

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

**DATE:** November 12, 2019

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular Scheduled 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:** Town of Richland residents Herb Yerdon, Dale Bigelow, ZEO/CEO John Howland Attorney Graham Seiter and Town Clerk Millie Newcomb. County Legislator Ed Gilson arrived at 7:15pm

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public comment currently.

**ZONING AND CODE REPORTS:** The Board was presented with the Building and Zoning permits for the month of October. Things have slowed up. There will be no Planning or Zoning Boards meeting this month. There was one complaint in Richland that 2 residents were having a dispute and one put up a "tire wall". The owner said it was a fence not a wall.

**HAGER DRIVE UPDATES:** Per Attorney Seiter, Ms. Norfleet of Hager Drive has indicated that she would be willing to drop her suit against the Town of Richland if the Town would agree to put up some kind of barrier to keep cars from driving down on the beach area. If the Town would do that, she would agree to drop everything. The Board asked why didn't she say this to begin with. Regardless, Attorney Seiter, explains she agreed that just something to make sure

cars cannot come down the beach. The Board asked if she would put it in writing and Mr. Seiter advised she would. Her agreement with the Town would not stop someone else that may own the property in the future from doing what she has tried to do. This agreement will stop her in the future from trying to pursue this same issue. The Attorneys at Harris Beach LLC will draw up this agreement. Dale Bigelow, a resident of Hager Drive thinks that the residents would probably agree to the benches or a concrete barrier of some nature.

**DOG REPORT:** Dog Report for October was presented to the Board.

**WATER UPDATES:** Minutes for the meetings of September 17<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> were presented to the Board.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Superintendent Fox was not present for the meeting. Town Clerk Millie Newcomb made a few notes from Mr. Fox. He wanted the Board to know that all the Plows are on. The crew worked on Veterans Day to make sure all equipment was ready for the snowstorm that was supposed to hit the area. Per the agreement with Oswego County Ice and Snow contract, the Town of Richland still has not received the first installment of the contract that was due in October. He has a shared service agreement with the Towns of Sandy Creek, Boylston, Redfield, Williamstown, Orwell, Amboy and Mexico to purchase a Shoulder Machine. The machine is a 2002, its in beautiful shape. The cost of the machine new is \$110,500. The Towns can purchase it for \$35,000. The company will wave the rental of the machine if its purchased. The cost per town, with 8 towns participating will be \$4375. To rent this machine would be \$2000 per week. Usually the Towns get this machine from the county, but it is getting harder and harder to get it. The language will probably be the same as the other shared agreements that we have with the roller and sweeper. Councilman Goodsell would like to see how they keep track of maintenance etc. The board members are not opposed to the purchase but, they would like to see the agreement and that it kept inside. ***A motion to approve the purchase this machine but, would like to look at them. This motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** The Supervisors report for October 2019 was presented to the Board. ***With no discussion, a motion to accept the 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".***

**RICHLAND TOWN PARK:** The next meeting according to Councilwoman Haynes will be after the Holidays. This will bring the project to the next phase. Senator Ritchie's Office called, and Supervisor Krupke advised her office that the Committee will be looking for additional funding and or grants to help with the next part of the project.

Haldane Lease will be coming due again on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Maybe a new lease, starting with a 99-year agreement? Some of the terms should be looked at especially that the Village could not sell any part of the facility. ***A motion by Councilman Yerdon to go into executive session to discuss this issue further. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE" 7:25pm.***

***A motion to leave "Executive Session" was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. No results of the Executive Session were told to the Town Clerk.***

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES:** A letter from Dawn Holynski of the Comprehensive Board was handed out to the Board. Supervisor Krupke asked the Board to look it over and a discussion of the letter would take place at the December 2019 meeting.

**HALDANE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES:** No report

**JUSTICE REPORTS:** Justice report was next for Justice Ridgeway and Judge Conger. ***A motion to accept the justice report as presented 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:** ***A motion to accept abstract #11 of 2019 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:** Town Board Minutes for September 10<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. ***A motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"***

**TOWNCLERKS REPORT:** ***A motion to accept the Town Clerks report for October was made by Councilman Yerdon 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:** Thursday this week is the Legislative meeting. There have been many workshops on the Budget. Very good Department heads in the county that do an outstanding job. Mr. Gilson announced there is no increase in the county tax for 2020. This year is the first year in 15 years that the County Budget is balanced. The county has changed from a 4-year tax foreclosure to a 2-year tax foreclosure. This helped so the county didn't have to accrue as much money for unpaid taxes. The county was putting aside over 6 million dollars to pay back school, town and village taxes each year. There are still some 4-year foreclosure properties out there. The county did make a deal with Fitzpatrick Nuclear facility. Its more like a pilot now. The proposed Oswego County budget is now \$218 million. Mr. Gilson said he has heard that it could drop a bit more. Redi-projects for the Town of Richland, the Selkirk Lighthouse retaining wall. The talk is that the road would be closed off and detour around the back of the Lighthouse. The Town would not have any responsibility to maintain the road. Just a place to turn plows around. This is a county project not a Town project. The Town received no funding for the Redi-projects. PALS in Pulaski is concerned about the transportation of the Elderly in the area, its not meeting the elderly's needs. They are planning on going to the county legislature to get some help. The new snowplow agreement with the County had its first installment that was due at the end of October. Supervisor Krupke wanted Mr. Gilson to know as of today, the first installment has not been received. Councilman Yerdon advised Mr. Gilson that if the Town was late, they would be penalized by having the County cancelling the contract. Mr. Gilson will find out what is going on. Supervisor Krupke advised that Jim Weatherup has been made aware of the situation.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Approve the Special Reserve for a revaluation. In 2019 the Town Budgeted \$20,000 to set up a reserve account a for future assessment revaluation. The board needs to establish a reserve account to put that money into. ***A motion to set up a special Reserve Account for a future Assessment Revaluation 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".*** Letter from the Redi Committee. A letter from the Pulaski Congregational Church that is very interesting. Training classes for newly elected officials. Let the Town Clerk know if anyone is interested in going. Town Christmas party is going to be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. Emergency management training letter is in the packet. Supervisor Krupke did speak to Senator Ritchie about the issues with Water District # 5 issues. He did not ask her for any action but wanted her to know. The Solar Project on County Route 41, the

panels are up. Not sure of the status if its up and running. The Altmar gravel pit solar project is progressing.

***BUDGET FOR 2020: A motion to adopt the 2020 Town of Richland Budget was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". The Budget for the Town of Richland is available in the Town Clerks Office and is available for inspection during regular business hours. Supervisor Krupke would like to once again thank Budget Officer Bob North and Supervisor Clerk Tammie Wilson and all other offices for all their hard work on the budget process. Mr. Krupke tells the Board that he thinks this is a very responsible budget that is being presented.***

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** December 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With nothing else to bring before the Board, *a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 8:02 pm*

Respectfully submitted by:

Millie Newcomb

Town Clerk