

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

DATE: December 14, 2021

KIND OF MEETING: Regular 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 (arrived 6:03)
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Town residents. Paul and Sue Etz, Maria and Bill Downey, Mike and Michelle Sealman, Attorney Graham Seiter, Legislators Gilson and Yerdon.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:02 Supervisor Krupke opened the Public Hearing on the Cannabis Law. This law will "opt" the Town of Richland out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Town of Richland. With no one in the audience to speak about this Local Law, ***a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all members were in agreement with a vote of "AYE". A motion to adopt Local Law #4 at this time was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. Supervisor Krupke advised the audience that the Village of Pulaski opted in . In a roll call vote, all members of the Board were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

PUBLIC COMMENT: Many neighbors from Lehigh Road are here to present the Board with a Petition to have the speed limit reduced on that Road. Lehigh Road has gotten extremely busy

with traffic in recent years due to the Fulton Companies, Schoeller Paper and motorists in general using this road to bypass the Village of Pulaski. Although there are no posted speed limit signs only on curves, the state speed limit on this road is 55 mph. Many motorists use this road and have no regard to the speed. There are many blind spots and hills. The neighbors that have come to this meeting tonight are asking the Town of Richland for help in posting a 45mph speed limit. The Town must seek the County's help with this issue. Superintendent Fox contacted the County, the Town Board must make a resolution to lower and post the speed limit. After a discussion, ***a motion to move forward with the resolution to post a slower speed limit on Lehigh Road was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Legislature Herb Yerdon is here to give his report. Mr. Yerdon told the Board that Oswego County passed the budget for 2022. The rate per thousand is lower than the previous year, It's down to \$6.95 per \$1000 assessed. It's about an \$860 decrease in the tax levy. The County has decreased the taxes every year and our tax rate is what it was 10 yrs ago. They are definitely doing their homework. The resolution transferring accounts of property and drug task force from the Office of the District Attorney to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriffs Office has been very active in the drug enforcement not that the DA hasn't been but there hasn't been a lot of "follow through" in many cases so the Legislature is calling for an audit because there has been a lot of forfeited property that hasn't been disbursed yet. It just makes sense to do the audit at this time. The morale at the Sheriff's Office is excellent under this sheriff. He has made many changes. Another resolution is that NYSERA is proposing windmills in the lake. The County opposes these wind turbines. They are also researching the National Park Marine Sanctuary that will run from St Lawrence down to Sodus. The legislature doesn't think this sanctuary and the wind turbines go hand and hand. The study on the sanctuary will produce many jobs, many more than the wind turbines. The Covid 19 virus is still going strong. AS of 12/13 there are 887 positive cases, there have been 342169 people tested. There have been 138 deaths in Oswego County since the beginning of the Virus started. Legislature Ed Gilson would like to Publicly Thank Councilwoman Gilson for her service to the Town Board. She is a true Civil Servant. Councilwoman Gilson would like to welcome Councilman-elect Bob North. She is confident he will be a great Board member.

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: List of permits was given to the Board for review. No meeting this month for the ZBA or Planning Boards. In January there will be a joint meeting. The Comp Board changes were given to the Board for review for changes. No ideas on how to regulate the new Cannabis Law because there hasn't been any guidance given from NYS.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES: First, a Resolution for the Climate Smart Tasks for Coordinator. This all works towards gaining points and such for a Climate Smart

Community. With that, Supervisor Krupkes explains that Deputy Clerk Julie Peterson has been working hard on this and Shawn Doyle has agreed to take on the coordinator position and the comp board has agreed to take on the task force part of it. The resolution in front of the Board today, ***A motion to accept the resolution as presented 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".***

Next is the Conceptual Zoning update. A lot of time has been spent to see what this was all about. This is a conceptual zoning update recommendation that is being suggested as we update our Zoning. That ties in with the zoning and the Comprehensive plan. So the two sort of go together. So at this time, Supervisor Krupke would like a motion to accept the conceptual zoning update and recommendation. ***The motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. Supervisor Krupke explained further that he, Tammie Whaley and Julie Peterson spoke to Jeanne Glisner to try to get a better understanding, it's a recommendation and suggestion. Mr Howland will take it back to the Zoning Board to get their take on it. So with no other discussion, a call for the vote resulted in all members in favor with a vote of "AYE". Another resolution to implement a recycling policy in the government buildings. Deputy Clerk Julie Peterson has gone around to meet some of the benchmarks to make signs, take pictures, download recycle receptacles in common areas and work spaces. The motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all members were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

HIGHWAY REPORT: The Teamsters contract is next. ***A motion to accept the Teamsters Contract as presented was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. Supervisor Krupke would like to Thank the Board for a great job and Councilman Yerdon for all their hard work. Although it's not a perfect contract, it's a mutually agreeable contract. Councilman Yerdon would like to say that the board and everyone did their homework and it was a team effort. With the motion on the table, a roll call vote of the Board, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Highway report: they are ready for winter. Doing tree work. Losing 2 full time workers. He has applications with him tonight. 3 Very good candidates. 2 with class A CDLs and one with a B. Mr. Fox has to work on these fast. All are from the Town of Richland with the exception of one that is from Lacona. One of the Applicants that has a Class A CDL has prior experience. Jason LaVere The others are Robert Atkinson and Jeremy Smith from Richland. Jeremy is a mechanic with the State DOT and Bob Atkinson, has a class A CDL and a lot of mechanical experience. Jeremy has a BCDL not a lot of experience driving. Leaning toward Bob and in the next few years Mr Fox says he will have another opening with the mechanic maybe retiring. Another one Dustin Denny is a great prospect also. He would be seasonal and he would like nights. That would put Kris Watson back onto days. A recommendation to hire Jason LaVere, Bob Atkinson and Dustin Denney. ***A motion to accept Mr. Fox's recommendations to hire the aforementioned was made by Councilman Goodsell***

and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

WATER REPORT: A high wind storm struck the well site in Richland over the weekend, December 11th. A large spruce tree fell down onto a power pole which put some high tension wires on the ground that started a small fire. With the power outage, the generator started up. The recent upgrade on the generator proved to be a great thing to do. Scriba Electric came up early in the morning along with National Grid and got everything up and running. Bob Hicks decided to make a trip up to the well site the night of the high winds and it proved to be a great idea on his part. Sand pit survey. This will be up for further discussion. The survey made no sense to the Board so Mr. Krupke will contact the drone operator to get clarity.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS & RICHLAND PARKS: Kevin Balcom is here to give his report on the buildings in the Town of Richland. With the Parks being closed for the season, Mr. Balcom has nothing to report. Buildings report is in the packets for the Board. Work that has been done on the Haldane since October. Installed a new GFI in the mens room, cleaned the air ducts, and cold air ducts coming into the building were in bad shape. He was asked to put some plywood on the ceiling in the kitchen area where the ceiling had leaked so badly and was painted. New light bulbs and new overhead lock on the concession stand. Not sure where we are at with the cameras. Mr. Krupke and Mr. Balcom coordinated with Noah about getting the cameras set up properly. The bathrooms in the concession stands are now winterized. New floor drain in the kitchen. Replaced some big louvers on the backdoors. They were falling out. The outside lights were terrible. He was able to get the Village Bucket truck to replace them and some were able to get changed by a ladder. The power was disconnected from the shed and it's hoped to get it moved to another location. The men's urinals were recently worked on. They have been cleaned, vented and new shut offs were put on. Shawn Doyle is going to purchase a water bottle filler so the water fountains can be removed. That is about it for Haldane. On the lower shed at the highway, what a big difference. It's finally insulated and the whole back wall has steel on it. Built a nice workbench, rewired the thermostats , installed 2 fans for ventilation. Poured a nice pad for the tire rack. Repaired the sliding doors. In the main building 2 modines are down. One was repaired and the second one has to have a professional come look at it. Councilman Goodsell says the buildings are looking really good. The roof on one of the buildings at the well site in Fernwood needs a roof. There is a tarp on it right now but it should be repaired in the spring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss wages and salaries was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, :all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 7:10 pm.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in agreement with a vote of "AYE". 7:57pm

back to regular session. The result of the Executive session was to correct the salary of Highway Superintendent John Fox. The correction is that Mr. Fox's salary will be \$80,000 per year. ***A motion to set Superintendents salary to \$80,000 for the 2022 Budget year was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

DOG REPORT: SUPERVISOR REPORT: JUSTICE REPORTS:WARRANT OF BILLS, Abstract # 12, TOWN BOARD MINUTES: TBM for November 4th and 9th, TOWN CLERKS REPORT: November 2021: *A motion to accept all of the reports mentioned was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

WATER RATES: Discussion about raising water rates. These rates haven't been raised in several years. Borings for going under the roads are the same. Long side will be raised to \$1250 and the short side raised to \$750. It's suggested to increase the usage from \$44 every 6 months to \$49. ***A motion to raise the water for the short side to \$750 and the longside to \$1250. And the usage rate goes up \$5.00 to \$49 every 6mos. Was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. 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: Supervisor Krupke is pleased to announce that submitted an application in 2019 shared service plan and the Town of Richland is due \$24,000 for the screener. A year end meeting to be held on December 30th at 4:00 pm. It was suggested that the Town purchase some new poles at the Well site. Scriba Electric advised that they are getting very hard to get. 5 poles for \$4770. They come with cross arms and insulators . Councilman Yerdon advised that Supervisor Clerk Whaley thought there is money there to pay for these poles in this year's budget. A motion to purchase these poles was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". The cost of a Full Audit by the Bonadio Group is \$ 18,000 . Supervisor Krupke suggests that we just use them as needed like the previous year. Councilman Yerdon suggests getting Laird Petrie on retainer. His fee is \$50 per hour.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: January 11th 2022

MEETING ADJOURNED: With nothing more to bring before the board, ***A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 8:26pm.***

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Town Board for the Town of Richland Held the 14th Day of December 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse, located at 1 Bridge Street, Pulaski, County of Oswego, State of New York.

RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT A RECYCLING POLICY IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

WHEREAS the Town of Richland adopted the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge by Resolution on July 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, decreasing resource use and waste reduces greenhouse gas emissions and costs to the Town; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive Town policy on recycling serves to support employee efforts in these measures; and

WHEREAS, the Board has recognized that people are more likely to recycle when it is easy and convenient; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Richland hereby establishes a policy that requires the placement of properly marked and distinguishable recycling bins next to all trash receptacles in municipal offices; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town will provide clear signage with recycling guidelines to educate employees on the types of items that are recyclable.


Upon motion made by Gilson, and seconded by Goodsell, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Daniel Krupke, Supervisor
Kern Yerdon, Councilman
Sue Haynes, Councilwoman
Donna Gilson, Councilwoman
Allen Goodsell, Councilman

AYE NAY
 AYE NAY
 AYE NAY
 AYE NAY
 AYE NAY

The Resolution was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Dated: 12.14.21, 2021


Mildred Newcomb, Town Clerk
Town of Richland

At a regular meeting of the Town Board for the Town of Richland Held the 14th Day of December 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse, located at 1 Bridge Street, Pulaski, County of Oswego, State of New York.

RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE AND APPOINT A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the Town of Richland adopted the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge by Resolution on July 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to obtain Certification under the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program by taking proactive steps towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change; and

WHEREAS, a Climate Smart Community Task Force serves as a central body of leadership that promotes and supports climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies within the community and will act as an advisory group to the municipality on any community issues related to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the CSC Task Force will meet at least twice a year and maintain meeting minutes and attendance records for each meeting; and

WHEREAS, the CSC Task Force will consist of community members, municipal representatives, and other relevant stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, a CSC Coordinator is responsible for convening and managing the task force as Chair, serving as a liaison between the CSC task force and the chief executive officer and other officials, and interfacing with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on the CSC program as needed.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a Climate Smart Community Task Force be initiated with the initial membership list below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Richland appoints Shawn Doyle as the Climate Smart Community Coordinator.

Initial Membership List for CSC Task Force:

Name	Affiliation
Shawn Doyle	Village of Pulaski Representative and Coordinator
Dawn Holynski	Town of Richland Representative
Robin Philips	Town of Richland Representative
Donna Gilson	Town of Richland, Board Member
Robin Ford	Village of Pulaski Representative, Village Trustee
Jan Tighe	Village of Pulaski Representative, Mayor
Melissa Wadkinson	Village of Pulaski Representative

Upon motion made by Gilson, and seconded by Haynes, BE IT
RESOLVED as follows:

Daniel Krupke, Supervisor
Kern Yerdon, Councilman
Sue Haynes, Councilwoman
Donna Gilson, Councilwoman
Allen Goodsell, Councilman

AYE NAY
 AYE NAY
 AYE NAY
 AYE NAY
 AYE NAY

The Resolution was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Dated: December 14, 2021



Mildred Newcomb, Town Clerk
Town of Richland