

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

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

Date: July 2, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Laurie Barber

Gerry Licourt

Absent:

Ron Novak

Doug Schwalm

John Fox, Hwy Superintendent

Others in Attendance:

Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with Craig Sternberg leading the pledge of allegiance.

Gerry Licourt made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2019 meeting. Laurie Barber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

In June 2019, 2,593,000 gallons of water was pumped from the Fernwood wells and 8,716,700 was pumped from the Schoeller wells.

No change on the village of Pulaski situation with village water in the town.

Supervisor Krupke would like to know the progress on washing the water towers. Superintendent Fox was not present to give the report. Craig Sternberg will check and get back to Mr. Krupke.

Gerry Licourt made a motion to address the charges for a property on Phillips Dr. destroyed by fire. The EDU will remain at 1 because there is a curb stop. However, the minimum bill will be discontinued until water is reconnected. The owner will need to purchase a new meter when/if he reconnects if that was also destroyed in the fire. Laurie Barber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The operator and clerical training have been completed on the new Beacon program. The first billing went out using this new system. All seems to be working properly.

Water Project Update from Barton & Loguidice:

- Activity Completed in Last Month and Current Activities
 - Final design is near completion. Plans for Town review will be forthcoming.
 - CSX Railroad Crossing Applications submitted. All 3 applications have been approved and invoiced. We'll need checks from Richland (project reimbursable)
 - DEC & Army Corps permit application has been submitted. DEC indicated first round of comments last Friday.
 - Awaiting NYS DOT approval (three rounds of comments completed).
 - Work continues on project easements – heavily concentrated along private roads in Sandy Creek.

- Project Financing
 - NYS EFC Short Term Interest Free Loan scheduled to close in June or July (construction funds).
 - USDA RD has offered a \$2.5 million grant and 38-year 2.375% interest loan
 - EFC and RD confirmed that the Town can close on RD funding and refinance into DWSRF 30-year 0% interest loan!!!
 - Sandy Creek will hire Fiscal Advisors for to help for the remainder of the project due to additional complexity with RD involvement.

- Steps to Proceed
 - Obtain easements
 - Final Design completion
 - Regulatory Review / Permitting – through Fall 2019
 - Bidding – Fall 2019
 - TARGET Construction Start – Fall 2019

At 6:55 pm Laurie Barber made a motion to close the meeting. Gerry Licourt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The next water board meeting will be held Tuesday August 6, 2019 at 6pm in the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Jury Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Water Clerk