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Fire Department Emergency Call 911

Ripley Hose Company #1
P.O. Box 342
12 South State Street
Ripley, NY 14775
716-736-2001
Mark Smith, Fire Chief
716-736-2490
Ripley Hose Company #2
South Ripley Fire Hall
10268 NE-Sherman Road
Ripley, NY 14775
James Spacht, Deputy Fire Chief
716-269-4754

Police Department Actual Emergency Call 911

Chautauqua County Sheriff's Dept.
Mayville, NY 14757
716-753-4231

RIPLEY TOWN HALL

14 North State Street
P.O. Box 352, Ripley, NY 14775
Ripley, NY 14775

Town Supervisor: Lauree Pless
ripleyts@fairpoint.net
Office: **716-736-2201**

RIPLEY TOWN CLERK OFFICE

Ryleigh Enterline, Town Clerk
716-736-6881
ripleytownclerk@outlook.com
P.O. Box 2, Ripley, NY 14775
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:30 a.m. – Noon 1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday Mornings 9 a.m. – Noon
Closed Wednesdays
The Town Clerk's Office is also closed
during various Holidays

TOWN ASSESSOR

Jason Jones
Ripley, NY 14775
716-736-4050
ripleyta@fairpoint.net
Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

Meeder's Restaurant becomes a New York State Historic Business

The Historic Business Registry includes businesses that have been around for at least 50 years, and many of us who live here know Meeder's has been around for more than 60 years!

Meeder's Restaurant started with Andy Meeder in 1960 with a small restaurant, a counter with a soda fountain with stools that spun around (for those us who were kids back then), and a candy counter. Over the years, the candy counter disappeared, but the stools are still there, as is the expanded restaurant.

Ask anyone in the area if they know about Meeder's and the response is almost always, "they have the best pies!" Everybody knows who the owners of Meeder's have been, from Andy Meeder himself, to his daughter Millie and her husband Gladyn, to Trudy Babcock (Millie and Gladyn's daughter) and her husband Dale, to Trudy's niece Sheila and her husband Bob Bentley.

Congratulations to Sheila and Bob for continuing a Ripley family tradition!



Hometown Talent

About Town strives to let Ripley citizens, and others, know what's happening in our little corner of the world. To that end, Hometown Talent will be featured when one of our own accomplishes something notable.

Robyn Albright is one such talent. Robyn placed third in the Lakeshore Center for the Arts One-Act Play contest held in July. This contest is a world-wide search for talented playwrights, and brings in entries from Europe, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand to mention a few of this year's 150 entrants. Her play, *The Poem*, along with all the winners, will soon be available to view on Lakeshore's website. lakeshorecenterforthearts.com

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Husted
P. O. Box 573
Ripley, NY 14775
Office: 716-736-7575
Clerk: 716-736-7575
courtclerk@ripley-ny.com
Monday Evenings 4-6pm
Tuesday & Thursday 9a-3pm
Traffic Court held Monday 6:00pm
Calendar Call held:
2nd Thursday of each month 2pm

BUILDING/ZONING CODE

OFFICER –Melanie Eddy
P.O. Box 2, Ripley, NY 14775
716-736-3737
rosco3737@gmail.com
Tues & Thurs 9:00 am-3:00 pm

RIPLEY TOWN BOARD Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Town Building located in the Ripley Central School 14 North State Street.

RIPLEY PLANNING BOARD

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Town Offices located in the Ripley Central School on N State St
The Public is welcome to attend these meetings.

WATER/SEWER DEPT

Andrew Strine
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HIGHWAY DEPT

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Office: 716-736-3424
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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Gloria McCormick
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TOWN HISTORIAN

John "Doc" Hamels
C. 716-223-0112

A Message from your Town Supervisor, Lauree Pless

New Travel Plaza

At our last board meeting, Dan Naylor, Vice-President of Onvo company, attended the meeting to discuss the travel plaza that the company will be building on the property where the Lion's Den is currently located on Shortman Road. The plaza will be approximately 9,000-10,000 square feet and will encompass gas pumps, a convenience store, state of the art rest rooms and a restaurant which is still under discussion. Mr. Naylor indicated that with the upgrades completed on the water and sewer districts as well as the plans for the shovel ready site on Shortman Road, Ripley is a prime location for this new project. Mr. Naylor expressed that his company is excited to work together with the town to develop something that is mutually beneficial and look forward to the projected growth in our area.

Opposition to OSHA reforms for firefighters

In a formal resolution, the Town Board unanimously voted to oppose the proposed OSHA reforms in New York State for firefighters. Additional information regarding these proposed regulations can be found on the Town website as well as through the Ripley Hose Company and the Ripley Fire Commissioners. If you would like to express your support for the Ripley fire department, the fire commissioners meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM at Ripley Hose Company #1 on State Street. In addition, we encourage residents to reach out to Local and State Legislatures to express concerns regarding these proposed changes.

Zoning Grant update

The town is in the process of applying for a grant to fund a zoning study. If awarded, the study will look at our current zoning laws to determine if they best meet the needs of our community. The outcome of the study will be extremely beneficial to the community as we continue to expand opportunities for growth in our town.

CPR classes

On July 16, 2024, Ripley Fire District in partnership with Ripley School, The Town of Ripley, and the Ripley Library, hosted a HANDS ON ONLY CPR class at the Library! 2nd Assistant Chief and CPR instructor Lisa Babcock, Town Supervisor Lauree Pless, RCS School Nurse Jaimee Knight, and Rhonda Thompson were please to instruct 6 Ripley community members.

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A Message from Your Town Supervisor

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Development on our Waterfront

The Town has been working collaboratively with several County agencies as well as with many of the Municipalities that are located along Lake Erie to explore ways in which we can develop the region to promote tourism, recreational activities and lake activities along Route 5 and the surrounding areas. We are excited to work together to find ways that will encourage individuals to come to the area to enjoy the many things that this area has to offer.

Ripley Food Pantry

The food pantry is located next to the Town Hall offices and is open on Tuesdays from 2-4PM and on Saturdays from 10Am-12PM. If you need assistance, do not hesitate to stop by and see if you meet the guidelines. In addition, if you would like to donate canned, boxed or frozen items or make a monetary donation, that would be greatly appreciated. Paper products and toiletries are always in short supply and needed as well.

Town Board Meetings

Just a reminder that Town Board Meetings are held every second Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30PM.

SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

JULY 8 – AUGUST 16, 2024

Monday – Friday 9a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Free Lunch Program served at Noon

“THE HUT”

**TOWN OF RIPLEY
ONE PARK AVE.**

RIPLEY, NY

Forms on pgs 15, 16, 17

August in the Town Clerk's Office

*August Dog License Renewals will be out in the mail by August 1st

Announcements:

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES

Bow	Gun
August 22, 6pm-9pm	August 29, 6pm-9pm
August 24, 9am-1pm	August 31, 9am-1pm

REGISTER AT DEC WEBSITE:
<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education/courses-certifications>

HOMEWORK REQUIRED; BOOKLETS AVAILABLE AT CLERK'S OFFICE

CLASSES HELD AT RIPLEY ROD AND GUN CLUB

HUNTING LICENSES GO ON SALE AUGUST 1ST

*Unfortunately, the phone upgrades that were to be completed on **July 9th-11th** were postponed due to some technical issues. I am not sure when the installation will be scheduled at this point, but if you cannot get a hold of us via email or phone, it is because we are completing these. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and will get back to you as soon as we can.

August Closures:

- *Saturday August 31st- Monday
- *September 2nd* (Have a safe Labor Day Weekend!)

Notes from The Clerk:

* If you have questions or concerns with any business regarding the Town Clerk's Office, the best way to resolve them is to speak with myself or my Deputy directly.

We are here to help!

Thank you,
Ryleigh Enterline
Town Clerk

Phone: 716-736-6881 Email: ripleytownclerk@outlook.com

Fax: 716-736-2202 Address: 14 N. State St. Ripley, NY 14775

Journey to the Kingdom



a 1-day Bible adventure!

@ First Baptist Church of Ripley

Saturday August 17th, 2024

9:30 am – noon

Followed by a picnic lunch served to the kids and their families

Come, join the journey!

Ages 4-10

Questions?

Call Cheryl Hammond (716) 581-2059

RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY **BOOK SALE**

AUGUST
3rd - 17th

MON, WED, FRI – 10-5
TUES & THURS – 10-7:30
SATURDAY 9-2

Free Lunch Program at the Library

The Ripley Public Library is pleased to announce that we are a “Grab-n-Go” site for children age 18 and under to receive a lunch. Children are welcome to stay here and eat their lunch or they can take it with them. The food is being provided by “The Summer Food Service Program” through the State of NY. There are now three sites in Ripley in which lunches are available for our children. The meals are

wholesome and nutritious. The menu changes from day-to-day but will consist of a sandwich, fruit, vegetable and milk. I am encouraging everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. They will be available until the kiddos return to school.



Free Food Give-Away from Cornell Cooperative Extension

Please remember, every Saturday through the middle of October, a free box of food is available at the Ripley Public Library. This is not the same as the Food Express which is available on a monthly basis. This is a separate program and is available due to our community being in a “Food Desert”. These programs are a wonderful thing and is a boon not only to our community, but also the local farmers who participate with these programs. The farmers receive revenue from the State for their products, Cornell Cooperative Ext. organizes the delivery and we get to benefit from this. Procedures such as this help keep our

economy and our bodies strong. The more you participate, the more people will benefit. This is not a charity, this is fulfilling a need in our community. Let’s keep the cycle moving.



Cornell Cooperative Extension | Chautauque County



Free to all community members!

Grow Chautauque Market

DISTRIBUTION OF **FREE** LOCALLY GROWN, RAISED AND PRODUCED FOOD

Distribution Site Location

RIPLEY LIBRARY

64 WEST MAIN STREET
RIPLEY, NY

Weekly
June 15 to
October 26

Local produce, meats, cheeses and more!

**SATURDAYS 11 AM TO 2 PM
(OR UNTIL DISTRIBUTED)**

HOW IT WORKS:

- INDIVIDUALS CAN VISIT ANY OF THE GROW CHAUTAUQUE DISTRIBUTION SITES **(1 PER WEEK)** AND RECEIVE A BOX OF LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCTS AT NO COST
- ID, PROOF OF INCOME OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION NOT REQUIRED
- **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.** *SOME SITES DO HAVE PRE-REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS. FOOD BOXES NOT GUARANTEED*

Your Grow Chautauque box includes produce and other items from NY farms and producers:

- Ellicottville Greens (Olean, NY)
- Brigiotta's Farmstead Produce (Jamestown, NY)
- Stand Fast Farm (Dunkirk, NY)
- Eden Valley Creamery (South Dayton)
- Lizzie Byler (Frewsburg, NY)
- Roo Haven Farm (Forestville)
- JM Joy Farms (Fredonia)
- Roberto Fred Farms (Dunkirk)
- Yerico Farms (Dunkirk)
- Clymer Produce Auction

CHAUTAUQUE GROWN



Visit Chautauque Grown for more information on local products:
<https://chautauque.ces.cornell.edu/chautauque-grown>



Linnea Haskin, Community Food System Educator

lmc373@cornell.edu
716-664-6327 ext 210



Ripley Hose Company No. 1

15 South State Street

Po. O. Box 342

Ripley, NY 14775

Month: July 2024

Total calls answered:

27 calls from June 25, 2024 – July 22, 2024. (5 of the 27 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 18

Fires: 4

Motor Vehicle Accident: 3

Service Call: 2

Total calls to date for 2024 – 194

Training completed by our members:

Congratulations to our Ambulance Captain, Casey Dickinson, for passing his NREMT Paramedic certification test! He has achieved his goal of becoming a Paramedic! We are so proud that Casey is a member of Ripley Hose! Congratulations on such an incredible accomplishment, Captain Dickinson! We are proud of you!



To become a paramedic in New York State, you must meet the following requirements:

Complete an EMT-Basic certification

Complete a paramedic training program, which can take 6 months to 2 years.

Pass the NREMT exam.

Obtain state licensure.

Paramedic training programs must include a minimum of: 600 classroom hours, 560 hospital clinical hours, and 440 hours of ambulance ride time.

Paramedics must also be able to perform advanced cardiac life support and basic trauma life support, and know how to use a defibrillator and administer drugs and fluids intravenously.

Ripley Hose Company No. 1

Community Outreach:

A special THANK YOU to members Austin Henry, Megan Orton, and Eddie Orton! These three are responsible for representing Ripley Hose Company #1 in Mayville's July 4th parade and in North East's Cherry Festival parade! Austin washed the apparatus and Megan and Eddie drove in the parades!



On July 14, 2024, Ripley Hose Members were on standby to assist our neighbors at the Westfield Ox Roast. A good time was had by all!

On July 15th, Ripley Hose members 2nd Assistant Chief Lisa Babcock and EMT Lauree Pless certified Girl Scout Troop 20089 in Heart Saver CPR! We are so proud of the youth in our community! Nice job, Troop 20089!

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CONGRATULATIONS! Hose Company Secretary and EMT, Mark Dickey is celebrating 40 years as a member of Ripley Hose Company # 1 this month! Over the past 40 years, at various times, Mark has served as the Ambulance Captain, Fire Commissioner, Fire Commissioner Treasurer, as a instructor for EMT classes, on the By-Laws committee, mentor for new EMTs, and currently serves as Hose Company secretary. There are probably many other “hats” he has worn over the past 40 years that we are not aware of. Thank you, Mark, for 40 years of service! We appreciate all you've given to our community! Happy 40th year!



There is no reason to go hungry in Ripley, NY

Because Ripley, NY is designated a “food desert,” multiple programs are available to the residents to help offset the high cost of groceries. Please read the newsletters (About Town and The Bookworm) for more information about each program, or call the library for more information.

Mobile Food Pantry monthly at the Fire Hall

The Food Pantry located in the school building on Tuesdays and Saturdays

Grow Chautauqua Market distributed weekly at the library

Free lunch program for kids at The Hut, the Ripley Library, and Eagle U at the school.

Notary Services

Ryleigh Enterline is a Notary Public and is available during Town Clerk hours to notarize documents, free of charge.

Ripley United Methodist Church has a Prayer Box set up in front of the church at

84 W. Main Street, Ripley, NY. Inside there are slips to fill out with your prayer request.

We will bring up all your requests in deep prayer. There is a place to mark if you want to hear from a Pastor.

1pm Thursday
beginning May 30
And every Thursday
@ Ripley United
Methodist Church



Business Cards

Please consider placing your business card or a personal message in The Bookworm. It's an economical way to show your support for the Ripley Public Library! Businesses or individual supporters of the Ripley Library who donate \$5 per month will receive business card space in The Bookworm.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, contact the following numbers:

Chautauqua County Crisis Helpline

1-800-724-0461 (24-hours)

Victims of Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Hotline

1-800-252-748 (24-hours)

Mobile Crisis Team (supports & services) 716-363-3684

Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

Coordinator, Debbie Dean

Call (814)440-8490 or text

Debbie Dean to pre-register each month.

You must pre-register EVERY month, so that we know how many boxes of food to prepare. Food available from the Mobile Food Pantry varies from month to month.

Pre-register by texting Debbie Dean @ 814-440-8490 or if necessary by phone. Also check Ripley Community Mobile Food Pantry on Facebook for information.



2024 Dates

	Oct 30
Aug 28	Nov 27
Sept 25	Dec to be decided

Food prices are high!

Are you taking advantage of the FREE food you can get from the Chautauqua County Mobile Food Pantry and the NYS Office of Food Distribution? The Mobile Pantry has no income qualifications, and the NYS Food Distribution allows income up to \$32,805 for a single person, and \$44,370 for a family of 2! **PLUS** the free food boxes distributed at the library EVERY Saturday through mid-October !

Food Assistance Program

Open Tuesdays from 2 until 4p.m., and Saturdays, 10 until noon.

The Food Pantry is available if a person verbally attests that they fall into one of the following guidelines: Income falls within the guidelines and/or someone in the household participates in: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability, SSI, or Free/Reduced lunch program. Contact Phil Chimera via email at shaver58@roadrunner.com for more information.

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Please be advised there are two different programs. Mobile Food Pantry (at the fire hall) has no income requirement. Feed More WNY (in the school building) income guidelines are listed.



Office of General Services
Food Distribution

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Attestation of Eligibility

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$32,805	\$44,370	\$55,935	\$67,500	\$79,065	\$90,630	\$102,195	\$113,760

For each additional family member add \$11,565.

Local Worship

- ◆ **First Baptist Church**
716-736-3800
- ◆ **First Presbyterian Church**
716-736-3042
- ◆ **St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church**
716-326-2816
- ◆ **Stateline United Methodist Church**
No information
- ◆ **Still Waters Mennonite Church**
716-252-6515
- ◆ **United Methodist Church**
716-736-3090
- ◆ **Victory Family Church**
716-338-3199

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

TOWN OF RIPLEY
MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Monthly Town Board Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The Town Board meetings are also held through a Zoom link.

Zoom link can be found on the Town of Ripley Website

ripleyny.org

CODE OFFICER

716-736-3737

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

ASSESSOR

716-736-4050

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.—3 P.M.

COURT CLERK

716-736-7575

MONDAY 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

TUESDAY 9 A.M.-NOON

THURSDAY 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

NOAH'S ARK
Clothing Store



Open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 10 am to Noon

CLOTHING FOR INFANTS TO ADULTS!
(most items are just 25 cents)

First Presbyterian Church
20 West Main Street
Ripley, NY 14775

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Bottle and Can Collection

The Library has a collection bin in the lobby for returnable cans and bottles. Don't throw out those water bottles and pop cans! Donate them to the library.

Please be sure all bottles and cans are empty before you place them in the bin.

Resources for Ripley News

Please check these Facebook/Websites for up-to-date information concerning Ripley and its residents:

Ripley Hose Company—www.ripleyfire.org

Ripley NY-Alive and Well-Administrator Ruth Blackman

Ripley Central Alumni (Ripley NY)-Administrators Mark Dickey & Connie Wright Middleton

It's Ripley's (Believe it or not) Community Page-Administrator Cindy Eddy

You may be from Ripley, NY if...no administrator listed

Ripley Community Mobile Food Pantry-Administrator Debbie Dean

Ripley NY Perennial Exchange-Administrator Ruth Blackman

Ripley NY Buds- Administrators Coralee Shearer and Stephanie Eimers

The Bookworm/About Time- <https://ripleylibrary.org/>

From Desk of Post Command 2769**Dave Bower, Commander**

AUG.2nd INVASION OF KUWAIT OPERATION DESERTSHIELD 1990

AUG. 4th U.S. COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY

AUG.5th GULF OF TONKIN VIETNAM 1964

AUG. 7th PURPLE HEART DAY

AUG.14th V-J DAY 1945

AUG. 22nd POST 2769 MEETING @ 10:30 am @ TOWN HALL

WE ARE TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE HOME TOWN HERO BANNERS. YOU CAN PICK UP THE APPLICATIONS AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE OR GET IN TOUCH WITH ME AT 716-736-5805. DEAD LINE IS FEBRUARY 2nd 2025. WE STILL NEED NEW MEMBERS TO KEEP OUR VOICES STRONG SO WE CAN BE HEARD IN ALBANY AND D.C.

**Ripley Trash & Recycle Days**

Located near the Highway Barn on Ross Street, open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8a.m. until noon. Recyclables may be dropped off on those days. Please enter via North State Street and Park Avenue. Ripley bags may be purchased at the Town Building and at Coffee on Main.

*****SUMMER HUT RECREATION***
TOWN OF RIPLEY
ATTENDANCE PERMISSION SLIP**

My child and I have read and reviewed the rules and regulations of the Ripley Hut Program.

As by his (her) signature below, my child agrees that he (she) understands these rules and is willing to follow them as written and instructed by the Hut.

I also agree to encourage my child to follow the rules and to be courteous and respectful to the Hut Staff. By my signature below, I am giving my child permission to attend the Hut program and will expect him (her) to follow the Hut Rules that are established.

Signed _____
(Child)

Date _____

Signed _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Date _____

This form MUST be completed and returned on FIRST day of Hut participation.

***TOWN OF RIPLEY
SUMMER HUT RECREATION PROGRAM
EMERGENCY INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION FORM***

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Home Telephone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____

Mother's Name _____

Place of Employment _____ Phone # _____

Father's Name _____

Place of Employment _____ Phone # _____

IF MY CHILD NEEDS TO GO HOME BECAUSE OF MINOR ILLNESS and I AM NOT ABLE TO BE REACHED, PLEASE CALL: (MUST List at least three names)

Relative's Name & Phone # _____

Friend's Name & Phone # _____

Other's Name & Phone # _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Physician's Name & Phone # _____

Physician's Address _____

Preferred Hospital & Phone # _____

Hospital's Address _____

Dentist's Name & Phone # _____

Dentist's Address _____

LIST ANY ALLERGIES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS & ALL CURRENT MEDICATIONS

RIPLEY SUMMER RECREATION RULES OF CONDUCT

“THE HUT”

1. Respect the Recreation Staff and Others at ALL times.
2. All children must have a signed permission slip with insurance waiver and contract before he/she may participate.
3. All children must have at least completed a year of Kindergarten, must have been enrolled in school for this past academic year but must be younger than a graduating Senior.
4. “THE HUT” HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM-NOON AND 1:00-4:00 PM Chautauqua County may offer a free lunch program at the noon hour.
“THE HUT” IS CLOSED DURING FIELD TRIPS.
5. Each child is asked to sign in and out every morning and afternoon. This is for safety purposes and will be enforced daily.
6. “The HUT” is not responsible when a child leaves the ground.
7. Wear sneakers at all times. Please, no sandals or flip flops.
8. NO THROWING ROCKS!
9. NO FIGHTING!
10. NO SWEARING!
11. NO GLASS BOTTLES!
12. NO MOTOR BIKES!
13. Must sign up for the use of indoor games.

If you do not follow the above rules, the following will be the consequences:

1. 1st offense: Warning
2. 2nd offense: Choice: a physical chore, example sweeping, pulling weeds, etc. or a Time Out in a specific area
3. 3rd offense: Sent home for the day, a call home to parent/guardian.
4. 4th offense: Sent home until a meeting with parent/guardian and recreation staff.

*Discipline problems will be recorded on the back of your registration form.

A LIST OF EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS WILL BE SEND HOME WITH YOUR CHILD WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OR AT YOUR REQUEST THEREAFTER.

MINUTES OF THE RIPLEY TOWN BOARD MEETING July 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Ripley was called to order by Supervisor Pless at 6:30 p.m., in the Ripley Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Supervisor: Laura Pless
Council: Lee Swoap
 Jeffrey Lyon
 Calvin Janes
Town Clerk: Ryleigh Enterline

Dept. Heads: Andrew Strine (Water/Sewer Supt.), Jason Jones (Highway Supt./
Assessor) Ray Dyer (Planning Board Chair), Vera Husted (Justice)

Guests: Janet Skinner, Gary Skinner, Phil Chimera, Richard Vaughn, Bill McDonald, Michael Waters, Nicole Gollhardt and David Prenatt (Reporter)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting dated June 13th, 2024 were approved. Councilman Lyon moved and Councilman Janes seconded. This was carried unanimously.

The minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting dated June 28th, 2024 were approved. Councilman Swoap moved and Councilman Lyon seconded. This was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Warrant No. 7 in the amount of \$44,936.38 drawn on the General Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No. 7 in the amount of \$11,241.20 drawn on the Highway Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No. 7 in the amount of \$1,273.56 drawn on the St. Light Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

July Board Minutes continued

Warrant No. 7 in the amount of \$6,363.94 drawn on the Sewer Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Warrant No. 7 in the amount of \$14,331.71 drawn on the Water Acct. Was presented and audited by the Board Members.

Supervisor Pless the following motion: that the Supervisor be directed to draw the checks to cover the warrant as allowed for vouchers numbered 436 through 516. This was seconded by Councilman Janes and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDANCE

*Presentation by Dan Naylor (Development on Shortman Road)

Mr. Naylor spoke on behalf of the company, Onvo regarding the Travel Plaza that will be developed on Shortman Road.

The commercial property was purchased from the Carnegie Land Co. in April of 2024, with the current lease expiring in October of 2025.

Mr. Naylor stated that the Travel Plaza will be approximately 9,000-10,000 square feet and have one to two restaurants. More information to come moving forward.

July Board Minutes continued

**TOWN OF RIPLEY
RESOLUTION #72-24**

ADVOCATING AGAINST OSHA REFORMS IN NYS FOR FIREFIGHTERS

WHEREAS, the Town of Ripley, situated within Chautauqua County, State of New York, is home to one (1) Fire District, two companies,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ripley is the home of one (1) volunteer fire company that has served the Town faithfully for decades; and

WHEREAS, the personnel of these companies, form the backbone of our emergency response apparatus, tirelessly working to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of our residents, often at great personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ripley acknowledges, with gratitude, the commendable efforts of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in initiating measures aimed at enhancing the safety and welfare of our invaluable emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the strides made in bolstering emergency responder safety, the Town of Ripley harbors legitimate concerns regarding the future accessibility, affordability, and efficacy of emergency services within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), United States Department of Labor, has published significant changes to OSHA rule 1910.156, the Fire Brigade Standard, on February 5, 2024 converting the current Fire Brigade Standard to the proposed Emergency Response Standard which has the potential to dramatically change the face of the fire service in the United States, the State of New York and the Town of Ripley; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ripley has serious concerns the proposed changes will have major implications for every firefighter in the Town of Ripley through unfunded mandates and possible fines for noncompliance, along with liability the rule changes placed on fire service organizations and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ripley believes the proposed changes are not economically and technically feasible for the volunteer fire service in present form and will cause our volunteer fire departments significant financial burden and hardships through increased costs for administration, training, equipment inspection and replacement and facility renovations; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Ripley believes the best service to taxpayers and the fire service community at large is for OSHA to start this rule making process over from the beginning; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been duly considered by the Town Board of the Town of Ripley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ripley mindful of its responsibility to safeguard the interests and welfare of its constituents, hereby expresses its reservations and respectfully requests that OSHA, in conjunction with our esteemed state and national officials, give due consideration to the following:

1. Extend the public comment period beyond the deadline of July 22, 2024 so all fire service organizations and governmental bodies have adequate time to review the 608 page document and formulate comprehensive, fact based comments.
2. Requests OSHA remove the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards (Twenty-one (21) being incorporated in whole or in part, and fourteen (14) other standards contributing to new requirements to varying degrees) from the proposed rule and continue these standards as voluntary consensus standards;
3. Reevaluating the intended audience and scope of the standard to accommodate the varying regulatory frameworks and classifications of volunteer firefighters across different states, ensuring equitable treatment and compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
4. Transforming the proposed standard into a dynamic, adaptive "living document" capable of evolving in tandem with emerging national needs, technological advancements, and best practices, thereby obviating the need for periodic overhauls and updates to address obsolescence and inefficiency;
5. Identifying and prioritizing additional safety measures and protocols that can be expeditiously implemented with minimal resource expenditure and manpower requirements, thereby augmenting the resilience and effectiveness of our emergency response infrastructure;

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6. Collaborating closely with stakeholders to develop a standardized framework that strikes a judicious balance between economic feasibility and technical efficacy, thereby ensuring the sustainability and viability of our **emergency response** initiatives in the long run;
7. Requests OSHA provide clear definitions of "volunteer" and "employee" factoring in the various definitions found in the first responder community across the country to provide consistency in implementation of the proposed rule;
8. Request OSHA start the rule making process on 1910.156 over giving the volunteer fire service who provide sixty-five (65) percent of firefighting services in the United States a formal seat at the rule making table; and be it f
9. Requests OSHA and the Congress of the United States of America hold in-person public hearings on the proposed changes;
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RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Ripley, be and she hereby is directed and shall transmit a copy of this resolution to OSHA; Honorable Kathy Hochul, the Governor of New York; Honorable Nick Langworthy (23rd District), Member of Congress; Honorable Charles E. Schumer and Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senators; Honorable George Borrello (58th District), New York State Senate; Honorable Fred Johnson (19th District), New York State Legislature; Honorable Pierre Chagnon (8th District), New York State Chairman of Legislature; Honorable Andrew Goodell, County Executive; Noel Guttman, Director of Chautauqua County Emergency Services; and other relevant stakeholders to express the opposition of the Town of Ripley to any OSHA reforms that do not adequately consider the concerns outlined herein.

TOWN OF RIPLEY

RESOLUTION #73-24

ADOPTION THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the Town of Ripley recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Ripley; and

WHEREAS the Town of Ripley has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

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Resolution #72-24 was introduced by Councilman Swoap and Seconded by Supervisor Pless.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Janes YES, Mr. Lyon YES, Mr. Swoap YES, Supervisor Pless YES. Carried.

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WHEREAS the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Ripley from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Town of Ripley demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Chautauqua County Multi- Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF RIPLEY, NY, THAT the Ripley Town Board adopts the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

Resolution #73-24 was introduced Councilman Swoap and seconded by Councilman Janes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Janes YES, Mr. Lyon YES, Mr. Swoap YES, Supervisor Pless YES. Carried.

TOWN OF RIPLEY

RESOLUTION # 74-24

REQUEST TO REGIONAL TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON GREEN-BUSH ROAD

The Town Board of the Town of Ripley, by a resolution adopted July 11th 2024, and the County Superintendent of Highways of the County of Chautauqua, hereby request the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed of 35 miles per hour at which Vehicles may proceed on Greenbush Road, a Town Highway.

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MOTION TO PURCHASE BUSH HOG BRUSH CHOPPER

Upon receiving correspondence from Highway Supt. Jason Jones identifying a need for a new Roadside Mowing Unit, Councilman Janes made the motion to approve the purchase of the Bush Hog Brush Chopper. This was seconded by Councilman Swoap and carried unanimously.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Councilman Lyon made the motion to approve Bill Kitson's appointment to the Planning Board effective July 12, 2024 through December 31, 2029. Seconded by Councilman Janes and carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON SHOVEL READY SITE

Supervisor Pless informed those present that Chautauqua County Planning still needs some funding but the presence of development with the Shovel Ready Site is confirmed. Supervisor Pless also stated that there are 3 inquiries to purchase but it is too early for the County IDA to release names.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

W/S REPORT: Presented by Councilman Swoap

HIGHWAY REPORT: Presented by Councilman Lyon

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Presented by Planning Board Chair, Ray Dyer

ASSESSOR REPORT: Presented by Councilman Lyon

CODE OFFICER REPORT: Presented by Councilman Swoap

PARKS REPORT: Presented by Councilman Janes

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Presented by Town Clerk, Ryleigh Enterline.