

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

DATE: November 17, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Town Board Meeting - Continued from November 10,2020

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: Parks/Rec Water Supervisor, Craig Sternberg, Supervisor Clerk, Tammie Whaley, and 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 COMMENT: Supervisor Krupke would like to take this opportunity to recognise Town Councilman and Deputy Supervisor Kern Yerdon for being named "Veteran of the Year"

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS:

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: The Big news is that Oswego County is moving purchasing back "in house". It was previously in an agreement with Onondaga County.

WATER REPORT: The Board has to vote on a Snow Plow for the new Water truck. The bid was previously awarded to Dicks Auto but when it was supposed to be installed, it was discovered that the plow was not the correct one. Dick's Auto was not interested in rebidding so Water Supervisor Sternberg got 3 other bids. The other bids were Boondocker Equipment in Syracuse in the amount of \$6200.00, Whitesboro Spring in Watertown for \$6100 and Parkers NAPA in Pulaski for \$6200. Mr. Sternberg would like the Board to approve the Purchase from Parkers

NAPA. It's exactly what the Water Department is looking for. It's a Stainless V-plow, and they are a local business. ***A motion to purchase the plow at the cost of \$6200 was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** At the last meeting, a hole on County Route 28 near CSX crossing was discussed. Attorney Seiter was going to draft a letter WD Malone about the hole being a safety hazard and to put them on notice in case anything happened. The letter has been put on hold for now because they are back working on doing the boring. Hopefully everything will be completed in a timely manner.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS & RICHLAND PARKS: The Haldane agreement is in everyone's packet to review. Supervisor Sternberg advised the board that they are going to be working on the Haldane Center roof and the apparent ice jam that happens in the winter on the roof near the Entry doors. Heat tape will be installed in the valley to keep the "water" flowing and help the ice from building up. The cause of the ice build up is likely due to no to poor ventilation and it being poorly insulated. It looks like there has been more insulation put in over the last few years but maybe spray foam underneath or a redesign would help.

DOG REPORT: Dog Control Officer is getting information about a Dog Enumeration. Mrs. Dunn will get the estimated cost and bring it back to the Board at a later date.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: The Supervisors reports for August and September were presented to the Board. With no discussion, ***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: A presentation was given by Craig Sternberg to the Comprehensive Planning Board about the new Development in front of the Pulaski High School. This new development will have 18 units dedicated to former substance abuse users that are being rehabilitated. It was understood that there was going to be a Recreation Center but now Councilwoman Gilson says it's going to be a Behavioral Center instead. Mrs. Gilson states that she thinks that they were all a little shocked because it's across from the school that there would be a better place, other than across from a school. Diane Cooper Currier will be at the next Comprehensive Planning Board meeting and is heavily involved in this project. Maybe she can ease everyone's mind with the occupants that will be living in this new development. Councilwoman Gilson feels that certain questions need to be asked before something of this magnitude gets approved. Councilman Yerdon asked what were the questions being asked. Questions like what kind of people will be living in this area. Board members would like to know how something like this made it through the permit process

without asking these questions. Councilwoman Gilson said that she was under the impression that it was going to be housed by Community People that need help, something like Springbrook. She wants to know why they were not more forthright with this information. Mr. Sternberg says that there is just so many things and just so much information they are going to give you. Per Mr. Sternberg, when this was presented to the Village, this project required variances and that's the time when the questions should have been asked and answers given. That's the opportunity for the Village to say no. There are so many of these types of opportunities around the state. Councilwoman Haynes asked Mr. Sternberg that these project people knew what this was going to be and they were dishonest. Mr. Sternberg said that they withheld that information. Mr. Sternberg admitted that he knew what the project entailed. He said at the time that he did speak to Code Enforcement for the Village to make them aware of exactly what was going to be built. These are County Facilities they are a county social services facilities. There is no way to back out. It's a County project and NYS money. Councilman Yerdon would like to know where our County Legislators were and if they knew about this project. Mrs. Gilson says she is not sure if they knew about the occupants that would be living there through Oswego County Opportunities. Oswego County Opportunities (OCO) are 51% owners in this project. The name of this company is 2plus4.com if anyone wants to get on their website. Transparency means alot this community. Councilwoman Gilson wants to know how the Town of Richland will screen this type of development in the future. This project also falls under the IDA. 2plus4 is a part of a group of constructing and managing Social Services Facilities. They are one of many construction companies that do this thing. The big issue most on the Comprehensive Board has is the location. Mr. Sternberg told the Board that they have everything figured right to the foot. When they say they can't have certain offenders within 600 feet, they have it 601 feet. Mr Sternberg says to their credit they are bright beautiful buildings and are very well managed. 2plus4 get 4 out of 5 stars for their management of these facilities, he feels they don't get better but it is unfortunate of the selection of the location. The Village is the winner for the tax base, if it can manage the people in the 18 units. The big plus is the Senior facility that is included. He feels that many are going to be transplants from other areas not local people. There are also duplexes included on the site. Many variances were needed so there were many opportunities not to allow this project. Members on the Boards in the Village were shocked by the occupants that were moving into this development. Many said that it was never brought up and they thought it was going to be for local residents. The developer was not transparent. Councilwoman Haynes says the Developer should have been more forthright in letting the community know what kind of occupants were going to be housed there, especially around the school. She has been approached by some residents of the Hotel in Port Ontario at the Dollar General here in the village for a ride back to the Hotel. This is not the kind of thing she is comfortable with happening here in our Town. Mr. Sternberg says it's a change in demographics and import capital into our community, but Mrs. Haynes says it also brings trouble. Mr. Sternberg says we should all stay positive and need to look at the plus's and encourage the local Police to keep an eye on things. There will be a Community Center that will be open to the Public and meetings can be held there although it's likely it will not happen

because it will be used for the residents. Councilman Yerdon isn't sure the school will be happy with what's going on especially with the project being a \$40 million project and it only collecting \$40,000 in taxes per Mr. Sternberg. The Builder gets paid to build the buildings and then get almost half ownership of it, plus the management contract for 20 years. Mr Sternberg says that everyone has to keep positive because there is nothing that can be done now and hope for the best. Councilwoman Gilson will be attending the Comprehensive meeting representing the Town in the upcoming meeting with this group. If there is any lesson to be learned from this experience is ask questions of what they are going to do with it and who will be there. This organization positioned it in a place where questions would not be asked. They had deep setbacks, no residents within 500 ft so, they didn't need to inform the neighbors. So per Mr. Sternberg, this project did not have to inform the neighbors because of the distance between this project and the nearest neighbor. This project is not using all the property. Some of the land is still owned by Michael Lasalle and he planned on building some single family homes. There are many opportunities for state funded housing that doesn't include transient people. Councilwoman Gilson took questions from the Board to ask at the next Comp Board meeting. Supervisor Krupke informed the Board about the recent census that was just completed. The county was down .4% and the Town of Richland was down 5%. This is not good news as a lot of the funding is based on population. The school district is going to have the biggest impact.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Attorney Seiter reported about the IMA's at the previous meeting. He is still working on it and should have something to report at the December meeting. Attorney Prosachik has her part done and will get signatures this week from her clients. Update on the scrape sales. Year to date the Highway has received almost \$1700 in scrap metal sales.

JUSTICE REPORTS: Justice reports for the months of September and October 2020 were presented to the Board. *With no discussion, a motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE"*

WARRANT OF BILLS: Next up is Abstract #11 for 2020. With no discussion, *a motion to accept the warrant, Abstract #11 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: Town Board Minutes for October 6th and October 13th were presented to the Board for review. Councilman Yerdon has an addendum that will be added to these minutes about the salary for Superintendent John Fox. Mr. Fox's salary will stay the same at \$78,205.14 for the next 2 yrs and will not receive the 3% increase that was proposed in the minutes of October 6, 2020. *With no more discussion, a motion to accept the minutes as presented with the change was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The October Town Clerk was up now and presented to the Board for review. ***A motion to accept the Town Clerks report for October 2020 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: News letter from the Tug Hill Times. Next was the Adoption Hazard Mitigation Plan from Oswego County. This is a resolution to be passed by the Board tonight. This plan is for Oswego County and its municipalities that began in August 2017 to update the Oswego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Plan. This plan is through FEMA and NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency services Mitigation Section, awarded Oswego County a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to update the Oswego County All-Hazards, Multi Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. ***A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Liquor License is next for the old Pines Golf Course that was sold recently. The name of the business will be called Fairways and Dreams. The Board discussed adding an addendum to the Employee handbook to the "TYPE B" employee that is not covered under the Teamster's Highway Contract Agreement. TYPE B employees may have up to three(3) paid days off who are survivors of their mother, father, husband, wife, children, grandparents, sister or brother to arrange for and to attend the funeral. One funeral day may be taken for others not listed in the previous sentence at the discretion of each division's supervisor. ***A motion to add addendum to the employee handbook, and to have each employee sign that they have received it, was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** No updates on the Solar Law. Councilwoman Gilson and Councilman Yerdon will get together to start work on the Teamsters Contract.

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 TOWN OF RICHLAND BUDGET: Supervisor Krupke would like to add before the adoption of the budget is the conversation about Superintendent John Fox's salary that was in Executive Session. The Town Board came to an agreement with Mr Fox. The agreement will be added to the minutes. A motion to add this agreement into 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". ***A motion to adopt the Budget for the Town of Richland for the year of 2021 was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all members were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Supervisor Krupke was very happy that the Budget stayed under the states tax cap of 2%. The increase was 1.7%. He would like

to thank Supervisor Clerk Tammie Whaley for all her hard work getting everything together and Robert North and the rest of the Staff for all the help.

After speaking to Attorney Seiter, Supervisor Krupke would like to schedule a Public Hearing for December 17,2020 at 11:00am pertaining to the proposed transfer of money from the Building Richland Highway Garage. The Roof Repair of the 50'x145' building is not to exceed \$30,000. This may be subject to a Permissive Referendum. ***A motion to proceed with this Public Hearing was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all members voted "AYE".*** Fund Reserves to replace and repair the roof on the cold storage building at the Town of Richland Highway property. Councilman Yerdon would like to designate Craig Sternberg and Kevin Balcom to supervise the random drug testing. He would like to see what the Town has to do to get this started while Superintendent Fox is out.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: December 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: With nothing more to bring before the Board, ***a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 7:15pm***

Respectfully submitted by:

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk