

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

**DATE:** March 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, Natassia Fodor (Assoc.of Nelson Law Office)  
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb, Town of Richland Residents, Dave Scott, Bill McVicker and Mary and Dale Bigelow. Village of Pulaski Trustees, Robin Ford and Jan Tighe.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Floor was opened for Public Comment. No comments.

**WATER REPORT:** Minutes for March 6th were presented. Joe Sikora and Jim Hall have been to School and obtained their 2B License. There are now 3 & 2B Water Operators. Discussion about the rate of pay for the certified operators. Joe Sikora will be over at the Water Department permanently after the weather breaks. Superintendent Fox told the Board that when the Weather gets better, that he and the Water Operators will walk the Railroad tracks from Schoeller to Richland and check for leaks. In this area there is one section of pipe that is 50 years . There is about 14% water loss right now. 10% is considered acceptable. The ground in that area is gravel and sand so it will be hard to find. Prices are coming in to have the Water Tanks washed. The prices are between \$ 8000 and \$10,000. The company will go up and pressure clean the Tanks. After the cleaning they put a special coating over the outside to help

with dirt and grime sticking to the outside. The Tank in Richland is a different tank. It's called an Aqua Store. That tank is due for an inspection. Aquarstore has to do that themselves.

**ZONING AND CODE REPORTS:** Not a lot going on. Still slow. A few typos in the new Zoning Books. Gave back to Attorney Nelson to have corrected. Copies given to Comprehensive Board. As soon as the weather clears Mr. Howland will get together with a few Board Members to ride around the Town.

**HAGER DRIVE UPDATE:** Mr Krupke advises since the letter that was handed out to the residents of Hager Drive, he has not had any further communication with Mr. Caraccioli. Mr. Krupke advised the Residents that Attorney Caraccioli knows where the Town stands on letting the Judge make the decision on ruling the road is a Town Road therefore the Town will follow the laws in maintaining it as a Town Road. Some of the Residents have written to the Judge and also to the Judicial Committee. The Judge in the case has ruled that Hager Drive is a Town Road, it was not a final ruling because he wanted both sides to negotiate the terms. The Town will hold firm in its fight to keep the road open for residents to use the beach and have an open area to enjoy the beach. Supervisor Krupke will get a better clarification. Dave Scott advised the Board that workers have been at one of the camps working fast and furious finishing up the inside. Mr. Howland advises that the Norfleets still haven't applied for the variance for the fence.

**DPW BUILDING PROJECT:** The Vote is coming up. April 17th 12-7:00 in the Grand Jury Room at the Courthouse. Encourage everyone to come out to Vote. John Fox asked Matt Fuller to come out to the Building site to go over a few things, make sure that everyone is on the same page. Mr. Fox took Mr. Fuller up to the County Highway Garage on Centerville Road. Mr. Fox would like to change around the way the Offices, Bathroom, and breakroom was laid out. Superintendent Fox would like to keep the mentioned rooms to the corner of the Building, cutting down on the many doors that were on the plan. This would give more parking space in the garage. Councilman Yerdon thinks it would be a good idea that the Village Trustees and Mayor write a letter in support of the New Garage. Mr. Yerdon also expressed his concern that the Residents of the Town won't be able to see what the Board has done for the last 3 years in moving this project along. He is wondering if the People of the Town just see the cost and not all the work that went into bringing the project to this point. Supervisor Krupke says the best way to get the info out is on the Towns Facebook or other social media outlets. Supervisor Krupke also told the Board that the possibility of another \$100,000 maybe available in the form of a grant. That money could help off set the soft costs.

**DOG REPORT:** Dog Controls report for February 2018 was presented

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** The highway plowed 24 times in February. No major breakdowns. Men are painting inside the shop. Doing maintenance on trucks and equipment. Not many potholes

are popped up over the winter. The roads are now posted for 6000 lbs.weight limits. Last meeting the Highway was going to attempt to purchase 2 new Pickups. One for the Water Dept and one for Highway. There was a discrepancy with the budget set up. The water didn't have the money set aside for it this year. So the Highway would like to update one of the Pickups. Caskinette Ford is a dealer in Carthage and they beat Caprara's price. The truck can be purchased on a fleet price and will be a 2019 Ford . The cost is \$46,000 but the Towns cost on \$34,000. Nothing fancy it will have a Plow and trailer towing package. The highway will have a total of 3 pickups with plows. Superintendent Fox would like to get approval to order the new Pickup. He says he has enough money in his budget. 1 of the pickups in the Highway right now is getting ready to turn 100,000 miles and the other 2 with 140-150,000 miles on them. The new pickup will replace the 2006 Ford Diesel, with 140,000 miles and a bad transmission. It's used at the Haldane in the winter and hauls mowers in the summer. With as many times as the drivers are in and out of the vehicles, the drivers seats in most of the trucks are gone. A motion by Councilwoman Haynes to approve the purchase of a new 2019 Ford Truck . The motion was seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE" The Sand pit in Altmar is just about expired. Mr. Fox thinks the Town will get another solid year out of it, but it is time to start looking for a new source. A proposal for a new spot up on Main Street in Richland near the turnaround just over the Albion Town line. Next to Pollics house. The DEC would have to look at it. The Town would need to be permitted for about 10-15 acres. First, test holes would have to be dug to see what is there. The Town of Richland also purchased land on County Route 41 where the wells are now for sand and gravel but got water so that land was lost. It's something that the Town is going to have to look at. Many Towns get sand from the county but its been through the grapevine that the County is going to quit selling sand. Board Members would like to go to Richland to view the site. The current sand pit would have to be reclaimed and possibly put it up for sale. Supervisor Fox has a bill for the repairs inside the Haldane Locker Room. The estimate was for \$1290. Kevin Balcom from KB Carpentry It was turned in to insurance. Also while some Contractors were there, Mr Fox had them look at the Ice issues that is causing the problems a the Center. The heat ducts are in the ceiling at the hockey rink. When they got looking at things, they found the Heat ducts were laying on top of the insulation. They put in some partitions in so they need some vents put in to get air moving. So to put in 1 ft of insulation in the ceiling 38x90 and 3 24x24 vents and insulate all the cracks. one price was \$3227 from KB Carpentry and the other for \$6400 from Orwell Enterprises. A motion to accept KB Carpentry's price of \$3227 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 REPORT:** No Supervisors Report. Auditors have been here .

**HALDANE BUILDING PROJECT:** Been working with Craig Sternberg, Mike LaSalle and Pop Warner on the Building Project for bathrooms and pavillion. Building is never easy. Mr Krupke will be meeting with Kristy LaManche on Thursday. Jeanne Eganhoffer from the State is on board with helping out with the facility. It's been challenging to say the lease. If the Town can

get it covered with grant money, Mr Krupke thinks things will be okay. Mr. Krupke thinks the whole project with the pavillion and bathhouse will be about \$75,000. The Richland Park project is moving along slowly. Hopefully it will pick up steam shortly.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES:** Jamie Foster was the recommended choice to join the Comprehensive Planning Board. In a motion made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. With no further discussion, and in a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE."** Councilwoman Gilson will advise the Comp Board of the appointment of Jamie Foster.

**JUSTICE REPORTS:** A motion to accept the Justice Reports as presented was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. With no discussion, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**.

**WARRANT OF BILLS:** A motion to accept Abstract #3 of 2018 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:** A motion to accept Minutes for Dec 12, 27 and and January 9th was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE"**.

**CEMETERY UPDATES:** No updates.

**TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT:** No report

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** No report

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Town Clerks Annual Meeting in Albany April 21st and 22nd. A motion to allow Town Clerk Newcomb and Deputy Clerk Peterson to attend was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. With no discussion, and in a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of **"AYE."**

Supervisor Krupke went to a meeting about Lake Ontario Lake Levels. The prediction for the Lake this year is 1 foot above normal. Many factors can contribute to this of course like Spring runoff. Mr. Fox has already ordered sand bags. The Maple View Garage will be closed this summer. The bags that The Town will get will be filled then delivered to the Town. There was a Shared Services Meeting. Mayor Rodriguez from the Village of Pulaski attended. Chris Carrick sent along the Solar Project agreement with Abundant. The Board of the Town doesn't feel it's a good fit at this time. More research will be done. There was a "Thank You " note from Donna Riggelman about how fast and how courteous the Highway workers were while replacing the mailbox that was knocked down during the Winter. Superintendent Fox advised there are approximately 20-25 mailboxes that get knocked down a year. The Town sometimes has to

replace maybe 10. The Town will look into purchasing a machine to make our own ID badges for Town Employees. The Board feels its a good idea for Water Department , Assessor, and Summer Recreation Employees, all employees. The price is \$850 without the camera and \$1100 with a camera.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: April 10,2018**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss **Personnel** was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. 7:28pm

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. The result of the Executive Session was, No Action taken.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:34 pm**

Respectfully submitted

Millie Newcomb  
Town Clerk