

TOWN OF RICHLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 31, 2022

**Date: March 31, 2022**

**Kind of Meeting: Special Town Board meeting with Orwell**

**Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Jury Room**

**Richland Town Board Members Present:**

Dan Krupke, Town Supervisor  
Kern Yerdon, Deputy Supervisor  
Sue Haynes, Councilwoman  
Allen Goodsell, Councilman  
Robert North, Councilman

**Orwell Town Board Members Present:**

William Potter, Orwell Town Supervisor

Dave Lake, Orwell Councilman

**Others in Attendance:**

Ron Novak, Richland Water Department Supervisor

Donna Gilson, Water Board Chairman

Dave Potter, Orwell Water Board Chairman

Eric Pappa, Orwell Water Operator

Dustin Clark, B&L Engineer

Dan Powers, B&L Engineer

Carl Falk

Mary Yerdon, Water Department Clerk

At 10:00 am Supervisor Krupke opened the meeting, and everyone was introduced.

Dustin Clark handed out a map showing the elevation from the Richland well site to the Orwell Town line. Based on his calculations, the pump station must be on the Richland side. There are a couple of properties that would work but no one has reached out to see if they are willing to sell the property.

- Dustin Clark and Dan Krupke looked at the cost to produce 1,000 gallons of water and felt they could sell water to Orwell for \$4.00/1,000 gallons.
- There would have to be an IMA agreement and a Shared service agreement with the ability for the two towns to share water operators.
- Water lines in the Richland boundaries would be turned over to Richland for maintenance.
- The ability to read electronically (flow rate chlorine levels, etc.) and adjust as necessary with Richland's monitoring system on the Richland end.
- Our infrastructure and wellsite need improvements. We can possibly obtain some ARPA funding from the County for a new generator on Richland side to replace our current unreliable 80KW generator. A new generator on the Orwell side could possibly be obtained by Orwell through their funding as a grant to cover the two new wells.

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There was discussion regarding who would maintain the pumphouse. Nothing was decided.

The question came up regarding whether there would be fire hydrants. Mr. Clark said yes-plan on them. Richland required Stortz valves and Orwell said they also do.

The cost to buy or lease land from Richland (ex: \$1.00 for 100 years) was asked and Mr. Potter said he had reservations on that. When asked why, Mr. Potter said loss of control and what we wanted in a pumphouse. Supervisor Potter will discuss this with his board. Supervisor Krupke used an example of the Haldane/Town of Richland lease agreement and how well it has worked out.

Supervisor Novak asked when the buildout date is. Mr. Clark responded his best guess is Spring 2023. The application is in and it's all due to the funding.

Mr. Clark said there will be an IMA process since Orwell must haul water for a least 1-2 years. It must be determined where to get it and at what cost. There is a hydrant off the main road at the Richland wellsite. Orwell must figure out who to get to haul the water. The water tank used can only be used to haul potable water per William Havener from OCDOH. Larry Petrocci may be buying a truck that can haul 1,000 gallons of water or Fisher could haul 3,000 gallons on a flatbed. Perhaps Orwell could buy a tank and trailer and have Orwell Town Highway Department haul the water. Another possibility is to buy a tank and put it at the Orwell site with a valve attached to use as needed.

There should be a 2" hydrant meter to save time filling the tank. Richland does not currently have one.

Water Supervisor, Ron Novak, asked what the approximate cost for the pumphouse would be. Mr. Clark said \$400,000-that includes the meter, pumps, and generator. Supervisor Novak said to keep in mind a one bay garage to add onto the pumphouse.

Supervisor Potter said that a shared services agreement would be a good backup plan. Supervisor Krupke will email him a copy of the shared service agreement with Sandy Creek. (Supervisor@ town of orwell-ny-us.com)

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2022, at 10AM.

*Councilwoman Haynes made a motion to close the meeting at 10:45. Councilman North seconded it. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Mary Yerdon  
Town of Richland Water Clerk*