

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER ADVISORY  
BOARD**

TOWN OF RICHLAND  
1 BRIDGE STREETPULASKI, NY 13142

**Date:** December 6, 2017

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular monthly water board meeting

**Place:** H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

**Water Board Members Present:** Craig Sternberg, Chairman  
Doug Swalm  
Ronald Novak  
Gerry Licourt

**Absent:** Laurie Barber

**Others in Attendance:** John Fox, Highway Superintendent  
Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with Chairman, Craig Sternberg, leading the pledge of allegiance.

Ron Novak made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 7, 2017 meeting. Gerry Licourt seconded the motion. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Craig Sternberg-yes, Gerry Licourt-yes, Ron Novak-yes and Doug Swalm-yes.

John Fox Report: No water consumption report at this time. Emails have been sent out to various companies to get prices on cleaning the water tower. So far, we haven't had a response. John Fox met with Frontier and there appears to be conduit buried from the pole to the wind turbine that is an extra line. The DSL cable line could be put into the turbine through that line. During the planning process, a National Grid pole next to the road was discovered to be rotted and only held up by the guide wire. National Grid has been notified. John Fox recommended a small heater be placed in the turbine as an added precaution to keep the RTU and router safer from the freezing weather. The RTU is good for 52 below 0. We aren't sure on the router. The highway crew will build a box around the equipment to keep that small area warmer than the rest of the turbine. Well B13 (our main well) had a 30hp pump and impeller that quit working. A new pump has been purchased for approximately \$7800.00. Four prices were obtained with Casters well drilling being the lowest price on a replacement pump and impeller. Caster's price included a new 30hp Gould pump with cast iron housing, impeller, installation and a one year warranty. Parts of the pump are stainless steel. It will be installed within 2 or 3 days. A 40hp pump was ruled out because it was originally engineered for a

30hp pump. Ron Novak suggested John try to figure out why it failed after only 7 years. John will check with Robin Caster to see if and who can rebuild the broken pump and it will be kept for a spare.

The Highway Department has been working with the operators to flush hydrants while the weather is good. Craig Sternberg questioned whether they are using the flushing schedule set up by Allen Goodsell and John said they are. There are 800 hydrants in the Town of Richland water districts and there is no way to flush them all once a year. The dead ends have to be flushed more often and those are being flushed at least once a year.

Craig Sternberg also questioned whether there is any other maintenance that should be taken care of. John Fox said the vault on Lehigh Road constantly requires pumping as it fills with water. There is supposed to be a drain pipe, but the end cannot be located. They will have to dig it up and put in a new drain pipe or find the old one and correct the problem.

The new records room is being built attached to the water building on CO RT 41. The highway department is doing the site work/backfilling. The concrete is completed and the framing should be started next week.

We are currently storing meters when a request is made to remove it for the winter or permanently removed. There are only two being stored right now. If several more end up stored, it will be revisited on what to do with the ones that will not be used again.

There are no major leaks to report. All the charts are smooth indicating no major leaks.

The water department photo identification badges have been ordered.

Ron Novak questioned whether there could be grant money to purchase Storz Connectors either through the fire company or the town. John Fox will check at the next fire meeting. It was agreed connectors should be on all hydrants near houses but not on hydrants near a field. Mary Yerdon was instructed to ask Dan to check with Kristy LaManche on any grant money that may be available to cover this cost.

The question has come up again regarding buildable or non-buildable lots. Allison Nelson, Town Attorney, suggested when a person believes their property is non-buildable and should be exempt from a water EDU charge, that person should apply to the water advisor committee. The advisory committee should review it in conjunction with the zoning ordinance and make a recommendation to the Town Board. Ron Novak will address this with John Howland, CEO/ZEO for the Town of Richland and the committee can revisit this at the next water board meeting. In the past, it was required to have the property "declared" unbuildable by the planning board prior to action by the water board.

Sandy Creek Water District #1 consumed 11,561,456 gallons of water between June 1, 2017 and December 1, 2017.

At 7:00 Gerry Licourt made a motion to close the meeting. Doug Swalm seconded the motion. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon  
Water Clerk