

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

DATE: February 13, 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
Councilman Allen Goodsell
Councilwoman Sue Haynes
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: CEO/ZEO John Howland
Highway Superintendent John Fox
Town Attorney, Allison Nelson
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb
Representatives from Abundant Solar, Melissa Clark and Gilion Black, Chris Carrick From CNY Regional Planning, Carl Falk, Jan Tighe, and Jeff Edick

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Village Resident Carl Falk would like to Publicly Thank the Village of Pulaski DPW and Superintendent John Fox, the Highway crew for the great work on the upkeep of the Town Roads this winter. With no other comments, the Board would like to welcome Abundant Solar and Power Corporation, from Toronto Canada, Melissa Clark and Gideon Black. Abundant Energy was selected from the Central New York Regional Planning as one of the companies to look at doing Solar energy for our region. The talks about Solar energy has been going on now for more than a year. Chris Carrick is also present from the CNY Regional Planning. A synopsis of the project was presented. The property that would be considered would be the well fields property on County Route 2 in Richland. With the project, the Town could see a savings of approximately 4% or about \$3500 in the first year. The mega watts has increased from 2 to 5 megawatts. Increased savings over the life of the project. There would be about 68,000 solar panels 6x3 and 3x5 and fasted on to aluminum and pyle driven into the

ground 6 feet. Per Ms. Clark, The Army Corp of Engineers is involved so there should be no concerns or affects to the neighboring Fort Drum radar. Also the panels are not reflective. Any Arrays could be sold to neighboring communities. There are 24 participating organizations in Central New York and 22 of them are in our area. There is about a 10% savings to area homeowners. Any National Grid Customers could opt in to the Solar community. The arrays have efficiently operational for 30-35 yrs. Older arrays that have been funcional for 30yrs. The Lease is the next step, then the interconnection agreements.

WATER REPORT: School for Joseph Sikora and James Hall. Internal Audit by Robert North went well

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: Application from Lakeside Restaurant. They are wanting to sell alcohol. State Supreme court with David Conn. Fine was \$1050. Jeff Watson given an extension due to weather. Recommendations from the Comp Board. Mr. Howland would like to get Onx Hunt for locating properties. April 10-12 is school in Syracuse. Motion to approve John Howlands attendance to school was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE" Discussion on the Land Bank. Property on Box Street was part of the Land Bank Project. It was a tax sale property that was purchased and is now up for sale, completely remodeled. Shawn Doyle suggests trying to keep a list of abandoned properties. Councilwoman Gilson asked if there is a way outside a banker to list bank foreclosed properties. Attorney Nelson isn't sure if the banks would disclose that information. Many times pictures are not kept up websites.

DOG REPORT: Report submitted and reviewed by the Board

HIGHWAY REPORT/HALDANE CENTER : Mr. Fox informed the Board to the damage of the ceiling in the locker rooms at the Haldane Center. He also met with a few contractors for estimates. Also the board needs to address the venting situation. Mr. Fox explains that the heat loss is coming from the heat vents are in the ceiling. The heat trunks are on top of the insulation. The recommendations are blowing in 12" insulation to cover over the heat trunks and cut in proper vents in the end of the rooms (Building).

Town plows plowed 43 times in the month of January. At this time, they are experiencing many breakdowns. The 2012 Mack snow plow is not working well. Driver was reporting no power. It was found that 2 cylinders injectors are bad. The cost to rebuild is \$3400. Also in regards to the pump that was removed from the wells in Richland, the pump cannot be rebuilt as planned. The casing is distorted, and the gear drive and motor are completely rusted together. Also getting a price for a new pickup truck. Getting prices from Caskinette Ford in Carthage and Van Bortals in Rochester. Mr. Fox would also like to get a new truck for the Water Department and the Highway. The 2006 Ford has 180,000 miles on it . He states he has the money in his budget. Superintendent Krupke asked Mr. Fox to get prices and come back to the March

meeting. Property on Dry Bridge Road. Town of Richland owns about 80 acres of land on the north and south side of the road. Superintendent Fox suggests the Town sells the south side of the Road. In the 31 yrs that he has been with the Town it's never been touched. He continues that the ground is called cement gravel. Its very hard to use. Mr. Fox will look into getting paper work together.

HAGER DRIVE UPDATES: No updates to report. Both parties are at a standoff. Waiting for the Judge to Rule.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: December 2017. Supervisors Clerk Tammie Wilson wants the Board to know that she is unable to close previous months due to the annual Audit. A motion to accept the Decembers Supervisors Report was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**.

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS: A motion to accept the budgetary transfers as presented. A Motion to accept the transfers as presented was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES: Minutes for October 5, November 2, and December 7 presented. The Board is looking for another member for the Comp Board. Applications will be made available on the Towns Website. Supervisor Krupke will reach out to George White to set up a meeting about upgrades to the Towns Website.

HALDANE ADVISORY BOARD: Minutes were presented for January 23rd. The contract between the Haldane and the Town of Richland is moving along. Councilwoman Haynes advised the Board that she spoke to Bill Wood and Mr. Olsen and said it would be going to the Board for approval. Some discussions are in the process of getting bathrooms and a pavilion built. Mr Krupke that would really complete the project. He is also in talks with the Snow Foundation in hopes of getting a grant through PROP. Some preliminary plans are in the works .

JUSTICE REPORTS: Motion to accept the Justice reports for January was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**. Supervisor Krupke would like to Thank Judge Conger for her efforts in securing a Grant for a new Copier and Office furniture.

WARRANT OF BILLS: A motion to accept abstracts #15 & #2 was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: October 24 2017 . A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**.

CEMETERY UPDATES: No updates

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: Mr. Doyle has been working on WW1 project. The town historian in Oswego did an inventory of the Veterans in 1920. There were 168 names on the monument but Danielle submitted a list of 186 some were from the Town of Albion. Mr. Doyle showed the board a composite monument holders. They seem to hold up really well and no market for them if stolen.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: This year Mr. Doyle is on 3 Committees. The first is Vice Chair of Economic development planning committee, Highway and Finance committee. Milferd Potter and Mr. Doyle are the Senior Legislatures this year. Doyle is still on the CNY Regional Planning Board where he is the Senior person on the 7 member Board. Shawn is the new Chairman of the Transportation Committee. He is going back in March to meet with some DOT people and discuss the Route 81 situation. They have been coming to every meeting that he has Chairs when they are held. They are listening and we are making sure that the bridges that they rebuild have sidewalks and well advance notice because the fishing season. Mr Doyle has been trying to get someone up here from DOT to go over his plan for connecting the Haldane Center and other side of the river. Still in the talking stage is sidewalks to the school still. Route 11 and 3 are in terrible shape. Courthouse work that is going forward this summer is a new roof and insulation. Some trees will be removed to make new parking spaces and repaving the parking lot. The Courthouse will be 200 years this year. The pillars in the front of the Building are in terrible shape and will be part of the restoration. The handicap entrance will also be looked at. Historic Districts need to be established in the Village. Mr Doyle feels there will be 2 districts. Lots of exciting things going on in the Village. Mr Cronin and Brian Leary have applied for a grant that 1. Would help Mr Cronin fix up and repair the old Kinneys Building on Jefferson St and 2. Brian Leary to renovate the old Niagara Mohawk Building on Lewis St. The Old Yankee Fly and Tackle building has been sold and the new owner has gone to the Village with some plans to rehabilitate the building. The new owner is looking to put maybe a boardwalk along the River, possibly to the VFW. Also, the Bowling Center has been sold. A realtor from Skaneateles purchased it. Councilwoman Gilson is concerned about the recommendations and because the Village has not kept up with Zoning and Building updates, the Village is missing out on some opportunities. Mrs. Gilson explains that the Comp Plan is so very important and it must get done. The Winterfest was a Huge Success this year. Halfshire will have another fundraiser later in the year to raise money for the Festivals. Sales tax numbers were up this year. The tax property sale is getting more strict. The time to get back taxes paid has been cut down to 2 years from 3 yrs. Lastly, Mr. Doyle wants the Town to be aware that the Town owns a piece of property that goes behind the pond in Richland to the Dailey property. Also, when the Town does the annual meeting at Halfshire, he would love for it to be in the summer. The Halfshire has been doing many improvements and updates and the summer would be a better time to highlight those improvements.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Local Law discussion Wind Energy Facilities. Some recommendations from Attorney Allison Nelson are as follows The law focuses on large solar farms. It covers both large and small operations. There are no site plans for the facilities, and she feels that the wording should be tightened up pertaining to the smaller farms. Supervisor Krupke will forward the changes to the board to discuss at a later date. Also, Planning and Town Board roll . Attny Nelson wondered why it was in there, but Councilman Yerdon questions the right of the Planning Board to make financial decisions. The Planning Board doesn't have any right to make those kind of decisions. Mr Yerdon questions, why the planning board would have that kind of power. Mr Yerdon wants the Town Board to have the final financial decision. The Planning Board may only suggest, the Town Board makes the final decision. LL # 2 of 2018 Prior written Notice. This was a recommendation from NYMIR. Schedule a Public Hearing for March 13,2018 meeting. Also the Hold Harmless Notice was also recommended by NYMIR. Supervisor Krupke thinks this may knock out most small contractors working for the Town. A motion to approve the Insurance Indemnity was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. All were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**. Discussion to the Lighting District in Fernwood. Mr. North is to meet with a National Grid representative to discuss the placing of new poles and lights. The idea is not to eliminate but to expand the district but make sure in the process that the lights are in the appropriate places. Councilman Goodsell, Supervisor Krupke and Bob North will meet and discuss the new district. Mr Doyle asked Supervisor Krupke to draw up a letter to follow up to the County about the dry hydrant in Fernwood. Reminder about the Tug Hill Conference on March 29th. Town Clerk Newcomb has the forms. Councilman Yerdon asked again about the Parking Spots in the lot outside the building. Mr. Doyle will look into it with the county.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: March 13,2018

MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson . In a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**. **Adjourned 8:50.**

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk