

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

DATE: July 23,2024

KIND OF MEETING: Special Town Board Meeting

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Robert North
Councilwoman Donna Gilson
Councilman Larry Atkinson
Councilwoman Sue Haynes
Councilman Eric Pappa

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Town Residents, Tim Crouch, Jeff Edick, County Legislator Ed Gilson and Town Clerk Millie Newcomb

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

BLESSING: Blessing done by Councilman Atkinson

SALT STORAGE SHED: Superintendent Balcom spoke to Mary, the owner of Hybrid Building Solutions from Corfu, NY and told her that we had a problem that he did not realize that the \$119,000 was not the building and the base. The way they worded it, maybe word it differently because when you say "building" in Mr Balcoms mind, as a builder, it means foundation, the roof, walls, everything. He and one of the Town Board Members looked it over and noticed that this was not the fact, so the Town would not be able to Build this building at this time. He asked if there is any way they could help with the old salt shed building that the Town has. The owner advised that they wouldn't touch it due to the fact that everything needs to be engineered to that particular building. The company that the Town purchased from years ago has gone out of business 10-12 years ago. Mr Balcom then called Eagle Associates and asked whether that was all hot dipped galvanized metal and it is. One suggestion from Hybrid was to take off the \$35,000 for the floor of the shed but that would put us in the same boat we are in right now with NYS. That would be a huge bad deal. That is where we stand with that. Discussion about paving the area around and inside the salt shed. There would have to be a pad underneath the

salt shed. Mr Balcom hasn't even gotten a quote for the asphalt inside the shed. Without Budget Officer Tammie Whaley here and checking with her, it's impossible to know how much money is available. Supervisor North told the Board that the money that has been allocated for the Highway barn cannot be used for this project. Councilwoman Gilson said that she spoke to Laird Petrie and said that the resolution is specific to buildings so it could be used for the salt shed. It still would have to have a permissive referendum to use the money. Supervisor North spoke to Superintendent Balcom and he said that we could wait until the next meeting in August to make a decision. Since we know that we can't get parts for the other cover, do we have enough to do the sides? The only thing we can do is maybe make a lean to the side of the storage building? We could do that easily enough. The problem is that the DEC saying what went can't have sand/salt mix at that shop and we have a mountain of it. Unfortunately. Mr Balcom is going to check with the County if they would pave it for us if we would bring it to them. That would save us a lot of money if they have the time. Councilman Atkinson asked if we do it at our new site, do we have enough to do it over at the present site? Just trying to get it all in one location. Mr Balcom tried to explain to the DEC, what they want is when we mix sand and salt together, they want that under cover. No more leaving it outside anymore. Councilman Atkinson asked if we put up a bunker silo, with a bottom, use the concrete sides and cover it. Questions about using the County barn. Mr Balcom told the Board that we asked a few years ago and they said no. There is also no way that the Town can use this shed at the current site of the Highway Garage. The Village told us we couldn't use it. Mr Balcom will try to call the county and ask again. Pure sand can be on the ground. It's when you mix salt into it that it becomes a problem.

Roadside mower bid. We will put it in the Budget for next year. It would be such a hassle to try to do anything this year. The tractor is the issue. We can only do what we can. Some of the issues with this tractor Mr Balcom thinks may be the operator. We have had a few new operators using it this year. Mr Balcom put the regular operator back in it who had run it for a long time and it still broke down. Mr Balcom spoke to Chuck Sperling over the weekend. He would like to hire him as a seasonal guy for the rest of the summer. Mr Sperling is the former Town Superintendent for the Town of Albion. He is also very mechanically inclined. At \$18.20 per hour that would free up another guy and that would help him greatly. We have an extra truck the town could give him to run out to the tractor. Maybe we can nurse this tractor through for next year. Maybe by the spring things may turn around and we can get things quicker. This may get us out of a pinch. A motion to move forward to hire Charles Sperling at \$18.20 seasonal salary. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

Appointment to the Planning Board is put on hold until the August meeting.

Mr Balcom has one more thing: if the County doesn't allow us to use their facility, we have to get power to the salt shed. The Board told Superintendent Balcom that the electrical service should be put out for bid. Mr Balcom will reach out to the DEC and explain to them about the budget issues putting up the salt shed. Hopefully they will work with the Town and understand the budget issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Crouch has a question about the camper on State Route 3. One of the campers has a permit while the other doesn't. He also has an issue with a trailer on the corner of Town Road.

With nothing more to bring before the Board, ***a motion by Councilman Pappa to go into Executive Session to talk about a Legal Issue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson. In a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 6:31pm. Town Clerk Millie Newcomb was invited into the Executive Session.***

At 7:00 pm a motion to come out of Executive Session and back to regular session was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

With nothing more to bring before the Board, ***a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor North and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. All Board members were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 7:01pm***

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: August 13,2024 with a Special start time of 5:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:01pm

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk