

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

DATE: August 8, 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 (Arrived at 6:11)
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: DCO Elisa Dunn
CEO/ZEO John Howland
Highway Superintendent John Fox
Town Attorney, Allison Nelson
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb
Town Residents, Pete Gregory, Dave DeLaOsaCruz, William
McVicker, Tom McVicker, Dale Bigelow, Ryan Parker, Craig Sternberg, Mr.&Mrs Toppe, Joanne
Henry, and Patty Northrop.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BID OPENING FOR PAVING IN THE TOWN OF RICHLAND: Areas to be paved are Halsey Road, .95 miles and W Wood Road approx. .10 of a mile. The first bid is from Hanson, \$139,682.50, next Barrett Paving, \$154,418.20. A motion to accept the bid from Hanson in the amount of \$139,682.50 was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"** Wooden half pipe at the Haldane Center was in bad shape, so the Highway discarded it as it was not repairable. Superintendent Fox advised that he hasn't checked on a price on a new one so if the Board has any recommendations he is open to it. The Board questioned whether it was used very often. Superintendent Fox advised

the board that it was used quite a bit. ZEO/CEO, John Howland also said that when he is on Patrol with the Pulaski Police, there are always someone at the park. Stone under the swings was getting low so Coffins Gravel brought down the "slinger" truck and donated 16 yds of stone and truck. He then went up to the pond in Richland and did the same around the pond near the picnic tables.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Communications with the Hager Drive case. Mr. Topee, along with other residents would like to see the Right of way free of barriers so emergency vehicles and so forth can access the beach. He would like to have the Town stay the course and have control over the right of way. Mr Tom McVicker of Hager Drive is concerned that the Plaintiffs are dictating to the Town about the barriers. He states the whole reason for the lawsuit was to determine ownership of the right of way. Several residents voiced the concerns that there is something else going on , a "smoke Screen" of sorts of getting barriers and more signs. Several residents agreed that there hasn't been any parties or broken glass on the beach areas in years. The Mexico School District has already sent letters to parents of school aged children that without a turn around, the children would have to be taken up to Hager Drive and State Route 3 to catch the bus. The Board will have a discussion as to the next step. The residents only want to keep the access, " public". There hasn't been any problems there in several years. Craig Sternberg would like to offer his services as a contractor in putting in something that would fit in with the area be it with a barrier or signage. Residents of Hager express their displeasure of the fence that is clearly on-the- right of way. Councilman Yerdon agrees with the residents of Hager Dr and Ramona Beach. The issue was who was the owner of the road. Its is said that roads in a township are owned and maintained by the Town and the Highway Department. Suggestions are always welcome, but in the end the decision is the Town Board. Attorney Nelson, although she does not represent the Town in this action, explains but the Judge putting this verbiage in his order, it is locking the Town into doing these two things. Again it's written ambiguously enough where it gives the Town a lot of flexibility , but with that language in there, the town is being ordered to abide by it. The question is does the Board want the town to be ordered to install a barrier. Attorney Nelson feels the Judge is trying to get the Plaintiffs and the Town to come to an agreement . The concession of the board is, that it should be used as a road and maintained as a road. Supervisor Krupke will ask for a change in the verbiage of the agreement. The road will be maintained as a road and will be in compliance with NYS Highway laws. The right away to the lake will be kept for emergency use only. A public 'Thank you" to John Fox and the Highway Department for all the sandbags that were dropped off. Mr. Toppe is concerned with the lake levels and the the right of destruction of property along the lake side of Ramona Beach. Another public meeting will be held in Mexico on August 15th with Assemblyman Barclay at the Mexico Middle School.

DPW UPDATES: Nothing really to report. Mr. Krupke did talk to Eric Johnson from USDA Rural Development. He had hoped there would be a preliminary offer for the Town today or tomorrow. With that the Town would be looking at a \$100,000 grant that would come along

with it. That would help with some of the soft costs that would incur with the loan. It's a way and see. One thing to keep in mind is if the Town Board itself would approve or take it to the voters as a permissive referendum. The board has already had to informational meetings. Councilwoman Haynes still thinks that the Public should have a say with a vote.

WATER REPORT: Water Board meeting was cancelled due to not having a quorum. The meeting has been rescheduled to the end of August. The board has recommended Laurie Barber to the Water Board taking the place of James Hathaway. Mrs. Barber is a lifetime resident of the Town of Richland. A motion to approve the appointment of Laurie Barber to the Water Board was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: Busy for July. Violation notices were sent out. Time frame for seconded notices is next week. There are 5 on the list. Schrodgers, and Jeff Watson in Richland, Tina Jordan and Dave Conn. Under his Special permit, he is allowed 20 vehicles. His violation letter was hand delivered. He has over 30 vehicles. At this time, nothing has been removed. The last is Alan Brisset on Clark Road. The person that he has a land contract with moved a trailer in on the property that he owns without a permit. Mr. Howland placed a stop work order on the property. Dawn Mosher on Peck Road, Mr. Howland has heard nothing from her at all. Usually when Attorney Nelson sends her letter to the violators and threatens them with the Supreme Court, that usually gets the property owner's attention. Councilman Goodsell asked why we don't send the violators to Town Court. Mr Howland explained that the Town Court can't make them clean up, they can fine them. It's something that the Town Courts don't want to deal with these kinds of complaints. Councilman Yerdon and CEO/ZEO Howland took a ride last week to Richland to inspect the complaints about the fence that was installed on the corner of County Route 2 and 48. The fence is in compliance and is off the county right of way. There is also a catch trap for the bees near the fence. It's usually set up away from the hive incase the bees stray from the hive. Its designed to keep the bees in the area of the hive. As far as the Town is concerned it is legal and not in violation. Councilman Yerdon asked if there was any fine for repeat offenders, like in Dave Conns case. Mr Howland advised that there are conditions with the Site Plan approval with Mr. Conn. The other is a special permit to sell vehicles. The planning board can revoke his special permit. Usually when he gets this revocation, he cleans up the property and comes into compliance.

DOG REPORT: DCO Dunn is here to present her report. There was an issue with 2 dogs that were picked up in the Town of Albion. One dog was picked up at North Country Vet. She was told that the dog was picked up on Route 13. Unbeknownst to the DCO the dog was picked up in Pineville. The second dog was picked up on North Street in Pulaski. However when questioned the dog was picked up near Albion Cross Road in the Town of Albion. The Albion Town Board is meeting tonight to decide the fate of the dogs. Richland will hold on to the dogs until we hear from Albion.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Superintendent Fox just attended a meeting with the County they are offering a pilot program, switching from paying the towns from plowing the roads from hourly to by the mile. Mr. Fox feels that it's a better fit and gets a solid figure in figuring budgets. The county will pay 25% in October and the balance of 75% in February. Salt is staying the same. This plan will save a lot of paperwork for the Superintendent's. There is another meeting coming up on August 22nd. Mr Fox will not be able to attend. Everything is basically the same they just changed up the language. Everything is still in the discussion stage at the moment. Mr. Fox is in the process of purchasing 2- electronic sander units for 2 of the trucks. Automated controller that runs on the ground speed of the truck. These units are supposed to save up to 40% of sand and salt. Radar speed signs are to be discussed. The units are solar powered. If the Town purchased one it could be moved around to various locations in the Town. This is something that can be put into the budget for next year.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor's report for April and May were presented. With no discussion, a motion to accept these reports was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES: No Report. No meeting.

JUSTICE REPORTS: Justice reports for June were presented to the board. Another busy month. A motion to accept the Justice reports was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". The Court Clerk job was just advertised in the local newspapers. A job description was also presented. Councilman Yerdon advised the board that he took the job description from the justice system website and also from the Village of Pulaski Court. Supervisor Krupke thinks it should be adopted. The Board has decided to table this decision until the September meeting. Also, a Court Assistance grant was presented to the board. It's basically used for Audio equipment, chairs, etc. A motion to approve the Gcap Grant was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"

WARRANT OF BILLS: Abstract # 8 was presented to the board. A motion to accept Abstract #8 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 were presented for June 27 July 18 and 24th. Motion to accept Minutes for the dates listed was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"

CEMETERY UPDATES: Nothing to update

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: No report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: No report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Little Beaver Roofing. Supervisor Krupke would like to accept their bid in the amount of \$94950.00 They were the 3rd highest bidder for the roof replacement. The first 2 were eliminated due to 1. not having the proper materials and the 2nd, because the company not having the MWBE and non Collusion certificate. This company (Little River Roofing) has given the Town a 12 yr warranty and will come back to inspect it when needed. A motion to accept the bid from Little Beaver Roofing was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**. Memo from Bob North. It's the time of the year that requests should be made. A one year extension with the Teamsters is going to be discussed. Councilwoman Haynes is questioning the 4-10 hour days. Councilman Yerdon explained the benefits of the 4-10 hour days. He explains it actually saves the town money in the long run. Oswego County Shared services report is next. Councilwoman Gilson and Councilman Yerdon have been involved with this. Councilwoman Gilson says there is not enough evidence to support the savings. New York State is really pushing this program. Councilman Yerdon says that the Town has been doing this for years. A good example is NOCA. The board has agreed to wait until next year to vote on this Shared Service Agreement.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: September 12,2017 at 6:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"** **8:13pm**

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk