

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

DATE: March 17, 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 (absent)
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: CEO/ZEO John Howland
Highway Superintendent John Fox
Town Attorney Graham Seiter
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb, Dog Control Officer Elisa Dunn, Co
Legislator Herb Yerdon, Town Residents, Dale Bigelow, Bill and Rosalyn McVicker, Ryan and Kim
Parker and Pat Whaley.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public comment at this time.

HAGER DRIVE UPDATES: Supervisor Krupke asked the Attorney for the Town Graham Seiter to address the audience to the updates for Hager Drive. Mr Seiter explained that this issue is progressing quite a bit. There is a final proposal for a settlement on the table. It was just received yesterday (March16, 2020) from the Harris Beech Law Office. The Court appearance was supposed to be this week. The Judge in the case wanted this moved along. This

unfortunately, has been pushed back at least 45 days, Mr Seiter believes it will be more like 60-90 days. The courts are hearing only essential matters only at this time. In the court's eyes this is not an essential matter. In the meantime the Town of Richland has plenty of time to review the final agreement. Both Attorneys have been talking to the Town as to how the barriers might be placed. The Norfleets have been notified where the barriers may be placed and seem to be in agreement with the Town. The Norfleets seem to understand that these barriers may need to be moved from time to time to get access to the beach area for work on other camps and for the Town to clean debris from the pipe at the end of the right of way. Mr. Seiter is hopeful that this agreement will be the end. Mr. McVicker from Hager Drive explains to the audience that 12-15 people have it in their deed as a right of way to the beach and lake, Mr. McVicker thinks that since he is one of those people, they have the right to know the information as to what this barrier will entail. Originally it was agreed that the barrier would be some kind of concrete bench that couldn't be stolen but moved fairly easily by Town or Emergency personnel. The location of the "barriers" would be where the no parking signs are. Mr. Bigelow asked why nothing has been said about the court date. He feels that it was totally wrong for the Town and Attorney to keep the court date a secret. He feels that everyone involved should be satisfied, not just one party. Supervisor Krupke advised that this has been the goal from the beginning. With that being said, the Town has spent about \$20,000 to get to the point where we are at. At what point, how much more does the Town have to spend. Mr. Krupke also said that the Town was unaware that there was a court date set or established. The Date that was coming up, Mr. Seiter believes that it was a phone conference between the attorneys and Judge, the parties involved. Mr Seiter reminded the residents that they were not the parties involved, the suite was for the Norfleets vs Town of Richland. He reminds the audience that the parties are only the ones named in the caption of the action. If your name is not in the caption, you are not a party to the action. The residents feel they should be. Mr. Krupke told the residents that it's their right to be named, but at this time it looks like we are close to a settlement. Concerns are just to make it easy to get to the Lake in case of an Emergency. The Bellingers and Norfleets are in agreement with the Towns proposal.

BARTON AND LOGUIDICE LETTER: A letter was presented to the Board from Dustin Clark of B&L. The water project for WD#5 with Sandy Creek is going out for Bid. The Bid opening will be on or around April 8th. John Howland said that the Legal Notice for the bid was in the Watertown paper today. Hopefully start construction in May or June.

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: The Board was presented with the list of Building and Zoning permits. The recent fires that left debris on the properties, Mr. Howland said that he gave the property owners until May 1st to get them cleaned up. A few other properties that are in violation will get letters very soon. ZEO/CEO Howland wanted to remind Board members that recreational vehicles such as boats and heavy equipment are exempt from the junk law.

DOG REPORT: DCO Dunn was in attendance and presented her report. It has been pretty quiet but with spring coming, she is sure that everything will get busy soon. The Board thanked DCO Dunn for coming and would like her to come to the Board every 2-3 months to keep them up to date.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Legislature Herb Yerdon is here to present his report. The first Rabies Clinic scheduled for March 25th in Scriba has been postponed at the County Highway barn in Scriba. The next clinic after that is the Clinic in Pulaski at the County Highway Garage on Centerville Road. Appointments will be accepted for that Clinic on April 22, 2020. At this time there are no confirmed cases of COVID 19 in Oswego County. Handouts for hand washing techniques were handed out. At this time. 4 people have been quarantined. NYSAC set out a flyer about the Federal Corona Response act. The Federal Government will provide in excess of \$50 billion dollars with \$6.7 billion will be going to NYS for help with the response . Mr. Yerdon is on the Health Committee and will keep the Town up to date with everything going on.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED" ACCELERATED RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT ACT" Governor Cuomo is trying to pass this resolution. New York State is a Home Rule State, if this new law is added to the State Budget, and if the budget passes, it would take the rights and controls from communities and fast trak Wind and Solar projects without the communities knowing or having a say. This could potentially harm local economies and environments and give the Governor full power over local governments. Mr.Krupke made copies and sent it to the Supervisors Association for their approval. ***A motion to send this resolution to the Governor was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

Supervisor Krupke would like Legislator Yerdon to take back to his committee about the Governor making an announcement yesterday at 10:30am, about closing all bars and restaurants. There has not been one single piece of information sent out to any business owners dictating what they are supposed to abide by and what it means to them. Mr. Krupke called the Department of Health yesterday and asked what it meant for him. They said they would call him back. At this time, no one has gotten back to him. Phil Church sent out a message today but it has nothing to do with his business or any other restaurants around. Supervisor Krupkes says if he didn't have his television on yesterday he would have never known any of this. This is just a recommendation for Mr Yerdon to take back to his committee for discussion. Councilman Yerdon called them also today that the announcement also said all public and private schools are to close. His question is how about the Amish Schools?. They are like public schools and they must also close. Also about the Senior Citizens highrise. Village Mayor Rodriguz spoke to the manager today and appropriate signage will be put up immediately.

Steve Cronk was supposed to be here tonight. He would like to open up Canning Factory Road from US Route 11 to Richland to ATV traffic. Superintendent Fox has no issues with this

happening. Mr Fox says the ATV Clubs have been very good about signage. Attorney Seiter is concerned about Liability issues. ***A motion to allow Canning Factory Road open to ATVs from US Route 11 to Richland was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** .

WATER UPDATES: Minutes from March 4th , a letter from March 4th to the Bethel Community Center that was mailed to them. It was unanimously agreed to not to reduce the water use charge. The Wind Turbine that is just not producing and not getting the return that they were hoping for. It's actually costing the Town money at this point. So if the Town can decommission it or sell it the Town would be just as well off. Supervisor Krupke will contact the State to see how to go about decommissioning. The Water Billing will be done soon. With the virus going around, Councilman Yerdon thinks the Board should consider not charging late fees on Water bills until the threat of this virus is over. ***A motion made by Councilman Yerdon to not charge a late fee on water bills with the ongoing pandemic. That motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"*** Water inspection went very well. The county is very satisfied with the Town of Richlands Water Mechanics.

HIGHWAY REPORT Plowed 109 times so far this year. It was over 160 times last year. The men have 50 cord of wood cut. With the Executive order, many highway departments have cut staff 50%. Attorney Seiter says to leave it up the Department heads to make the decisions. Sand has been put in the paper for bid. The 1995 John Deere loader has blown an engine. Mr. Fox is going to get a price to replace it. This machine still has the original tires on it. The Water Department got the new Water Truck. Joe Sikora will be driving the new truck. The old water truck will be put up for bid. Auctions international is who many municipalities use for this service. Building committee meeting that was supposed to be held on March 30. This should be postponed to sometime in April. A meeting with IDA on the 26th may be cancelled.

EXECUTIVE ORDER: Governor Cuomo has issued an executive order asking for a reduction of Staff by 50% to only essential personnel . It's up to each department head on schedules

SUPERVISOR REPORT: No report due to the audit.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES:

JUSTICE REPORTS: Justice Reports for January and February 2020. With no other comments, a motion to accept the Justice reports as presented was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

WARRANT OF BILLS: A motion to accept Abstract #3 was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

A motion to approve moving funds from the Haldane Reserves for work done at the Haldane in 2019. This motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: A motion to accept Town Board Minutes for January 14th, January 28th, February 3rd, and February 11th. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: A motion to accept the Town Clerks report for February 2020 was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

CEMETERY UPDATES: No updates. Letter from Bob North about a grant that he is seeking

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: No report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Tug Hill Conference has been cancelled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Councilman Yerdon to discuss the Union Contract. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. All were in favor with a vote of "AYE" 7:30pm. At 8:00 pm a motion to come back into regular session was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. A motion at adjourn was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 8:01 pm

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: April 14, 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED: Respectfully submitted by:

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk