

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

DATE: November 9 , 2021

KIND OF MEETING: Regular 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
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Highway Superintendent, John Fox, Dog Control Officer Elisa Dunn, Councilman-elect, Robert North, Town Attorney Graham Seiter and Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: No report

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: The Bakula Property on Route 11 near Baldwig Road are still waiting on a new survey. They are in the process of purchasing some property from a neighbor so they can meet the set backs. They will get the permits for the buildings on the property once the survey is available. Bears Sleepy Hollow, the main house is still up. They have torn down the back kitchen portion of the home. The house itself is pretty sound so he is going to board up a couple of the openings but he is going to fix it up in the spring. At the Tax Auction last month, the house on Valley Road did sell. The Higby home finally sold. The new owner wants to bring the home back to the way it used to be. The yard is getting cleaned up now along with some foundation work. The Cummings property on Sherman Road that was burnt out did not sell, nor did the Poole home on Gerdon Drive. Mr Howland received reports that someone was

the next Water Board meeting. An application for Water Supervisor has been received. There was only one application. Councilman Yerdon feels that a Supervisor is needed at this time with the growing Water System. Mr. Yerdon would like to set up an interview with the candidate. Supervisor Krupke will reach out and set a date for the interview with the entire board.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS & RICHLAND PARKS: Minutes for the Haldane Advisory Committee are up for September and October. A meeting will be set up for the Richland Park Committee in the near future. The Haldane Center will have a meeting in November. The CFA Funding award should be anytime from now to Christmas.

DOG REPORT: DCO Dunn was here to give her report to the Board. It's been a busy few weeks. Explained to the Board the various calls that she received over the month. Many 911 calls.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisors Report for the month of September 2021 was presented. With no comments, ***a motion to accept the report as presented was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

2022 TOWN OF RICHLAND BUDGET: A motion to adopt the 2022 Town of Richland Budget was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. Discussion, Superintendent Fox has a question about his Salary for the upcoming year. He told the Board that his salary has been the same for the last 2 years. This will be going into year #3. He did agree that his salary would be frozen for 2 years when it was presented to him. He tells the Board that he is still doing 75% of the Water and 100% of buildings and grounds. For Water department is doing stuff for the water mechanics, planning manpower, equipment and repairing trucks and doing maintenance of all of that department's vehicles. He would just like the Board to know that he is still doing all the same stuff. Supervisors Clerk Tammie Whaley is doing the payroll. That is the only thing that he is not doing. Everything else is still there. When he agreed to the freeze, he thought all of the duties would be gone and off his plate. If the budget goes through for 2022, it would be year 3. Supervisor Krupke explained that this is his office's misunderstanding. Mr. Fox's last raise was in 2019. ***A motion to raise Superintendent Fox's salary up 3% , the same as other elected officials was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. Because there were 2 motions on the table Attorney Seiter advised the board to withdraw the motion to adopt the budget, adjust the salary portion of the Budget, and then proceed. A motion to withdraw the first motion to adopt the budget was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** With that, a discussion about wages and salaries

JUSTICE REPORTS: Justice reports for Judge's Conger and Ridgway for September were next. With no comment, *a motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

WARRANT OF BILLS: *A motion to accept the payment of Bills in Abstract # 11 was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Town Board Minutes from October 12th,18th,20th,26th, November 4th & 8th were presented to the Board for review. *With no discussion, a motion to accept all minutes as presented was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: Next was the Town Clerks Report for the month of October. *A motion to accept the Town Clerk's report was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

CEMETERY UPDATES: No updates. Cemetery gates will be locked up on December 1st.

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: No report.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: A letter was sent to Claudia Tenney, and John Katko's Office even though Mr. Katko is not our Representative. This has to do with the ARPA money to ask for more flexibility on how that money gets spent. At this time Mr. Krupke is sure that the state is heading in that direction. Also in miscellaneous business is the Letters of the Agreement from Brennan's Beach. An update from Bonadio. As the Board knows they are the Towns consultant and this backs up the letter that was sent to Congress members Tenney and Katko. Report from NOCA. It looks like they are still doing very well. Next is Local Law #4 has to do with the cannabis and opting out. We did have a discussion on what everyone wanted to do. Attorney Seiter and Supervisor Krupke's understanding is if the Town opts out, we can opt back in. We have a meeting at 12:00 on Friday with John Valvalo to discuss his wisdom and knowledge concerning cannabis law and talk about the recommended Zoning, and perhaps of what the Town may want to do in developing some guidance. It should be interesting. Councilwoman Haynes will not be able to attend this meeting on Friday but she would like the Board to know that she is not allowing sale of cannabis just yet for the Town. She would like to wait and see how it goes for other Towns before she approves of it. Other Town Board Members agree with Councilwoman Haynes. They would all like to wait and see. However the Board feels a Public Hearing will have to be scheduled for the next Board meeting. If the Town Opts out, Attorney Seiter does not think there is a time constraint if or when you want to opt in. The meeting on Friday with Mr. Valvalo is very informal and is strictly for the Board's information. Attorney

MEETING ADJOURNED: With nothing more to bring before the Board at this time, *a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all members agreed with a vote of "AYE". 7:32pm.*

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk