

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

DATE: October 23,2017

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Town Board Meeting/Work Session

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: Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb
Superintendent John Fox

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:11p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Discussion about the recent passing of Water Operator Kevin Hurd. The Employees of the Town of Richland would like to take up a collection to purchase a grave for Kevin in the Riverside Cemetery. It is understood, that what money is left over from the collection could be donated back to Kevin's wife, Tammy Hurd.

The discussion turns to who is going to fill in Kevins position in the Water Dept. This decision is based on seniority at the Highway Dept. Joe Sikora is the Senior man and is the Foreman at the Highway. He is interested in the position. Mr. Sikora is having some thoughts about moving full time to the Water and giving up the the extra money that the Forman gets. After some research, Superintendent Fox explained that with the extra money that Mr. Sikora gets as a Foreman, his moving to the Water Department and having a Class D water operators license, his wages will not change. Mr. Sikora's wage would change however when he gets his Class B Water Operator's license. The Class B class is only one week. The difference is there is a lot of Math and Chemistry. Mr. Fox will find out when the next class will be and keep the Board informed.

NYSERDA Grant : Deadline for the grant application is November 22nd. Councilwoman Gilson has been working on it. If the Town goes forward with the DPW project, the grant can still be

used for that. Its very important to be together as a board before the meeting with the Village. The entire Board are together with the project. The question is can we go forward and invite the Village to come on board at their expense and to make sure we have the room to expand in the future. The Board feels that the Mayor is trying to make it look like the Town doesn't want them involved in the project. That was not true. The Town of Richland met with the Village at the beginning stages of the project. At that time, Supervisor Krupke advised Trustee Allen that the Town was moving forward with or without the Village. Other ideas for use of the NYSERDA grant money is a Solar Project up at the well fields in Richland. A study that is tied in with the County and they are looking at an inter connection that is like 7-8 miles away. Realistically this is a project that is not going to get off the ground. However if we take the NYSERDA grant and put it against the interconnection fee, Amanda Mazzoni says if that project doesn't fly that we can re-apply that money toward another project like the Town Barn. If it gets denied, they just extend the deadline again. Supervisor Krupke thinks that the town should apply for the Grant for the Interconnection fee and use it to offset the interconnection fee. There is a strong indication that it won't go anywhere so it buys the Town time to re-apply the grant money toward the new Highway Project, which at that time the Board should know if the project is going to move forward. Councilman Yerdon asked if the money could be used toward the new records room on the Co Rt 41 Water Building. Supervisor Krupke explains that the grant has to be used for energy saving projects maybe lighting and heat is all it can be used for. Councilwoman explains it can be used for better insulation but it has so many things that the use of the money can go for energy saving projects. Maybe a Hybrid vehicle can be purchased for the Water Department. Keep one truck and use the hybrid vehicle for running around doing meter reading or inspections. The discussion continued as to the different locations for possible solar field. The most important thing to keep in mind is to secure the \$50,000 grant. A motion to apply toward the interconnection fee was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with the vote of "AYE".

A motion to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** to discuss the Potential lease of a portion of a partial of property. Councilwoman Gilson made the motion with Councilman Goodsell seconded . In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a motion of "AYE".

A motion to come out of **EXECUTIVE SESSION** with no action taken and to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: November 14,2017

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk