

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

DATE: June 8, 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 6:45)
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Water Supervisor & Building & Grounds Supervisor, Craig Sternberg, Legislators, Herb Yerdon and Ed Gilson, Highway Superintendent, John Fox, CEO/ZEO John Howland, Dustin Clark from B&L 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING: The Administrative Hearing for the property at 2685 County Route 2, the Ralph and Donna Morse property was open with ZEO/CEO John Howland being sworn in at 6:01pm. Mr. Howland, who has over 25 years experience in this field, advised all of the violations that have been with the property over all the years that he has worked for the Town of Richland. The owners Ralph and Donna Morse have owned this property since August of 2020. Since 2020, this property has had 2 or more violations filed with the new owners for junk and debris. On May 19, 2021, the Town received a signed return receipt of a certified letter that was sent to the property owners. This letter was an Order to Remedy. The property owners Ralph and Donna Morse were not present at this hearing. A resolution was read aloud to the audience by Supervisor Krupke and will be entered into the minutes of this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Goodsell, that the said property was in violation of Local Law # 6 of 2002 and Local Law # 5 of 2003. This motion was seconded by Councilman Yerdon. The property owners must have the property cleaned up and in compliance on or before July

1, 2021. In the event that the property owners fail to bring the property into compliance, the Town of Richland will clean up the property and assess the clean-up costs to the property owner Ralph and Donna Morse. Attorney Seiter will inform the property owners of the Town's decision by certified mail. In a roll call vote of all members, Councilman Goodsell, "AYE", Councilman Yerdon, "AYE", Councilwoman Gilson, "AYE", Supervisor Krupke, "AYE". Councilwoman Haynes was absent for the vote. Supervisor Krupke closed the Administrative Hearing. 6:20pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Legislature Ed Gilson is here to give his briefing to the Board. A couple of resolutions will be voted on at the next Legislative meeting. One is the Bridge over Grindstone on County Route 28. This bridge was declared on the "yellow" list in 2020. The Bridge inbuckments are showing deterioration will be addressed with the budget of \$50,000. In addition the H.Douglas Barclay Courthouse in the Village of Pulaski will be discussed in hopes of getting repairs done to the outside. This resolution will be to approve \$7500 for an assessment of the outside of the building, in particular the columns in the front of the building. Other resolutions will deal with bail reforms and other crime issues. There was a meeting in which Supervisor Krupke attended about shared services gathering input for the CARES money from the Federal Government. The County is up to receive \$22 million, that 9 school districts in the neighborhood of \$46 million, Towns and Villages will receive about \$20 million. Also at this shared services meeting, they were looking for some meaningful projects and getting a "bang for the buck". More discussion will take place in the future. Oswego County was slated to get just under \$20 million. Mr. Yerdon asked if some of this money can be used to hold the price of the dump stickers. Mr. Gilson will try to find an answer for him.

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: The Board received Mr. Howland report for Permits. He will have a complete list of junk letters for the July meeting. Some of the homes that are on the list are also on the County's Tax Foreclosure foreclosure list. No date has been set for the tax sale. Mr. Howland still hasn't heard from NYS DEC about the house on St Rt 3 that fell in last winter. Per Mr. Howland, the DEC contacted him and they are waiting on the asbestos survey to be completed. Conversation continued about how the Town wanted to proceed with bids for cleanup of the property on County Route 2. Attorney Seiter will proceed with serving all involved. A proposal will be taken for the clean up of the property. ZEO/CEO Howland estimates the clean up of the property will be around \$8000. A classified ad will be placed in the Palladium times for the clean up. ***A motion for a resolution to allow Supervisor Krupke to approve the lowest and responsible proposal for clean up of the Property of Ralph and Donna Morse of 2685 Co Rt 2, and to allow the Town Clerk to place an ad in the Towns newspaper 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 miscommunication at last month's meeting about the Solar Project on Co Rt 28. Attorney Seiter would like to address the Board. Mr Seiter has spoken to Supervisor Krupke and Councilman Yerdon about the project, and his recommendation would be since they already have the application for the project in , it was in before the moratorium was put into place, they be allowed to move forward and permits be allowed however, they must also agree the new Solar Law that the Town is implimating is in effect and will effect them and they will have to abide by it. The company has agreed to follow the new law. Attorney Seiter would not hold the project back. Attorney Seiter reiterates that he feels that the Planning Board didn't do anything wrong, he feels they did the right thing by holding off until the new Solar Law was in place. Mr. Howland told the Board that this will be the last Solar Farm the Town of Richland will see for about 5-10 years due to no space left in the line until National Grid upgrades the system. There is another company wanting to move to another farm. Attorney Seiter will get an agreement from the Solar Companies Attorneys that they will abide by the new Solar Laws.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES: The Board is looking for a Land use Attorney. Supervisor Krupke had heard that the Town of Claytons Zoning was so good so he reached out to the Clayton Supervisor and has yet to hear back. The Board talked about the Car Charge station. Mayor Tighe has managed to get a grant for the Car Charge Unit and would like to know if the Town is pursuing this option. The problem is where to put it as the Town does not own the property at or around the Courthouse. Another concern is the Broadband survey. If anyone hasn't yet filled one out, you may do it online at cnybroadband.com and fill the survey out. Everyone is encouraged to fill this out.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Fox was unable to make the meeting tonight. In an email, he advises that the Highway has been busy getting ready to pave and chip sealing. Began to cut back shoulders until it became too dusty. Everyone has had their mining and safety training. The new screener is from Sandy Creek and has begun to screen gravel then onto sand. Just finished changing 7 cross culverts on Hinman Road. There is a quote for a new Loader. Been having issues with the 2014 John Deere. Has the money in the equipment fund. The total cost to trade is \$57,617. As soon as he hears from the paving company he will let the Board know. We have 5 abandoned roads in the Town. One of the roads runs through the newly acquired DEC property, Kelly Drive. The DEC contacted the Town because all the paperwork they have says the Town of Richland owns it. Maybe Mr. Seiter has an idea on what to do. Councilman Yerdon thinks that he believes that the town has to do some kind of maintenance to keep it Town Property. The abandoned road issue will be discussed at the next meeting. As far as the loader goes Mr. Fox has a quote from Tracey Road Equipment for a John Deere that lists for \$147617. In a trade, Tracey would give the Town \$90,000 for the 2014 John Deere. The

total cost to trade is \$57,672. Mr. Krupke tried to call Mr. Fox and was unable to contact him. The issue was tabled until the end of the meeting.

WATER REPORT: Dustin Clark is here to give an update on the Water Project. About ½ of the Water main is in for the project. About 1500 ft per day is being completed per day. One crew is on Canning Factory and the other crew is in Sandy Creek and 2 drilling crews. Payment application in on #8. The pressure reducing ground vault that is located in Sandy Creek on Co rt 62 and Hilton Road was installed outside the right of way. So his guess is that is going to get moved. It can not stay there. Something similar to this has happened before. The question is how does this happen? Dustin wishes he knew that answer. The Water Supervisor, Craig Sternberg offered an explanation. It has a raised lid assembly and because of the narrowness of the road, it was determined it needed to be put a certain distance off the edge of the road so it wouldn't get hit by a snow plow. It's a big vault with a small lid. They went on the neighboring property only by a few feet. Moving it will be extremely expensive. The property owner is proposing a cash payment. If Malone made the mistake, they should have to pay to have it moved. The B&L inspector should have caught it. The Town Board feels they should not have to pay for it and be informed when it happens. The resolution is to be determined. Mr. Clark says he feels it's going to have to be moved. The Comptroller's approval is a big one and the response from Rebecka Prosachek's Office on May 25th was a long time coming, so it's very near the end of the list of all the things they were looking for. Mr. Clark is hopeful that this gets approved and it puts it up to the \$3 million dollars to do all the additional sections and a couple small things. It looks promising so until they get that notice, it's still pending. The contractor's completed date is November. So, in 5 months everything should be done. North Rainbow Shores Road and South Sandy Pond Inlet that coastal erosion area, the DEC issued a notice of complete application. The ruling was that they were not willing to grant the variance for that work, which everyone knew that wasn't going to happen. It's open for public comment. The property owners can request a hearing, but it doesn't look good. Talk turned to getting the contractor to work on State Route 13 in July because of the salmon season traffic. The schedule now looks like it's going to fall right in the middle of Salmon season. Supervisor Krupke advised Mr. Clark that this is unacceptable. In the Water Dept, Everything is going well.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS & RICHLAND PARKS: Supervisor Sternberg is here to provide his report to the Board. Zip line is up and running. Kids are enjoying it. Haldane Center has been very busy. Getting some plans together for the next round of Grants. Mr. Sternberg has been communicating with the Richland Fire Department for a possible lease agreement with them for the basketball court area and maybe the pond area. Mr. Sternberg will be meeting with the Fire Department tomorrow. Prop is very interested in helping out with some landscaping at the Haldane Center. Signage is also in very poor condition. Councilwoman Gilson is concerned that since Summer Rec was cancelled that the children in the Town will have nothing to look forward to. The sign at the Haldane is in need of repairs. The landscaping is also gone to seed under the sign. The park is in need of some shade trees. The Town still has the \$50,000 from Assemblymen Barclays office. The money that the Town had for Summer Recreation could

possibly be used for the Basketball Court at the Haldane Center behind the skateboard park. The cost of asphalt for the court is about \$4.00 per square foot. A basketball court is about 60 x 100 or 80x120. About 10,000 sq ft could be done for about \$30,000 which includes all striping. Councilman Yerdon really wants to make sure that the Town has cameras at the pavilion, skateboard park and other parks within the Town. Conversation about playground equipment at the Haldane Center. Mr. Sternberg says that the softball fields are in serious disrepair mainly because of no use from 2020. He has been speaking to the school about how they went about fixing their fields. Supervisor Krupke told the Board that he was informed about being able to recoup loss revenue from the American Rescue Plan. The Court System for example is somewhere, where the Town lost about \$50,000 - \$60,000 from the pandemic. That money goes back into the General Fund and can be earmarked for matching funds. This money could be used toward the consolidated funding. The Town won't see the money until November. Councilman Yerdon is wondering if the Town could have a talk about a fisherman parking lot across from the DEC training center. The fishermen bring a lot of money into the Town and would love to see them off the sides of the road. It's worth having the conversation. The ceiling project at the Storage building has been started. Councilman Yerdon wants to talk about the camera in the Town Barn. It was agreed that the Town Barn would have a camera in the building. The dvr that is currently in the building only has a 4 camera system. The bigger dvr is an 8 camera system. The price was significant enough where they didn't think it was needed.

DOG REPORT: Dog Report was presented to the Board. The Dog Enumeration is in progress at this time. Town residents have been coming in and licensing their pets at a steady pace.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: The April Supervisors report was presented to the Board. *A motion to accept the Supervisors Report for April was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

JUSTICE REPORTS: Justice Reports from Justice's Conger and Ridgway were next. With a brief discussion, *a motion to accept the Justices Reports for April was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all members were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

WARRANT OF BILLS AND TOWN BOARD MINUTES: *A motion to approve Abstract #5 and the Minutes from the May 11th Town Board Meeting was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. With no other discussion, and in a roll call vote, all members voted with a vote of "AYE".*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: No report

CEMETERY UPDATES: No updates

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: No report.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: An agreement to retain Kristy La Manche for parks and the consolidated funding application. The consolidated funding application is due by the end of July so she is going to be very busy. She is also working with John Valvelo on the Salina Street project. ***A motion to retain Mrs. LaManche on retainer was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** The Salmon River Greenway Corridor Project was dusted off to see if there would be any money for local waterfront revitalization programs. Maybe getting some grant money for the parking that Councilman Yerdon was talking about up on Co Rt 2A and the County could help with that also. LWRP Local Water Revitalization Plan. It has to be at least a \$50,000 project. A parking lot would definitely take care of that. Councilman Yerdon put extensive leg work into the new law. It's a very intensive law and hopefully this law would take us through many years. The Governor has involved himself with home rule, where the Governor could put the DEC involved with projects and supersede Local Government. There are just too many questions that have not been answered. ***A motion to set a Public Hearing for July 13, 2021, for LL # 2 Solar Law in the Town of Richland was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". A motion to approve a Resolution to lift the 6 month moratorium on LL #1 of 2021 once its filed with the Dept of State was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. After some discussion, and in a roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Another motion to set a Public Hearing for July 13, 2021 for LL#3 Extending the term of Town Supervisor from 2 to 4 years was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. With no discussion and in a roll call vote the motion passed with a vote of "AYE" by all members of the Board.*** A notification by the Teamsters to open the contract negotiations. Backing up to the loader again. Last year the Town spent \$15,000 on the 1995 John Deere that is kept in the sand pit. The 2014 John Deere that Mr. Fox is looking to replace had \$8000 worth of repairs last year. The 2014 John Deere Loader is rusting badly and has an engine noise. This machine is worth money right now. So this is why the town should trade it. The trade difference is \$57,000. The money is in the equipment fund. The Board decided to table this purchase until they could talk to Superintendent Fox for some more information. The Board agreed to schedule a Special Meeting for Monday June 14th at 10:00am when Mr. Fox is available. Next a request by the Pulaski/Boylston Snowmobile Club to cross over part of the Well Site near Mattison Road. . The area is not under the wellhead protection plan. The Snowmobile Club is really good about being insured and maintaining the trails. The Board feels comfortable allowing the club to use that portion of property along Mattison Road.

MEETING ADJOURNED: *With nothing more to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. With a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 9:15pm.*

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: July 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb

Town Clerk