

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF RICHLAND

1 BRIDGE STREET, PULASKI, NY

**DATE:** June 12, 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 ( arrived at 6:40)  
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** CEO/ZEO John Howland  
Highway Superintendent John Fox  
Town Residents, Dave Scott, Bill McVicker, Roselyn MrVicker,  
Judith Lynn, Bob and Ricki Toppe, Mary and Dale Bigelow, Village Trustee, Jan Tighe, Assessor  
Warren Wheeler, Water Board Chairman, Craig Sternberg Bonadio Representatives, Terry  
Phillips and Jesse Schooler. Historian and Co Legislature Shawn Doyle  
Town Attorney, Allison Nelson  
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 HEARING:** Supervisor Krupke opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #3 Regulating Wind Energy Facilities. With no comments from the Audience, A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. *In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"*. Councilwoman Haynes was not present for the vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Toppe from Ramona Beach would like to address the Board with a letter that he has written to the International Joint Commission about the water levels of Lake Ontario. Mr. Toppe informed the Board that he had written to the Commission and received a letter back from Frank Bevacqua. Mr. Toppe is concerned about the Lake Levels after the devastation from last year's flooding of properties all along the eastern shores of Lake Ontario. Many properties are still a mess with the levels still 8" above normal. Mr. Toppe wants the

Board to understand that the “Lake is Dangerous” and encourages others to attend a meeting that will be open to the public in Fair Haven On June 13th. Mr. Toppe would also like to Thank the Town for all the work that was done on Snake Creek.

**HAGER DRIVE UPDATES:** No news or updates.

The Town is still pursuing the same path as they were in May of this year. Attorney Caraccioli feels the Judge should have a decision by the middle of July, but Supervisor Krupke thinks it should be more like August. The Judge still wants a second sign off from residents giving the Town ownership of the road and right of way.

**DPW BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES:** No updates. Possible meeting with the Village has been put on hold. If the building project doesn't move forward, a new roof is definitely needed on the old Town Garage. A possibility of moving the salt shed out on Co Rt 41 and Pole Barn for storage. A ballpark figure for a new roof is approximately \$200,000. The building cannot be expanded due to Village Zoning laws, so improving the building to make it safe working environment.

**WATER UPDATES:** Windmill is down again. Parts will be \$600-\$700. Mary is to get in contact with Tim Maine.

**ZONING AND CODE REPORTS:** The Board was presented with a list of Building and Zoning permits for the month. Jeff Watson was supposed to be in compliance by the first of June. John Garofalo on Baldwig Road contacted Mr Howland and wants to get everything cleaned up. The ticket has been issued and feels he should just go to court also, the Higby estate on Valley Road. The old Hilton Farm on Co Rt 41 that is now owned by Jacob Boyle has 2 tractor trailer bodys on the property. Mr. Howland was asked about the shipping containers that have gotten popular in recent years. These are mainly used for storage when people move. Mr. Howland explained to the Board that he trailers can stay upto 6 months provided there is a permit issued. In June/July, a few sign will come into effect. The signs can be put on Owners property but can not be put onto someone's property or in public right a ways. Many of the Amish family's put signs on the corners of the roads where they sell baked goods and other related items. CEO/ZEO Howland explains the he will talk to Bishop Swartzentruber to let him know about the new ordinance. He will get the word out to the Amish families. Lastly, CSX Police have contacted Mr. Howland and are getting an order to pick up stuff that have been dropped on the CSX property in and around the Beulah Drive area of Richland.

**BONIDIAO AUDIT REPORT:** Highway: Inventory control of salt, stone and fuel. Regular inventories and tracking of fuel by each truck and regular physical inventories. Per Mr. Fox, fuel is tracked daily on sheets that are kept in each truck. Each month the sheets change. Aggregate and salt comes in and out. Usually there is nothing left. Councilwoman Gilson asked about

inventories. Mr. Fox explains that the inventory is turned in every September or October. Terry Phillips recommends a digital fuel pumps for fuel tanks. Water District #3 with Sandy Creek, needs to be closed out. Financial Statements have not changed they are just long. The news that everyone wants to hear is that the Government is in a very solid and strong net asset position. The Lighting Districts continues to run short. Conversion to LED lights was one of the causes. The Town is using Bob North for internal reviews or audits for the Water Districts and Court Systems. This is working very well due to Bobs meticulous record keeping. The samples from the Town Clerks records was just proper sign off of reconciliations needed to be done. Over all observation, the Town is very strong financially. The Town has very good internal controls. It's always good to try to improve.

**ASSESSOR WARREN WHEELER:** The Town is at 87% assessment. He is here to talk about a possible revaluation. The market in the area has been pretty steady. The next possible timeframe for a reval would be 2020. To get to full assessment, he would like to start in 2019 to have it ready for the tax year 2020. The cost is usually about \$75 per parcel, but the Town will use Mr. Wheeler for about \$5.00 per parcel. The Town should set aside \$30,000 to \$40,000 for this to happen. Typically one third will go up , one third will go down and one third will stay the same. Mr. Wheeler wants all questions to be directed to him to keep the Town Board Members out of the "firing" line. Supervisor Krupke suggests maybe a public campaign to inform the public how the reval works and what it entails . Surrounding towns are in the 90% range. With everything that is going on between the NYS Assessors Association and New York State, Mr. Wheeler feels the State is trying really hard to have either Countywide or Statewide Assessing. The State Wants the money to directly go to the state and cut out the local Tax Collectors. It's a lot to take in and to think about. It's going to be unfavorable and there will be push back. A suggestion is to hold a meeting in the local school or auditorium to inform people as to how the reval works and Mr. Wheeler can take questions to take the pressure off the Board Members. Councilwoman Gilson is concerned because we live in an economically depressed area. The decision is not an easy one. If the Town decides not to do a reval, how do we get back into the 90's? Mr. Wheeler says that he tracks sales and building permits.

**DOG REPORT:** Dog Control report was presented.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Black Top Bids. Working on ditching . Chip seal will be starting. There are about 7 miles of roads that they will be working on.

Black top bids are as follows:

Barrett Paving:	\$181,713.60
Richland Area	\$91,853.00
Port Ontario	\$48,156.00
N.Fernwood	\$41703.00

Hanson: \$ 219,934.40 This bid was not broken down into the different areas. Supervisor Krupke and Councilman Yerdon met with Kurt Oshelt, Mr. Walpole, and Supervisor Tony Bush from Hastings. They talked about the Snow Plowing contract. The dialog was good. Mr Oshelt could not make any decisions without talking to the County Attorney. Superintendent Fox advises the Board that the Bid for Paving be awarded to Barrett Paving. A motion to accept Barrett Pavings Bid of \$181,713.60 was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. *In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"*

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Reports for January, February and March were presented. A motion to accept these reports 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:** Short meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

**HALDANE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES:** Working on the Pavillion with the bathroom facilities. The Town of Richland found out that they received a Snow Foundation Award for \$20,000. Also, the Town is waiting to see if they will be awarded another \$50,000 from the Shinimin Foundation. These moneys will be used to finish up the Pavillion, Bathrooms as well as fencing , trails and signage. Summer Recreation is in full swing. Meeting with Parents tomorrow night.

**JUSTICE REPORTS:** Justice reports for were presented to the Board. A motion to accept the reports from Justice Ridgeway and Conger was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. *In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

**WARRANT OF BILLS:** Motion to accept abstract #6 was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. *In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

**TOWN BOARD MINUTES:** Minutes for the May 8th Town Board meeting were presented. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell . *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:** Local Law #3 vote will be delayed due to the County's Objection. The Local Law calls for an Overlay District. Attorney Nelsons recommendation to have a

discussion with John Howland and the Boards to have it established as a Floating Zone. The Law can be amended. Also a suggestion to have the Town Establish an Industrial Zone. This Law will be brought back up at the July meeting.

Also included for FYI are the Tax Bill rates for 2018-2019. Lighting district for Fernwood. A possible Public Hearing for August. Attorney Nelson just received Bob Norths packet. Her office is in the process of reviewing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION :** A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Union contract was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. *In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE" 8:30 pm*

At 9:00 pm, a motion to exit Executive session was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson . The results of the session was no decisions made.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. *In a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*  
Adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb  
Town Clerk