

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

DATE: January 10, 2017

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Monthly 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
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: CEO/ZEO John Howland
Highway Superintendent John Fox
Town Resident Craig Sternberg, Carolyn Blount
Historian and Co Legislature Shawn Doyle
Town Attorney, Allison Nelson (by phone)
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb and CEO/ZEO John Howland

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: Carolyn Blount from Sandy Creek is here to talk about possibly getting the Boys and Girls Club started in the Pulaski/Sandy Creek area. The Board received a handout as a guideline to what the Boys & Girls Club is all about. The National B&G Clubs comes on board to get the Clubs started. They will do an assessment of the area and help to keep the ball rolling to start the club. The school here presently has about 50% of the children on free and reduced lunch program. That is a strong indicator of the poverty in our area. Everyone agrees that the rate is higher. Ms. Blount also feels that the Sandy Creek and APW school districts are probably the same or higher rate. So, what do we do we help our youth get out of poverty? One is youth support services. This is designed to help students graduate with a goal of being productive in life. If we can break the cycle of poverty in our youth, we can break it in the community. Many of the programs take place in the schools or community centers. She has included all her information on the back. Ms. Blount has several community members interested in helping get the program off the ground. The age ranges between 5-18 yr. old.

Funding is unknown now, but there are some grants available as well as fund raisers take place to offset costs. The club is a year round organization. Summer seems to be a more active time of year, getting kids out in nature and playing games. Supervisor Krupke thinks it's a great idea and the organization has the Boards support as much as they can.

HAGER DRIVE UPDATES: The latest update from Hager Drive is Kevin Caraccioli is trying to have the hearing on Ramona Beach moved to the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse instead of the Courthouse in Syracuse. The hearing will be on March 21st at 11:00 am. with Judge Merrill. Supervisor Krupke will keep everyone up to date as to the location change if any.

DPW BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES: Recently there were 2 public sessions to discuss the new DPW Garage. Supervisor Krupke went to the Economic Task Force and spoke to about 12 people from the community. Although the crowd was small, there was really no opposition other than the location. The decision now to be made as to when to put the project up to a public vote or proceed as a board. Councilman Yerdon's position is that typically a public vote does not have a good turn out, and is concerned about the cost. Also a concern that some of the Towns residents go south in the winter and cannot mail in a vote. Attorney Nelson the cost depends on when you do it. If it's a special election and not done in November with the regular election the cost goes up. You can do your own election with paper ballots or rent the voting machines from the county or have the county run them which is probably going to be expensive. Ms. Nelson advised the board the cost of a special election can be between \$4,000 - \$5000. If the vote was to be part of the regular election in November it's a matter of getting paper work to the county around summer time to get it on the ballot. Not very much cost at all to have a referendum on the ballot during the November election. There would be some Attorneys fees getting the public notices out and the necessary paper work to the county. But otherwise the county is already doing the election so there shouldn't be many fees involved. Supervisor Krupke asked if the vote could happen along with the school budget vote. To the best of her knowledge that answer is no. The earliest timeframe for a special election is from the date that the town adopts the resolution, 60-75 days. Atty Nelson advises that the financing has to be secured before proceeding with a vote. The other thing the board must be aware of it that there is no absentee voting. The idea is to push any voting back until Town residents that go south for the winter will be home and able to vote. Next the Town must hire Election inspectors. The Town Clerk typically runs the election. The board has to decide to either use paper or if the school has a machine the town would be able to use. A decision will be made as the progress with the building project gets closer. Supervisor Krupke has the application from USDA rural development on his desk for financing of the new building. Mr. Krupke would like the board's approval to continue with the application process and sign any papers that needed to be signed to get the loan process going. A motion was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson to get the application process

moving. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

WATER UPDATES: On January 17th, at 6:00 pm. B&L and the Town of Richland Water and Town Board will meet to discuss the upcoming meeting with the Town of Sandy Creek on January 24th in Sandy Creek at 7:00pm. Town of Richland and the Town Sandy Creek to iron out any problems with the IMA. Dustin Clark from B&L will be in attendance. Also, the Town of Richland and Town of Sandy Creek Water Departments will split the cost of a new Tap machine The Towns half is \$1100.00

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: Mr. Howland presented the Year End Reports. Violations. Also included is a rough draft of the Solar Law that will be incorporated into the Zoning Law. As it stands now, solar panels are an appliance. They are not required to meet setbacks. With the new law, if it's a roof mount on the house, they don't touch it. If its ground mounted, in a residential area it has to meet setbacks which are 25' from side and 40' feet from the rear. Commercial Solar Panels, must be in the back of the business and not in front and will need a special permit. This will be included with the new Zoning Laws. Also pages 1-68 of the new Zoning book is included for all board member to look over. Mr. Howland encouraged the board to take it home and read it. There are some changes, some have been deleted, omitted that are addressed. These changes have been highlighted in the new pages handed out. There will be another meeting tomorrow with some more members. The time frame.? The laws should be done within the next few months. Amendment to the building code fees. Right now, as it stands, some may know or may not know, Cell towers windmills, and solar farms. The fees would be \$150 for cell phone towers \$50 for Solar Towers. A fee schedule was handed out to the board. Most of the fees stayed the same. At the bottom, \$250.00 for telecommunication towers, \$250.00 for commercial Solar project and \$250.00 for commercial wind turban. More energy audit fees that were at one time free will soon not be. The fees will range from \$300-\$500.00 County Legislature Shawn Doyle would like to address the board and Mr. Howland. He was concerned that no one from the Planning or Zoning Board was present at the last Comp. Planning board meeting. He is hoping that some members will be able to attend the February 9th meeting. Mr. Howland explained that several had scheduling conflicts. Mr. Doyle is interested if the Planning Board has had a chance to discuss the other issues like the Overlay districts and other things. CEO/ZEO explains that the Planning Boards and Zoning Boards are both against the Floating Zones and outside the village zones as well. The reason is down Lake Road (Co Rte. 5) heading down toward the Lighthouse, everything on the left side of the road is zoned Residential Cottage and everything on the right side is zoned RR zoned. So where the Lighthouse is zoned RC and all permits must be obtained with a variance. So, on the new map what the boards did was made the Lighthouse area and Yacht Club in the RA zone. Another area was the end of Rainbow Shores Road toward the restaurant and cottages. That is the end of the RC zone. So they backed up the RR zone which it backs up to. The Rainbow Restaurant is looking to add on property next to the restaurant, which they own to do some kind of

commercial business. Councilwoman Gilson asked why the Boards were so against the floating zone. Mr. Howland said the Boards feels that its "Legal Spot zoning" Mr. Howland feels that the Floating Zone would fit better in the Village. Everything the floating zones already exists in the Town with a special permit. Councilman Yerdon agrees with CEO/ZEO Howland that the Floating Zone Supervisor Krupke advised the board in the packets there is the revised rate changes. A motion to approve the new rates as proposed was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, the motion was carried with a vote of "AYE". One other thing from Mr. Howland. David Shipway, who has been on the Board for many years has decided not to stay. Jonathan Goodsell will now take his place. The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals is still looking for new members. If anyone is interested, please contact John Howland or see Tammie Wilson for an application. Supervisor Krupke advises that the approval for Local Law #1 of 2017 be held over until next month's meeting when Atty Nelson would be in attendance.

DOG REPORT: Report submitted to the Board

HIGHWAY REPORT: Everything going good. Busy. Very few break downs. Superintendent is still having issues hiring workers. He is in need of 2 people right now. He has put an ad on the Town of Richlands web site. The Board prefers that Town of Richland residents are considered before anyone else. Superintendent Fox explains that he has had very few inquiries into the seasonal position's that are available. A few applicates have been from outside the Town. Supervisor Fox must inform the board if employees are hired from outside the Town. Councilman Yerdon wants a letter from Superintendent Fox as to why he has objections to a few applicants from the town. A motion to allow Superintendent Fox to hire Part time seasonal help from outside the Town of Richland providing no acceptable applicates were available from the Town of Richland and they are aware that it's just for this year. This motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

SUPERVISOR REPORT: No Supervisors report due to Bonadio doing the Annual Audit

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATE The comp plan is coming along. Jeannie Gleisner wants the Town to look at the proposals and look at the Planning board recommendations. A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson to pass a resolution to Authorize the Regional Planning and Establishing an Energy Benchmark requirements for certain Municipal Buildings. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE" Also, a motion to allow, to share information and to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement to retrofits the Lights for ½ the Town of Richland to LED and to request a cost schedule from National Grid. The motion was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson.

JUSTICE REPORTS: Annual Justice Audit was completed by Robert North. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes to accept the audit as presented. In a roll

call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". This is just a superficial Audit that is required by New York State.

WARRANT OF BILLS: Abstracts #14 of 2016 and Abstract #1 of 2017 were presented to the Board. With no discussion, a motion to accept Abstracts #14 & 1 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: Minutes for November 9, 2016 were presented. With no discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to approve the minutes as presented. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"

CEMETERY UPDATES: No updates due to the winter season and cemeteries are closed.

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: Nothing really to report now.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Report attached to these minutes

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Procurement and Investment Policies. There were no changes from last year. A motion to accept the Procurement and Investment Policies for 2017 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". Appointments and Resolutions. One change Supervisor Krupke would like to do is to add a second Deputy Supervisor. Supervisor Krupke would like to name Councilman Alan Goodsell. Councilwoman Gilson is questioning the reason behind this appointment. The reason is to have some oversight with the Water Supervisor in overseeing the Water Dept. It's just adding an extra set of eyes in working with Superintendent Fox. The move is to try to get some scheduling of routine tasks that need to be done on weekly and or monthly basis. Also, to try to get more productivity and efficiently from this department. By asking Councilman Goodsell to do this, it's the Supervisors thought to give Mr. Goodsell a small stipend for his time and effort. Councilwoman Gilson feels that Water Clerk Mary Yerdon should have that added responsibility. She is willing to take on the task and the extra hours Councilwoman Gilson is worried about creating a position when Superintendent Fox is already getting paid for that position. Although she does know that Councilman Goodsell would do a great job, she does not agree in creating a position from a budget standpoint. After a lengthy discussion, Deputy Supervisor Yerdon offered to split his salary with Mr. Goodsell for taking on the Water Dept. A motion to make Councilman Goodsell second Deputy Supervisor, using ½ the Deputy Supervisors salary for a period of one year was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. A roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". A motion to accept the Appointments and Resolutions as presented was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. With no discussion, the motion was passed with a vote of "AYE". Next, By Resolution, the Town Board of the Town of Richland hereby supports the efforts being proposed by Oswego County to explore opportunities for greater efficiency and potential for cost reductions in the delivery of local government services here. We will gladly work with them and/or their consultants to analyze projects of mutual interest. The motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". A copy of this resolution will be attached to these minutes. Bonnie Lewis is not on the Vision Plan. To have her on the Vision Plan she must be on the Life Insurance plan. It is going to cost the Town about \$880.00 per month for Vision and Life Ins. Per her agreement with the Town of Richland, she must be covered as part of the medical coverage. The Board has agreed to table this to get more information and to speak with the Town Attorney.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: February 14, 2017

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Millie Newcomb, Town Clerk