

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

**DATE:** July 13, 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  
Councilwoman Donna Gilson(absent)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** CEO/ZEO John Howland, Highway Superintendent, John Fox  
Legislature Herb Yerdon, Water and B&G Supervisor, Craig Sternberg, Kristy LaManche from  
K&L Consulting Attorney Graham Seiter, Town Resident John Mandigo 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 HEARING:** At 6:01 Supervisor Krupke opened the Public Hearing for LL#2 Regulating  
Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Richland. ***With no one in the audience to speak about the  
hearing, and no other discussion, the Public Hearing was closed. The motion to close the  
Public Hearing was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a  
roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

**PUBLIC HEARING #2:** At 6:05 pm, Supervisor Krupke opened the Public Hearing for LL#3,  
Extending the term of the Town Supervisor for the Town of Richland. No one in attendance  
wanted to speak about the Local Law. At 6:09 pm, ***Supervisor Krupke closed the Public Hearing  
with a motion from Councilman Yerdon and a second from Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call  
vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Town Resident John Mandigo, who owns Sportsman's Paradise would like to address the Board. Mr. Mandigo would like to address the Board about adding more "no Parking signs" on County Route 2A. In May of this year, the Town Board voted to put "No Parking signs on one side of Co Rt 2A. Tonight Mr. Mandigo would like the Town to put no parking on both sides of the highway adjacent to the CSX Railroad tracks. The railroad tracks are where the problem is. People park and trespass to get to the river. The Parkers own property there as well as the railroad. The CSX railroad has placed signs that say that access to the waterway is strictly prohibited. The Parkers said they would post it but as of this day, have not. He feels if there are just no parking signs on one side, the fishermen will still park on that one side and trespass. Mr Mandigo does own all the way up to the Railroad tracks. Neither the Railroad or Schoeller paper want people using their property to access the river. Mr. Mandigo would like the No Parking signs to stop people from entering his property from the road and railroad tracks, from his side. After a long discussion, the Board asked Mr. Mandigo to get more information and come to the August meeting. Superintendent Fox advised the Board that if the Town grants the No Parking signs, Oswego County would approve the signs to be put up via a letter being sent to them. Supervisor Krupke would like to take the information that Mr. Mandigo has given the Board, review it and bring it back to the next meeting.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** The Dept of Motor Vehicles will be opening on August 2nd, 4 days per week. Wednesdays will be by appointment only. Broadband surveys are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town of Richland's website. It's really important that the residents do this survey. Lyme Disease is on the rise. Everyone is warned to look in the creases of knees and behind ears. Covid 19 cases are lower but still very active. Everyone is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Oswego Solid waste is having a shredding event on August 7th at the Bristol Landfill. It's free and you may bring up to 5 banker boxes. Trying to make Lake Ontario as a National Marine Sanctuary. They have been working on this for a long while. This would make 1786 sq miles a sanctuary and would include counties such as Wayne Cayuga, Jefferson, Oswego County, and the city of Oswego. The land is all under water but they are trying to preserve the shipwrecks in the lake as well as the plane that is down in the lake. There are very few of these sanctuaries in the United States. Mr. Yerdon highly recommends everyone visit Camp Zerbee in Williamstown. This area has over 500 acres that consist of walking trails, pavilions, picnic areas, and a small lake. The Restaurant Recovery Program is taking applications now. Interested parties should call to get registered. \$250,000 has been set aside for this program. Flyers were handed out about the various cancer screening clinics in Oswego County.

**ZONING AND CODE REPORTS:** CEO/ZEO Howland is next. 16 permits were issued this month. \$3200 in revenue for Building and \$360 for zoning. Violation notices have been sent out. A letter to Jonathan Cronk for Cynitha Pooles home on Gordon Drive that was burnt. Mr. Cronk is going to be away until October and would like an extension to get the property cleaned up. Administrative Hearing that was done at last month's meeting, A., not one bid was received for the clean up of the property. B. The female owner passed away last fall and the male owner

passed away a few months ago. With that being said, the town gave a June 30th deadline. Attesting Seiter just sent another letter to the tenants of the property giving them until the end of July to clean it up. Mr. Howland has reached out to a few people he knows that have done clean up of properties for him, and asked for a bid by the end of July. On the list besides this property is Jason Fedora's property on County Route 2. The old building is down and in the process of cleaning it up. The Stephanie Granson property on the corner of US Rt 11 and Canning Factory Road, the letters that are sent to her are always returned unclaimed or undeliverable. The two others are Margaret Commings and Susan Poole estate were slated to go to the County Auction this fall. Mr Howland spoke to someone at the county who said that the auction was going to be canceled then said it was back on again. If the state will allow it, it will happen in October. The Poole Property will be sold at the tax sale unless the taxes are paid. Bear Sleepy Hollow, Mr. Howland has spoken to him a few times. The back section of the old house has collapsed. Mr. Seiter will send another letter to him. Supervisor Krupke would like to proceed to an Administrative Hearing. He feels that another letter will do nothing if he hasn't done anything thus far. The Board feels they would proceed with the Hearing. This will be done at the next meeting. The DEC property is finally cleaned up. The Bakula property. The shed on the property has been converted into a house. There is a new home on the property that has had no inspections and stop work orders on it. Then they built a 30x70 storage building in the back that also prompted stop work orders and violations on it. They have agreed to take the house and turn it back into a shed and relocate it. The house can get a permit but it will never get a certificate of occupancy on it because it was never inspected. The back building is about 15-20 feet from the back property line when it's supposed to be 40' away. They talked about a variance but since this property has had so many violations and stop work orders it should never get a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr Howland does not have a problem giving the owners a permit after the fact but, the Town Tax payers have a \$4900 bill closer to \$6000 now that no one in the Town should have to pay. Mr Howlands agreement would be if they sign a stipulation to agree they were in violation, the town would issue the permits, they would have to agree to pay all the legal costs and the town will move on. Nothing has been agreed upon yet. Someone from this group came in and gave Mr. Howland all the paperwork on the buildings with the exception of the back building. From the legal perspective on this issue, it is clear they are in violation and really don't have a chance. They did what they wanted. Fish and Junkyard license renewals have been sent out. He will be out doing inspections soon. In the Town of Richland, 80% of the Town is RA Zoned. Then you have the RR zone is the Route 3 corridor. The RR3 property which is everything that Doug Barclay owns. Then the RC zone is residential cottages which are along the lake. A campsite is 1 camper, a campground is 2 or more campers. So in an RR zone which is the Route 3 corridor or Doug Barclay zone and the cottage area, if someone wants to put a camper on their property, they can with a special permit. In the RA zone which is 80% of the Town, they can't put 1 camper. They can apply for a campground permit to put 2,3 or 4 campers there, but it's all done with a special permit. A special permit for a campground is allowed in RA RR and commercial zones. The planning Board will talk about this Monday night at the meeting. The owners of the property on Lehigh are

going to be at this meeting. They want to put in 4 campers. It's a special permitted use. The Board can make them put up fences to hide it from the neighbors. They do have to put in septic systems and municipal water is available. One septic will take care of the 4 campers. If there are less than 5 campers, they are not regulated. The Board is concerned that it stops the property owner from adding 4 or more campers in the future. Once the permit is issued it will be hard to stop them from adding more. To be used for seasonal or temporary living purposes . Is this living in it for 6 months? This is what the Board has to define. What happens with most travel trailers that are placed on property, they are towed to the location, set up and left on site. No need to register or inspect them. According to the law, it only says temporary resident which means it's used temporarily and not used to live in full time. Councilman Yerdon doesn't see it this way. He understands it to be for the travel trailer not the resident. Attorney Seiter explains what he believes the meaning of the law is. With the campsite, you can't have a travel trailer for more than 6 months and reside in it. It says for temporary residence only not more than 6 months. So you can't move a travel trailer on a parcel of property and reside in it for more than 6 months. Councilman Yerdon is concerned that if something isn't done to get these campsites under control that they are going to be popping up everywhere more than they are now. It's really gotten out of control. He really wants the language looked at and better defined. Supervisor Krupke would like Mr. Howland to go to the Boards and tell them what the board is looking for to tighten up regulations. The language is too easy to get around.

**KRISTY LAMACHE-DASNY GRANT:** This grant is the grant that the Town was awarded from Will Barclays Office a few years ago. Mrs. LaManche has been spending time getting paperwork together. The amount is \$50,000. That was originally going to be used to offset the Haldane project. As time has gone by, it's decided that the Town has absorbed the costs and it's time to get to work on other projects since this Haldane project is complete. The plan now is to look at other projects at the Haldane Center. New improvement to the softball and baseball fields. A very nice project has been put together such as renovation of the softball field, adding bleachers and benches, improving the fencing at a number of facilities, and including some plantings. Once the paperwork is completed, it can be submitted. It's a lengthy process. They did say they are moving a bit faster. This DASNY funding is for improvements of real costs so DASNY does not like to, and will give you a really hard time if you try to reimburse for your forced labor. She does suggest that the projects get sourced out and save the Towns DPW from doing the work. Try to use state contracts and local people. Councilman Yerdon would like to have designated handicap parking around the new pavilion and ball fields. Craig Stenberg advised that they have just received stencils and will be working on signage. ***A motion to accept the DASNY grant Resolution as presented. This motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

**PARKS:** Supervisor Sternberg will explain to the Board what the plan is for the Consolidated Funding application. This is the source of funding that the Town applied for a few years back for

the Pavilion Funding and were successful getting it in the amount of \$280,000. Now the Town is coming back to it again for other Park Projects around the Town. A slide show was presented to the Board. Pocket Parks is the new project. The first is the Pond Park in the hamlet of Richland. Areas would be paved or concrete, a footpath around the pond and have the pond stocked with grass carp. The second one is the Fireman's Park also in the hamlet of Richland. The Firemen have agreed to lease the area around the water tower to the town for this park. Possibly for a basketball court. The Fire Department is very excited about this project. The hamlet park is in need of more equipment to complete the project. A train theme would like to be kept as well. A bit of work for parking is also needed. Maybe some striping for handicap areas. Also the fencing needs to be cleaned up. The 3rd suggested park is at the end of Hager Drive. The plan is to clean it up and define it. The idea is to pave it and pour concrete for a patio. Place 2 bollards as agreed. Add decorative signage. Attorney Seiter feels that the Town really should 't proceed with this park. Even though everyone seems to be on board, he feels that since this legislation has ended, the Town should really rethink its position. Ownership really hasn't been established and would be a major expense to the Town. The judge made his decision based on how the case was argued. The case was argued incorrectly but the town has to follow the decision. This park may have to be taken off the project. So with this project taken off the table, Kristy feels the attention should be focused on the 2 remaining parks. The total project costs \$229132 because the Town meets the qualifications for enhanced assistance from the funding agency as the Town did with the Haldane Center, the towns contribution would be 25% instead of 50% which would bring the grant request to \$171849 with the Towns contribution of \$57283. The only thing this doesn't include is the administration line. In previous grants, the town took the opportunity to include administration whether the town opted to do it in house or source it out. Ms. LaMache has been instructed that this would be administered in house so keep in mind that if we don't include anything in the budget for administration that the town would foot the bill entirely on our own regardless if you do it in house or decide in time to source it out to someone. Superintendent Krupke personally feels that Kristy has done such a fantastic job in the past administrating the grant and keeping everything on track, he would feel more comfortable having her administer this grant. Mrs. LaManche feels asking now for the administration is best because you may not get it later. Covid did push back the speed of getting the money on the grant but Ms. LaMache hasn't had a problem getting it. The \$69,500 from the pocket park on hager drive will be rolled into the Hamlet Park and the Board would like to have the Administration fees added in for Kristy LaManche to administer the grant. The fee would be \$12,500. The Town will only have to kick in 25%. The Board would like to leave the decisions on the park to the committees. The budget for the play structure is to be kept at about \$50,000. The cost of the grant total will be \$311,132, of which \$ 233,349 from the grant and \$77,783 would come from the Town. A special meeting will be held on July 27, 2021 at 10:00am to approve the resolution for the grants.

**WATER REPORT:** Very busy. Had a power outage recently. Everything is up and running. Tallying everything up to see if it's something to report to insurance. No reportable incidents. New water district is going slow. Contractor thinks they will be done in November. Malone is no longer going to try to go under the Railroad. There will be dead ends on both sides. No information from CSX on the issue.

**DOG REPORT:** Junes Dog Control report was presented to the Board. Per the DCO everything has been pretty quiet.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Mowing roadsides, ditching, paving it scheduled for the 2nd week in August due to the weather. New Loader is in. Training for the new loader on Thursday.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** The Supervisor's report for the month of May is next. With no discussion, a motion to accept the Supervisors report as presented was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES:** No report

**JUSTICE REPORTS:** Next the Justice reports for May and June for Justices Conger and Ridgeway. *A motion to accept the reports for both Justices was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all answered with a vote of "AYE".*

**WARRANT OF BILLS, TOWN BOARD MINUTES FOR JUNE 8TH AND TOWN CLERKS REPORT FOR MAY AND JUNE 2021:** *A motion to accept Abstract #7 and the Town Board Minutes for May and June of 2021 was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. 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:** A resolution to adopt local law #2 the Solar Law. *The motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". A motion to lift the Solar Moratorium once it is filed with the State of NY was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all members were in agreement with a vote of "AYE". A motion to adopt the Abstract for extending the supervisors term from 2-4 years for Local Law #3 of 2021 was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all*

**were in favor with a vote of "AYE".** Lease agreement with the Richland Fire Department for both the Pond Property and the Basketball court across from the Fire Department. Attorney Seiter advised it may be a good idea that the Fire Department look the contract over before the Board passes the agreement. This agreement is for the Boards review. The Water Tower is not included in the lease. The Board for Richland Park is going to hold a festival. Mr Sternberg would like to have the Boards approval for some funding to help out with getting it off the ground. Supervisor Krupke suggested taking \$2000 from the Summer Rec budget to help offset the expenses. Councilwoman Haynes made the motion to allocate the \$2000 toward the festival. This motion was seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". The Supervisors of Oswego County are holding a meeting with Village Mayors at the Eis House in Mexico on July 28, 2021 at 6:00pm. Judge Conger would like to be on the agenda to get a resolution for her to apply for a JCAP grant for renovations to the Court Clerks Offices. Clerk Newcomb will get a resolution done for the Court to present to the Board.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** August 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**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". 8:45 pm***

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb  
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