bidding process for a 60" culvert replacement project on Abbey Road. The \$221K project was awarded to Morsch Pipeline, Inc.

The town received higher-than-anticipated proceeds of \$132K from the sale of used equipment, including a tractor and two dump trucks. This income is supporting the purchase of a new tractor and F550 truck to keep our fleet in good condition.

We are now working with Honeoye Central School and the Town Attorney to review a lease contract renewal for our shared bus/highway garage facility.

Brush Pit Assistance

To assist residents in disposing of yard waste that can add unwanted nutrients to Honeoye Lake, Ontario County is providing staffing support at Richmond's brush pit on the following Saturdays, from noon to 4 pm:

- May 16, 2015
- May 30, 2015
- June 6, 2015
- September 6, 2015
- November 7, 2015
- November 14, 2015

The brush pit, located at 4947 East Lake Road, is open from April through November for residential yard waste. For more information on the materials accepted at the facility, our partnership with Ontario County and tips on maintaining a lake-friendly lawn, visit the town's [Refuse & Recycling web page](#).

Parks & Recreation

Our recreational facilities have been prepared for the season, with new sand and mulch delivered to Sandy Bottom Beach and playground and maintenance done on the softball field.

The Richmond Town Board also voted this month to accept an RFP from Jim Worden to operate a food vending service at Sandy Bottom Park for the 2015 summer season. "Jimmy's Beach Bucket" will open on Monday, June 22nd and will operate 7 days a week, 10 am through 3 pm, through Labor Day. Beach style food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available daily, with breakfast offered on Sundays.

Lake Quality

The Richmond Town Board voted in May to prohibit the use of hydrofracking fluid on town roads and property. The goal of this local law is to protect the health of residents and the quality of Honeoye Lake. While current state laws allow some types of drilling brine to be spread on roads for dust control and ice prevention, the Environmental Protection Agency has advised against the practice, saying that contaminated storm water runoff or snow melt would violate the Clean Water Act.

Community members are invited to attend the Honeoye Valley Association's annual Honeoye Lake Symposium on Saturday, June 6th from 10 am to noon at the HCS auditorium. Topics covered at the event will include a review of new regulations adopted by the Town of Richmond that are designed to maintain the health of the lake. For more information about the event, visit the town's [Bulletin Board page](#).

Status of Water Projects

- **East Lake Road:** Our Town Attorney and Special Counsel are continuing to work on obtaining easements through Eminent Domain proceedings. An appraisal has been returned for one easement that will require the removal of trees. A letter of response has been submitted to the NYS Department of Health regarding booster pumps that will be required for 10 homes on the east side of the road. The Richmond Zoning Board of Appeals and Town Planning Board have approved subdivision plans for a property where a water storage tank will be located.
- **Ashley/White Road:** Chatfield is continuing to address comments and questions submitted by agencies that have reviewed the project design plans.
- **Big Tree Road:** Chatfield has supported residents' efforts to identify any potential funding sources that could make a project feasible by talking with representatives of Senator Rich Funke and Assemblyman Brian Kolb's offices, and with grant consultants, USDA Rural Development and Big Tree Road resident Michelle Hodgeman. Based on the current funding picture, the Town Board is not currently pursuing a vote on a potential water district.

Board Vacancies

The Town of Richmond continues to seek candidates to fill several board positions:

- (2) five-year vacancies on the Board of Assessment review

Letters of interest may be directed to the Richmond Town Clerk at trich@frontier.com or by hard copy to P.O. Box 145, Honeoye, NY 14471.

Community Events

Congratulations to the Richmond Fire Department for a good turnout at the Firemen's Carnival on Memorial Day weekend. The RFD hosted a firemens' parade, live music, fireworks, midway rides and refreshments. The vision is for this event to be an annual occurrence.