

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular 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  
Attorney Allison Nelson  
Highway Superintendent John Fox  
Deputy Town Clerk Julie Peterson  
Special Projects Coordinator/Budget Officer Robert North  
Resident Deborah Smith

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public Comment

**HAGER DRIVE UPDATES:** No updates at this time

**DPW BUILDING UPDATES:** Bids are coming in for the roofing project, the opening is on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 3 p.m.

**WATER UPDATES:** No updates at this time

**ZONING AND CODE REPORTS:** Mr. Howland submitted the zone and code report to the board. The planning board met with the Norfleet's regarding the privacy fence. No decision was made, some questions still need to be answered. John Mandigo is putting 6 cabins in on County Route 2A for rentals. He has been to the Village regarding water for the sprinkler systems for the

cabins. Dan Alexander obtained a Special Permit to put 4 campers in on Dry Bridge Rd. Mike Gerni was issued a permit to have a small engine repair shop on N. Fernwood Rd. The Deacon property on US Route 11 was cited and has still not moved the storage container. Attorney Nelsons office will send a letter demanding its removal. The building on the Eby/Woodmancy property on the corner of State Route 3 and County Route 28 was torn down within the given timeframe. The debris remains, a letter will be sent allowing them two weeks to clean up the debris.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Mr. Fox states he is getting all of the equipment ready for the winter. They have had to hire a company to remove some trees in a few locations. The Oswego County salt bid was submitted late. It is a shared services purchase with Onondaga County. It is unclear at this time where the fault lies regarding the late submission. Despite attempts to correct this issue, the cost to Oswego County is now \$16 per ton higher. The price went from \$42 to \$58 per ton, this is a 30% increase. This will end up costing the Town approximately \$13,000 more. Supervisor Krupke will contact the County to discuss the issue.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Supervisor Krupke invited Budget Officer Robert North to the table to discuss the preliminary budget. Mr. North discussed with the board how he devised this budget and reviewed the overall numbers for funds and appropriations. Councilwoman Gilson questioned the amount per \$1,000 that is paid by taxpayers and where this amount derives from for fire districts. This number comes from the Fire Department based on their annual budget and is not determined by the Town. Councilwoman Gilson had some questions regarding the reserves and fund balances for the water districts for repairs in the future. Supervisor Krupke states that we have reserves set up in anticipation for these types of things for each water district. There is a Budget Hearing and Final Budget meeting on October 23, 2018 at 6 p.m.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES:** The minutes for March, April, May, June, and August were given to the board to review. Councilwoman Gilson updated the board on a couple projects that are being considered.

**HALDANE BUILDING:** There was some discussion regarding the ownership of the Haldane Center. A motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson to send a letter to terminate the existing contract with the Village of Pulaski, to continue negotiations, and to extend the deadline stated in the letter to January 1, 2019. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

**JUSTICE REPORTS:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to accept the August justice reports as submitted. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

**WARRANT OF BILLS:** A motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to accept Abstract #10 of 2018. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** The letter for the Fernwood Lighting District was submitted to the board for review. Resident Deborah Smith addressed the board regarding the lighting district formation. Ms. Smith reached out to National Grid who stated they were awaiting a call from Supervisor Krupke to see what the procedure is to add lights to the district. Ms. Smith is concerned about the fact that the costs of legal fees and advertising are being passed on to the tax payers. She spoke with the Attorney General's office about this, and was told that this is not legal as this amount has been already budgeted for in the Town's annual budget. Attorney Nelson informed Ms. Smith that any charges related to a special district are charged to the district only, it is absolutely legal. All charges and revenue for a special district stay with that district, under Town Law it has to be done this way. Ms. Smith recalls a conversation with Councilman Goodsell and National Grid crew members about adding 4 new lights to all 4 new poles, however, of the 4 new poles, only 2 received lights. Supervisor Krupke was not aware of this conversation and Councilman Goodsell does not recall. Mr. North and Attorney Nelson believe that if new lights are added to the district, a petition would need to be signed by all residents within the district as the cost of the district will go up. Ms. Smith also questioned the fact that their costs have gone up, but with the LED lights, she feels they should have gone down. Councilwoman Gilson stated that there was a cost to install them. Supervisor Krupke will look into this with Mr. North, and feels this has no bearing on whether or not to pass the Lighting District resolution that is before the board at this time. A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to pass the resolution on re-establishment of the Town of Richland Fernwood Lighting District pursuant to Article 12-A, of the Town Law of the State of New York. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". Supervisor Krupke thanked Mr. North and Councilman Goodsell for their hard work on the lighting district.

Councilman Yerdon would like to table the discussion regarding Local Law #3 Regulating Wind Energy Facilities. A motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell that the Town Board desires to act as lead agency in determining that the Local Law is an unlisted action under SEQR authorizing the Supervisor to sign the SEQR form so we can start the SEQR process. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the next board meeting on November 13, 2018.

Supervisor Clerk, Tammie Wilson, devised a spreadsheet for informational purposes for the Board with insurance information on the non-bargaining unit. This spreadsheet clearly shows a significant cost savings in our plan versus if this had been with the Teamsters Insurance Plan. Councilwoman Gilson commended Ms. Wilson for simplifying the several pages of information she was given to make it more understandable.

Superintendent Fox feels that we should move forward with the County Snow and Ice Removal Agreement. However, he feels that we should begin having discussions in the early part of next year to be in on the writing of the agreement. A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson to enter into the Agreement County regarding Snow and Ice Removal. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**.

A motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy as presented. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**.

Information regarding the Dennis vs. the Town of Richland lawsuit was distributed to board members for review.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** The next Town Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**.

Respectfully submitted by

Julie Peterson  
Deputy Town Clerk