

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

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

Date: March 3, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Regular monthly water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Gerry Licourt

Krista Fox

Doug Schwalm

Ron Novak

Absent:

John Fox, Hwy Superintendent

Others in Attendance:

Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk

Gary Phillips

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 January 7, 2020 meeting. Doug Schwalm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

In February 2020, 1,551,000 gallons of water was pumped from the Fernwood wells and 4,976,000 gallons were pumped from the Schoeller wells.

Gary Phillips attended the meeting tonight regarding the easements he has been asked to sign on Spath Drive for water district #5. Trees in front of his home are 80' tall and he does not want to have the roots disturbed possibly causing the trees to die in a few years. He is requesting to have the water line placed on the opposite side of the road. He also would like to know why they need an easement on his other parcel on the west side of the road rather than go up the east side of the road where most of the homes are. Mary Yerdon had already contacted Anthony Young (Barton & Loguidice Engineer) to set up a time to come up and look at the property with Mr. Phillips.

Highway Superintendent, John Fox texted his report to Craig Sternberg: February 3 there was a large leak on the corner of Salisbury Road and County Route 28. The town highway department dug up the water line and North Country Contractors had to be called to fix the pipe. The new truck for the water department has been delivered. The water operators have been doing routine maintenance and painting the floors in the water buildings.

A customer had a complaint about water pressure and she felt sediment had caused her in-line water heater to burn up 3 times. Craig Sternberg, Water Board Chairman; Kern Yerdon,

Deputy Town Supervisor; John Fox, Richland Highway Superintendent, and water operators Robert Hicks and Joe Sikora went to see what could be done to fix this problem. Someone had disconnected the original water line and improperly installed a water softener. The water operators immediately corrected that issue and reminding the owner not to tamper with any piping before the meter. The remaining issues were dealt with by paying someone to install a new water heater, holding tank and expansion tank. The sediment was coming from old water lines before municipal water was installed. The owner said all is working properly now.

There were a couple of problems with EDU assignments that were incorrect. Both are being corrected by the assessor.

Next on the agenda was discussion regarding the Bethel Community Center at Port Ontario. Ron Crandall attended the last meeting requesting a reduction in the water use charge for Bethel Community Center. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed upon NOT to recommend any change at this time. See attached letter to the Town Board.

Update on Water District #5: see attached letter from Barton & Loguidice.

The Wind Turbine was the next item on the agenda. After monitoring the wind turbine at the Schoeller Wellsite for several years, it appears to be costing the town more than it is saving. The wind turbine was obtained through a grant. How to proceed forward will be partially determined by what is written in the grant. If it could be sold, Ron Novak suggested to have it appraised for current market value. Perhaps there is a grant available to replace I with Solar Panels since the phase 3 electrical system is already there.

We have several commercial businesses in the water districts. There is a Hemp factory with an apartment upstairs, several sawmills that fall under commercial and some retail stores that also fall under commercial. Our town policy is to assign one EDU if there are 0-12 employees for each commercial business. If a dwelling is also on the property that will also be assessed one EDU. It is the recommendation of the water board to assign the correct EDU charges to these properties once they are all identified.

A demographics report was distributed to the water board. See attached.

Doug Schwalm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35. Gerry Licourt seconded it. All members agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Town of Richland Water Department Clerk