

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

DATE: May 20,2024

KIND OF MEETING: Special Town Board Meeting - Bid Opening

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

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Town Residents, Jamie Martin and Jeff Edick

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Supervisor North leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BLESSING: Blessing was done by Councilman Atkinson.

First order of business is the Paving Bid. Highway Superintendent Kevin Balcom has the floor. Mr Balcom explained that he really didn't think the Highway would have the money to complete this project. The original bid was that Mr. Balcom was going to have the bidders tack coat the road before paving, but has decided not to do that. Sometimes when you are paving and going down a steep hill or going around a turn, sometimes you want to put a tack coat down so the pavement doesn't slide on you. But after speaking to a few other Town Superintendents, they said what little hill we have on Manwaring Road isn't going to make a difference. Right off the bat, you can see where it says tac coat, \$ 8,775.00 we took that off, that gives us \$368,000. Our chip money that we get from the State is \$342,000. Which puts us in the deficit of \$26,024. We have \$119,000 in the DB fund. We actually have \$ 114,000 right now. That has to cover the chip sealing also. Which is \$84,000. That leaves about \$34,000 left for road work. That will cover the \$26,000 per Supervisor Clerk/Budget Officer Tammie Whaley. Mr Balcom has already checked with her for this. We should be good to go, and award the Paving Bid to Heidelberg Materials. This does not include traffic control because the Highway Department will take care

of that. Doing this saved a lot of money. We may have to pay highway overtime if the paving crews want to work on Fridays and or a Saturday. It will still be cheaper than paying \$800 per day for the contractor to do it. ***A motion to accept the bid and award the bid to Heidelberg Materials for paving Atkinson and Manwaring Roads was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

Superintendent Balcom would like the Board to think about the Bucket Truck. We share this with 2 other Towns and they work 10 hour days too. On Fridays, no one is using it so Mr Balcom would like to have his guys come in and work maybe 6 hours to take down 1 tree. All of the employees said that they would come in. Of course it's all over time and it may be 5 hours to 7 hours. If they would come in and work 6am-12:00pm, they could take the tree down and be done with it. These are dangerous trees. He had 7 men but at the moment, there are 2 out sick and one quit. He now has just 4 men. ***Councilman Atkinson would like to make the motion that if these trees are dangerous, we need to take them down and to allow the Highway to work those extra hours as needed. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** The tree is located on Lehigh Road just before the creek. Councilwoman Haynes asked if it's a problem getting the bucket truck when it is needed. Superintendent Balcom told the Board that Oswego Town has had the truck for several weeks. They had a certified man to run it. Richland had it most of the spring, and Mexico just got their men certified. So now Mexico has it. She asked if it works out with the 3 towns owning and sharing it. Mr. Balcom wished the Town had their own. At some point of time he would like to have one that Richland owns outright.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Town Resident Jeff Edick asked the Board if they have heard anything about the campground on Canning Factory Road. There will be a Planning and Zoning Board Meeting on Monday and Tuesday to discuss going forward. Supervisor North said he hasn't heard anything. CEO/ZEO Howland is in if the gentlemen would like to go speak to him.

With nothing more to bring before the Board, ***a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 10:13am.***

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: June 11, 2024 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk