

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

DATE: December 11, 2018

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
Councilwoman Dawn Holynski
Councilwoman Sue Haynes
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: CEO/ZEO John Howland
Highway Superintendent John Fox (absent)
Town Attorney, Allison Nelson and Attorney Rebekah Prosachik
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb

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: With no one in attendance, Public Comment was waved.

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: Slowing down. The variance for Norfleets fence was approved. Small engine repair shop in Fernwood was approved after meeting with all conditions. The biggest thing was that no junk is seen from the road. On Peck Road, an Amish family wants to sell sheds. Campground on Dry Bridge was approved. A proposed Solar Project on the property where the old diner used to be at the end of Lehigh Road and Tinker Tavern Road. There will be a Public Hearing in February. It will be a 2KW about 9000 panels. The area is zoned commercial and Industrial. The Solar Farm will take up 2 parcels. The Benedict Family owned the property but will be sold to the company putting in the panels. Solar projects have been tax exempt since 1973. This property will go into the Pilot Program. For an example, this property is assessed at \$28,000 right now. The exemption lasts 15 years. The owner will continue to pay taxes on the \$28,000 for that 15yrs. After that point, the property will most likely be reassessed for a

substantially greater amount, making the property worth much more money, bringing in much more tax revenue. The project will have a decommissioning bond and the Town of Richland will be named an additional insured on it. If something should happen, the Town should be covered. Windmills do not have the same decommissioning coverage as the panels, but Mr. Howland said that the coverage is part of the permit process. Larson Engineering would like to come to talk to the Town about these panels in the future. Construction of these panels may be completed by 2019-2020. Mexico also has a project coming up. Junk letters went out to the Eby/Woodmancy, Spragues and to CSX.

HAGER DRIVE: ZEO/CEO Howland asked if the Town is going to do a survey at the end of the road that is in dispute. Mr. Krupke would like to wait until the litigation is done. Discussion on the right of way and ownership of the road.

WATER UPDATES: Minutes for December 4, 2018. The Town Board was supposed to meet with the Village Water Board but it was cancelled until next week at 6:30pm at the Village Office. Supervisor Krupke had a discussion with Village Water Board member James Soule about the Transmission / Water line that is coming down County Route 2. Mr. Krupke tried to explain to Mr. Soule that people in the front of the new water line want water while the people in the middle may not. However, the transmission line cannot go from a transmission line to distribution line back to transmission line. It just cannot happen per the Town Attorney and the Engineers. Mr. Soule does not believe Mr. Krupke or the engineers that this is true. Councilman Yerdon explains that the Village can go outside the Village into the Town to give people water like they have, but if the Town creates a Water District like what is happening now, the Town Law supersedes Village Law. So, if our Water Line comes down Co. Route 2 in this case, by law, those people are in the Town Water District regardless if they are getting Village water or not. According to Attorney Nelson, by formation of the Water District, and the boundaries of the district, they are in the district. Another way, if the Board wanted to they could adopt a Local Law that requires that all residents hook into the Water. Some places do do that. Councilman Yerdon also explained to that with the new district, the residents that are getting water from the Village currently would enjoy the better water pressure and added protection of fire hydrants. The Village Water Board asked for a copy of the Towns Map, Plan and Report and acknowledged that they did receive it today. Mr. Krupke also explained that the full EDU charge will be on the Property Tax bill in January.

DOG REPORT: Dog report for November was presented. Also IMA for Dog Control was presented. ***A motion to accept the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Albion for Dog Control was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

DPW GARAGE UPDATE: Nothing new to report.

HIGHWAY REPORT: A report by Superintendent Fox about how much it would cost or costs to plow Village Streets. The cost to plow the Village Streets per trip is \$325.00 per trip. The highway plow the streets on an average of 100 times in a normal winter.

HALDANE UPDATE: A motion to rebid the Pavilion Building Project at the Haldane Center was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. ***In a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"***. There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 am on January 10,2019 at the Haldane Center. Completion of the project will be by the end of June 2019. All local contractors are invited to bid on this project.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisors report for November 2018 was presented. ***A motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"***

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES: Another short meeting. Still concerns over housing. Discussion about signs . One size for Historical Districts and larger signs for the Business area up on Route 13/ Rome Road.

JUSTICE REPORTS: Justice Ridgeways report was presented. ***A motion to accept Justice Ridgeways report 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 request by Justice Ridgeway about clerks getting paid for the extra hours for the Special Case that was in our court. The Board feels the Clerks are paid a salaried wage and its part of the job of being a salaried worker. Their hours are 30 hrs per week.

WARRANT OF BILLS: Abstract #12 was presented to the Board for review. ***A motion to approve abstract #11 was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"***.

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Minutes for October 23rd and November 20, 2018 and November 27th were presented. With no discussion, ***a motion to accept the minutes presented was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"***

CEMETERY UPDATES: Request to set up a Cemetery reserve for account A8810.2R. for \$4000 for the year end 2018. The reserve will be specific to Road infrastructure, building and repair. The money was in this years budget and didn't get spent so the reason for the reserve account. ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. With no further discussion a roll call vote was taken with all in agreement with a vote of "AYE"***.

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: No Report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: An email in regards to The Town of Richlands Local Law #3 Wind Law. A letter recognising that the Wind law that was recently established as one of the best Wind Laws in the State of New York . The Watertown Daily Times called Supervisor Krupke for a comment as well as the Palladium Times in Oswego. The Board recognised Councilman Yerdon for his hard work on this new Local Law. Also recognised was former Town Board Member Dawn Holyinski. Attorney Allison Nelson will be leaving the Town as their Legal representative . Mrs Nelson has been elected as Oswego County Family Court Judge. Best Wishes and Thanks to her for her years of hard work. She will be missed. Clean Energy Grant Approval letter. The Richland Park Grant was also approved. The Dennis Lawsuit was thrown out because the client didn't show up for interviews. Richland Park Association Minutes are also presented. The Pond in the hamlet of Richland is owned by the Richland Fire Department. There has been a report of someone walking across the ice on the pond. Councilwoman Haynes will get with someone in Richland Fire Department to put signs up to stay off the ice . The new Advisory Board for the Richland Park will be known as the Richland Recreation Advisory Committee. The Town Liaison/chairperson will be Sue Haynes. ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson to appoint an advisory committee for the Richland Park. Members are Alicia Smith, Marjorie Yerdon, Julie Peterson, Bob North, and Sue Haynes as Chairperson. This motion was 2nd by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Additional discussion for the Highway Program from Williamson Law book. The program was budgeted this year and Supervisor Krupke would like a motion to go ahead and purchase the software. The amount for the software is \$6000. ***The motion was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded my Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Supervisor Krupke would like to make sure this program is going to be used so sending Deputy Clerk Julie Peterson over to help the start up of the program. The concern is to keep Clerk Peterson under the 30 hr. limit.

RFPS FOR ATTORNEY: Seiter Law-Mexico

4 Legal Assistants

2 Former Caracoli Associates

\$125 per hour \$185 per hour for court

Rebekah Prosachik Law Office

\$125 per hour

\$150 per hour for court

Barclay Damon Law - Joseph Russell

300 Attorneys firm wide

3 In Watertown
\$200 per hour
\$85 per hour paralegal
\$225 for court work
Over 30 years experience Jefferson -Lewis -St Lawrence and Oswego

Attorney Mark Gevo North Country Area

The Board will interview all candidates at 4:00 pm on January 8th before the scheduled monthly Town Board Meeting.

****Year End Meeting is December 27, 2018 at 10:00am****

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: January 8,2018

MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk