

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF RICHLAND**  
**1 BRIDGE STREET, PULASKI, NY**

**DATE:** December 30, 2021

**KIND OF MEETING:** Special Year End Town Board Meeting

**PLACE:** Grand Jury Room, H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Pulaski, NY

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Dan Krupke  
Councilman Kern Yerdon  
Councilman Allen Goodsell  
Councilwoman Sue Haynes (Absent)  
Councilwoman Donna Gilson (Left at 5:00)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk Millie Newcomb, Councilman Elect, Robert North  
Water Supervisor, Ronald Novak and Chief Water Operator Bob Hicks.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

This is a special end of the year meeting. Is there anyone here for public comment at this time.? With no Public Comment next Supervisor Krupke turned his attention to Chief Water Operator Robert Hicks.

“ I asked Joe Sikora and Bob Hicks to attend tonight's meeting because I wanted to recognize them for their insight and their willingness with the situation that we had on the night of December 11th. Mr. Hicks, the Town Board and I would like to recognize your insightful and proactive approach that you took upon yourself to go and inspect the wellsite in Richland during the severe windstorm on the night of December 11th and taking the time to do that, prevented what could have been an even worse scenario then it ended up being. Your follow-up in response to the situation was unprecedented. Your commitment and dedication that you have toward the water department and the town of Richland is to be commended. Supervisor Krupke gave water mechanic Robert Hicks a letter and on behalf of Joe Sikora, the Town Board and I would like to recognize your effort and response on December 12th to the follow up wind storm calls the Well site in Richland you are to be commended for your

cooperation and willingness and oversee the repairs that were necessary to keep the town's water supply safe and flowing without interruption. The Town board and I appreciate your commitment and dedication that you continue to display toward the water department and the Town of Richland. Supervisor Krupke asked Mr. Hicks to share this with Joe Sikora with deep appreciation . The Town Board appreciates everything they do.

***JUSTICES REPORTS : A motion to accept the justices reports as presented. Councilwoman Gilson made the motion to accept the Justices report. This motion was seconded by Councilman Goodsell . With no discussion, and In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"***

In a glitch, the seasonal laborer rate was approved for \$16.50 per hour. In the union and the teamsters contract it reflected \$17.33. I think what happened was they took \$16.50 and added 5% to it so therefore, I would like to modify or resort back to what was approved from the original budget for 2022. The \$ 16.50 is what we approved and agreed upon. So I don't know if we have to go back to Mark May to shoot him a note and say, hey there's an error in this, this is what the board actually improved. Everything else looks good. Supervisor Krupke will send him a message and if he has any questions or concerns he will share them with the Board.

***ABSTRACT #13: A motion to approve Abstract 13 for 2021 was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vot***

***MINUTES FOR 12/16/2021: A motion accepting the Minutes for December 16,2021 was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. With no discussion, and in a roll call vote, all members were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

In the packets, the Board will find that the Town was awarded a CFA grant in the amount of \$233,424.00 which is a tremendous amount of effort by all that went into it. After the first of the year Mr. Kupke will be meeting with the Hamlet of Richland and have discussion on how to proceed . Supervisor Krupke is also working on another grant through National Grid . This grant is for \$5000-\$25,000 the town could use this to offset the Towns contribution with this grant. Kristy LaManche is working on this grant as well.

The Board has the Historians report in the packet. Historian Shawn Doyle was going to come tonight, but in the interest of time, Supervisor Krupke asked if he would wait until the next Board meeting in January.

Councilman Yerdon would like to take this opportunity to Welcome Ron Novak to the Town of Richlands Water Department as the new Supervisor. Mr. Yerdon advised Mr. Novak the Board is here if he needs anything and has the Town's support.

Councilman Yerdon advised the Board that the coin machine at the Water Department is currently out of order. A new machine is approximately \$700. The machine only takes dollars and coins. This matter was tabled until the Town Board meeting on January 11th.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: *A motion to enter into Executive session to discuss teamsters contract language was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote all members were in agreement with a vote of "AYE". 4:13pm.***

***At 5:17 pm A motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to come out of Executive Session . Result of the Executive Session is Supervisor Krupke and Councilman Yerdon will meet with Town Attorney Seiter on Thursday at 1:00pm in Supervisor Krupkes Office. The Board is now in regular session. With nothing more to bring before the Board, A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 5:18pm***

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: January 11, 2022 at 6:00pm**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:18pm.**

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb  
Town Clerk