

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

**TOWN OF RICHLAND  
1 BRIDGE STREETPULASKI, NY 13142**

**Date: December 4, 2018**

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

**Place:** H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

**Water Board Members Present:** Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Doug Swalm

Ron Novak

Laurie Barber

Gerry Licourt

**Others in Attendance:** 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.

Gerry Licourt made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 6, 2018 meeting. Doug Swalm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7,598,300 gallons of water was pumped in November. 1,583,000 was pumped from the Fernwood wells and 6,015,300 was pumped from the Schoeller wells. It is slightly up from last year at this time.

The Town Board approved the procedure recommended by the Water Board to contact individuals who do not respond to letters or phone call regarding their meters. Two letters will be mailed requesting homeowner to contact the water clerk-if no response a registered letter is sent requesting homeowner to contact the water clerk. If still no response, a final letter is sent informing homeowner their water will be shut off stating the date and a notice of shut off is placed on their door. Water is turned off at the curb on the date stated in the letter. There will be a \$50.00 charge to have it turned back on.

The Town Board approved to have past due water bills placed on the January 2019 property tax. The relevy amount is approximately \$21,740. A letter was mailed to property owners with past due accounts informing them they would have until December 3, 2018 to pay the past due bill. After December 3, we cannot accept

payment because Oswego County will be in the process of printing the tax bills with the past due water bill included. Starting with property tax bills in January 2020 an Administrative charge will be added to any bills placed on the County property tax.

A wind turbine report was given to water board members showing production and wind turbine expenses for 2018.

The Town of Richland Water District #5 currently includes property owners who are receiving water from the Village of Pulaski. Some of these properties also have water rights from the Village dating back to when the Village Water system was installed. The Town of Richland offered an inter- municipal agreement to the Pulaski Village Board in November to come up with a fair agreement to the Village as well as to the property owners who are currently receiving water from the Village of Pulaski and are included in Richland Water District #5. So far, the Village has not met with the Town to accept or reject this agreement. All property owners included in Water District #5 will be charged \$460.00 per EDU on their January 2019 tax bill. Late summer or early fall of 2019 water lines will start to be installed. The reason the property owner's first EDU charge is in January 2019, is the debt payment to the Environmental Facilities Corporation has the first payment due. This was a "0%" loan and a \$3,000,000.00 grant was also received. Town residents served by the Village can disconnect from the Village water and connect to Town water if they choose to. Fire hydrants will be placed approximately every 600' in water district #5 whether an agreement with the Village is reached or not.

At 7:15 a motion was made by Gerry Licourt and seconded by Doug Swalm to end the meeting. All members agreed. The next water board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2019 at 6pm in the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Jury room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon  
Water Clerk