

MINUTES OF THE TOWN STAFF CONFERENCE CALL
TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREET, PULASKI, NY

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: Conference Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Dan Krupke
Councilman Kern Yerdon
Councilman Allen Goodsell
Councilwoman Sue Haynes
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Clerk, Tammie Wilson
Water Clerk, Mary Yerdon
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb
Deputy Town Clerk, Julie Peterson
Highway Superintendent, John Fox
Village Mayor, Angel Rodriguez
CEO/ZEO, John Howland
Legislator, Herb Yerdon

CALL: The conference call took place at 9:55 a.m.

Supervisor Krupke asked the Clerk's office to begin with an update for their department. Tax collection has come to an end. We are currently waiting on the new software company to fix some issues with the reports and final numbers. Once this is completed, we will be able to reconcile with the County and finish things up. Millie has been retrieving the mail from the Post Office and distributing it to each department and has been working on entering bills. Mary states that she is still working from home. She has finished the billing but has not printed or mailed them yet as approximately 75 meters are reading zero. She will give the list to Bob as soon as she gathers more information and will get these out in the mail as soon as possible. Millie has been notifying her when she has mail so she can process payments. John Fox says the highway department is going well. There was an ad placed in the paper to obtain bids for sand for the upcoming season. Bids have to be in by Monday, he has asked them to drop them off at the Town barn due to the Courthouse being closed. He has one, but expects to receive 3 and will drop them off to Millie once he has them all. John received a few quotes for repairing the loader for \$15-20,000 to have the engine gone through. He feels we would be further ahead if

we contacted Auctions International and sold it as is and to pick up a used one at a later date. Kern inquired if we would be able to get more if we repaired it prior to selling. John does not think we would benefit from this as it needs new tires and other repairs too. Auctions International feels we can still get approximately \$20,000 for it with a bad engine. The water department is doing well, however, the Fernwood location does not have internet or a fax machine so it is hard to get things done. Dan would like to look into getting these items for this location.

Herb Yerdon says the state has yet to make a decision on the opening of campgrounds. He is concerned with the large influx of people to the area and the close proximity of the sites. Unless the Governor changes it, it looks like they will be opening on time. Allen has reached out to legislators as well in regards to this situation. Golf courses were recently closed as well as fishing guide services. Donna expressed concern as they are coming back from Florida and this is their only place to live, they need a place to go. Mayor Rodriguez agrees, the County Health Department needs to be contacted and something needs to be done. Dan, if the schools reopen and social distancing gets lifted, the economy needs to get going again. Who determines when it is safe to do this? Angel, if we don't take care of the safety of the people, we won't need to worry about the economy. Dan says we need to trust the higher authority and hope that they are making the right decisions in the best interest of the people. Herb hopes a decision will be reached soon. John Howland spoke with Colonial Court Campgrounds, who have been in contact with the County Health Department, they were told that they will be issuing their licenses. Mr. Howland also added that he is issuing permits by mail and outside inspections are being done. He is not going into residences and is asking the homeowner to take and send him pictures.

The next board meeting will be held via Conference Call as scheduled. Tammie will e-mail the agenda and documents to everyone.

Mayor Rodriguez gave an update pertaining to the Village. The Village is all set up with Paychex and they are operating with one staff member. All April Village Board meetings are cancelled. Kern wondered about the Haldane Center playground. Everyone is in agreement that the playground should be monitored, closed, and marked as such. Angel has asked the Village PD to monitor school playgrounds and basketball courts, we will add the Haldane to this list. Donna Gilson was wondering if an issue arises with a local, non-essential, business, who is responsible for that. Kern states the guidelines say that law enforcement will enforce the compliance of executive orders regarding social gatherings.

Tammie is still working at getting the requested items to the auditors.

Donna has had some people reach out to her regarding the ready program. They thought they were going to receive some compensation for their seawalls. Who should they address with

their concerns? It may depend on if they submitted an application and if it was completed correctly. Some residents are upset about it. Letting Dan know that he may receive some calls as well.

NEXT CONFERENCE: The next conference call is planned to take place on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 9:55 a.m.

CALL ENDED: The call ended at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Julie Peterson
Deputy Town Clerk