

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

DATE: February 11, 2020

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 - arrived 6:05
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: CEO/ZEO John Howland
Highway Superintendent John Fox
Town Attorney Graham Seiter
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb
Town Residents: Forest Hall, Dale Bigelow and County Legislator
Herb Yerdon

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 comments at this time.

WATER REPORT: Audit of the Water Department for the Year End of 2019 has been completed. According to Robert North, everything looks good.

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: Still pretty slow. Mr. Howland has a list of letters for violations that he sent out. April 7, 2020 there is a School in Liverpool that CEO/ZEO would like to attend. Joint meeting Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 with the Zoning and Planning Boards. Mr. Howland has been receiving many calls about Solar Fields. Questions about the 20% maximum

coverage of properties. He has also set up a meeting with Dave Turner for sometime next week to discuss the Zoning Laws. This discussion will include the decommissioning of solar panels. No news on the Solar project on Lehigh Road.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Legislator Herb Yerdon is here to give his report. Mr. Yerdon had some news about the Tipping Fees for the Landfill. All Towns can use the landfill 1 time per year at no tipping fee for up to 50 ton of debris. Questions from the audience as to why the Landbank pays no taxes or anything on properties and can go to the Landfill multiple times and not pay anything. Mr. Yerdon didn't know why that is happening and will check into it. Mr. Yerdon also handed out the Rabies Clinic dates along with the Legislators Committee list. The Town of Albion claims they didn't know about the plans for a Solar Field on the Town of Richland's property on State Route 13 in the Town of Albion. The property owned by the Town of Richland is almost out of sand so the opportunity came up about the future use of the property. The tax revenue that the Solar Project will bring the Town of Albion is much greater than the revenue of the gravel bed has brought in, in the past. . Mr. Yerdon expressed that to the Board in Albion.

HAGER DRIVE UPDATES: *A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Hager Drive was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 6:30pm.*

A motion to leave Executive was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 6:50pm

The result of the session was the Attorneys involved are still working on the agreement and hopefully will come to terms very soon.

DOG REPORT: Dog Controls Report was next. Councilman Yerdon asked that the DCO Dunn be present at the next Board Meeting.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Report is next. Been busy with repairs, maintenance and cutting trees. We have had a lot of Black ice of late. Oswego County has paid the Town of Richland in full for sand and salt. Superintendent Fox would like to put a Bid out for sand for next winter to see what prices the Town could get. During the budget process, Mr. Fox wanted to put on a line item for sand, but Budget Officer Bob North said we had to have the money before we could do it. We do have a line item for Salt. Talked turned to screening sand and maybe the Highway Superintendents could get an IMA together to purchase one with towns like Sandy Creek. The cost of a new screener would be about \$100,000

A major water leak was repaired at the corner of Co Rt 28 and Salisbury Road. Under all the pressure of the water and the weird angle of the pipe, the water wore a hole in the pipe. The water dept figures 600,000 gallons of water was lost. Barton and Loguidice figures they should be ready to put bids out for Water Service area #5 project in about 6 weeks or hopefully before April 1st 2020.

HIGHWAY BUILDING: A date of February 25,2020 at 4:00pm is set to discuss the possibility of getting a committee together to discuss a new Highway Building. Supervisor Krupke A few other locations have been discussed other than the property the Town owns on County Route 41. No decision has been made at this time.

RICHLAND TOWN PARKS: Grant Writer Kristy LaManche has agreed to help out the Park Association with the grant applications for the CFA Funding. Her fee is \$3500. Councilwoman Haynes told the Board that they have a meeting coming up in March. The Park Association has decided to go for the full amount to complete the Park.

HALDANE CENTER: Supervisor Krupke advised the Board that the Village of Pulaski has agreed to the contract for the Haldane Center. Nicki Cusyck has taken over the duties for Charlotte Yerdon for Girls Softball. Bees still need to be addressed at the baseball fields. The bees get into the tubing that runs along the top of the chain link fence. Sprays really haven't been working or maybe just temporarily. Superintendent Fox thinks that maybe it's time to call an exterminator. A cost of \$550 for new bases. Everything is looking good with the exception of a few things the Contractor did not do like finish the storage area, seals around the overhead door, plumbing for the water fountain and lights on the outside of the bathrooms. Craig Sternberg will get prices for the toilet paper holders and the consensus is to go with an electric hand dryer. This would cut down on debris left in the restrooms. Also, Mr Fox will look into signs that read. "Carry In-Carry Out".

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisors Report for the month of December was presented to the Board. *A motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES: No updates

JUSTICE REPORTS: The Justices reports for the month of December 2019 were presented to the Board. *With no comments or discussion, 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 pay Abstract # 15 of 2019 and Abstract #2 of 2020 was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Town Board Minutes from December 30, 2019 were presented to the Board . *A motion to accept the Minutes as presented 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

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: No report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: No report from Mr. Gilson

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: The Town Clerks report for January 2020 and the Tax rate sheet were next. With no discussion, ***a motion to accept both reports was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** The annual meeting at the Tughill Commission will be on March 26th 2020 at Jefferson Community College. The applications and class detail sheets are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Anyone interested in going, fill out the applications and return them to the Town Clerk's Office by February 28th. The Village has the renewal for the Liability Insurance. Supervisor Krupke thinks it around \$4100. The Haldane is insured for \$3.2million with a \$250 deductible. Superintendent Fox informs the Board that new doors have been ordered for the Haldane Center. They are double doors with glass. The Cost of the doors was \$3000. They will be installed as soon as the weather allows by the Highway crew.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: March 17,2020

MEETING ADJOURNED: With nothing more to bring before the Board, ***a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all members were in agreement with a vote of "AYE". 7:50 pm.***

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk