

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

DATE: April 14, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Town Board Meeting

PLACE: Via Teleconference Call

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
Attorney Graham Seiter
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb, CEO/ZEO John Howland, Dustin Clark from B&L, Supervisors Clerk Tammie Wilson, County Legislators, Herb Yerdon and Edward Gilson. Town Residents, Hager Drive Residents, Loretta Toppe, Mike Monnat, Teresa O'Neill, Katherine Polhamus

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Dan Krupke

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Ed Gilson gave his report to the Town Board. The county has had good success maintaining the County's supply of PPE's. There are many people in the county that are working remotely. The Highway Department is working at 100% as is Solid Waste. All are maintaining social distancing. Herb Yerdon reports as of 4:30 today, people tested in Oswego County, is 1016 and negatives are 893. Positives were 47, 30 have recovered and released. The county is holding pretty well for having 135,000 residents. To get supplies, you have to contact the State and they will send them to the County to distribute. The Orwell sewing club has

made several masks. Councilwoman Gilson would like to Thank Councilwoman Haynes also for making masks. All committees have been holding meetings via teleconference. Hopefully get back to face to face meetings in May. Mr. Gilson also added that the Sales Tax that has been collected up to this point is right where it was expected to be. This was up to the end of March 2020. They do expect the number to be down for the following quarter. Campgrounds are closed until May 1st or if the Governor decides to move that date out. The same goes for marinas and golf courses. Supervisor Krupkes says that with the new executive order the Highway workers should have face masks. All workers have to wear the masks going into public Places. Mr. Gilson thinks he can get some masks for the Highway workers. Mr Gilson also advised that the Lake Levels are the farthest thing from the Governors mind at the moment. Mr. Gilson asked about Grandview Ave. The Highway Department usually leaves a load of stone for the residents to fill in holes like they do for all the other non-town roads. Mr Fox advises that he has not received a call from anyone as of yet. Mr Gilson will ride down that road as he has received an email about this recently.

HAGER DRIVE UPDATES: Attorney Graham Seiter has spoken to the Attorney at Harris Beech about a possible agreement. The Attorneys at the Harris Beech Law firm have spoke to Mrs. Norfleet. As most may know, Law Offices were deemed non essential. There are a few changes now per the Governor's Office. So work by Law Firms are now being allowed with limited staff. The Town is willing to put a barrier in place per the agreement. The barrier will be a bench per the agreement. It will be placed near the NO parking signs and will prohibit vehicles to enter the Beach area. It will be moved by the Town when needed to allow access to the beach by contractors or Highway personal . Mr Monnat from Croghan NY that owns property at 227 Hager Drive. He is concerned about people parking along the Roadway if the area is blocked. Mr.Krupke advised that the barrier will be placed in such a way that will still allow cars to park near the beach area and shouldn't have to park on the road. Councilman Yerdon would like to move on getting the benches placed. A motion to endorse the settlement agreement was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

WATER REPORT: Dustin Clark is on the line from B&L. Mr Clark advised that the bids were opened for the water project with Sandy Creek. There were 3 bidders. All contractors from the area and that have worked with before. The low bidder was WD Malone at \$11.3 million. That was about \$300,000 over the original authorized budget for the project. A little bit of work to be able to award. Factoring in the additional \$3million dollars, the bid came in where they were hoping they would. In the next few weeks, they will have a way to get it awarded and then when the \$3 million gets approved from the Comptroller's Office, then we will be able to award the additional sections and get them done as well. WD Malone, for those that remembered they did WD#2 for the Town of Richland. They still have the same owner, Ryan Malone and many of the same employees. The next official step is that the Town of Sandy Creek needs to

award the bid within the next few weeks. The Richland Town Board should recommend approval which Mr. Clark thinks that this is important. Councilman Yerdon would like to attend the meeting if possible. The Sandy Creek does not do meetings by teleconference. They do everything in person with limited attendance. Mr. Clark says that he has heard they are working on a conference system but as of right now it's not in place.

The Town of Richland will wait to make the recommendation to approve WD Malone's contract until the Town of Sandy Creek awards the contract. Attorney Seiter agrees.

HIGHWAY REPORT : Business as usual. The schedule for the Highway workers has been working pretty good. Mr. Fox has made the schedule out for the workers until the beginning of May. Things are going very well considering. Hauling stone in between the snowflakes. Bids for sand for the next 2 years were put out for bid in the newspaper. The Town Clerk has the bids and will read them out loud. Earl Becker in West Monroe. Screened Road Sand picked up in his pit in Mexico. \$8.50 per yard. There is a list of his pricing. Coffin Sand and Gravel. \$ 7.00 per load/yard. Lindsey is next. Ice control sand at \$7.50 per ton. A yard and ton are measured the same. The prices were higher than what was anticipated. The County will provide sand but the prices have not been set yet. Superintendent Fox said the Board can table the bids until the county gives the prices out. Councilman Goodsell asked if there is enough sand at the pit in Albion for the next year. Mr. Fox said if the Town can get in the pit and screen that may be an option. The screening has to be hired out because of the stringent training. The sand bid was tabled until the next meeting.

RICHLAND TOWN PARKS: It's been hard to keep people out of the Skatepark. Signage is up saying the park is closed. Everything is locked up but kids are going over the fence and using it. The police are trying to patrol it and Town employees are trying to watch it also. CEO/ZEO Howland is also a part time Village Police Officer says that the Mayor did send out a memo asking the officers to patrol the parks.

WARRANT OF BILLS: A motion to accept Abstract #4 was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: A motion to accept minutes for March 17th and March 25 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 CLERKS REPORT: A motion to accept the Town Clerks report for March was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Councilman Yerdon would like to discuss the Employee handbook at the next Board meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 12,2020

ADJOURN: With nothing more 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". Meeting adjourned: **6:57 pm**

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk