

TOWN OF RICHLAND SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 31, 2022

Date: March 31, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Special Town Board meeting

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

Others in Attendance:

Mary Yerdon, Water Clerk
Carl Falk

The meeting was called to order at 9am with Supervisor Krupke leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was requesting the waiver of the 30-day waiting period for Laurie Lamica to receive a liquor license at MHC Brennen Beach. *After discussion Sue Haynes made a motion to waive the waiting period. Allen Goodsell seconded the motion. All were in favor.*

Next was a discussion on Stortz Valves. These are a quick connect to hydrants. They are mandated in WD #5. Supervisor Novak paid \$162.50 3 weeks ago. They are now up to \$280.00. WD Malone has 70 extra Stortz connectors they will sell Richland for \$175.00 each (total of \$12,250). Supervisor Krupke said the current budget does not support that. Maybe ARPA money could take care of it. We have 700 hydrants and only 150 have Stortz valves. He would like to put them in high population areas. *Sue Haynes made a motion to purchase the Stortz valves using ARPA fund. Allen Goodsell seconded the motion. All were in favor. Water Supervisor Novak will contact WD Malone regarding this purchase.*

Water Board Chairman, Donna Gilson said Ed Gilson, Oswego County Legislator is trying to get ARPA funds from the County using a \$150,000 matching grant to get some of the equipment on the list Water Supervisor Novak felt we should have. Perhaps a generator could be purchased from those funds.

It was also noted Oswego County Legislators are still working on the State Route 13/NYS Route 81 ramps to be changed.

Supervisor Krupke opened the discussion regarding providing water to Orwell. Supervisor Krupke and Dustin Clark (B&L) compiled the cost to produce 1000 gallons of water. Water Supervisor, Ron Novak, reminded the board when we sell water to other towns, there are no EDU charges to other towns to offset some of the operating and maintenance expenses. To increase revenue, MHC Brennen Beach and Schoeller water use charge could be raised. MHC Brennen Beach pays approximately \$1.67/1000. Scholler's contract expired after 6 years and that contract should be re-negotiated, especially since they are planning to start producing paper again. They pay \$1.58/1,000 which was part of the purchase/sale agreement.

Topics to discuss with Orwell:

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- Orwell will pay for their lines to be maintained.
- Orwell is responsible for all piping installation.
- Where the pump house is determines who maintains it. Orwell maintains it if it is in Orwell; Richland maintains it if it is in Richland.
- We provide water to Sandy Creek and that included two new wells. We should have something like that for our infrastructure
- The new lines should be 8" ductile or plastic. Orwell has about 120 users using approximately 17,000 gallons of water per day. That is a very low number of revenues for Richland. There needs to be something for the Town of Richland because of all the added responsibility of making sure water is always available as well as the increased liability. We only have 1 generator using 2 wells which gives us 24-36 hours if the generator is out. We should have another generator for the other 2 wells (60KW) and that goes back to responsibility, liability, and reliability. When the power is off, we need generators to keep water to homes and to fight fires.
- At \$4.00/1000 gallons that is only \$25,000 a year in revenue. There is extra wear/tear on the equipment and the added utility costs. Orwell could possibly provide a generator with their funding.
- Water lines in Richland should be turned over to Richland once the project is finished
- A master meter should be at the town line.
- We will need an inter-municipal agreement which should include automatic increases to both Orwell and Sandy Creek as costs go up.
- Another thought: a large break in Orwell causes Richland to lose a lot of water.
- If Orwell doesn't want to provide a generator the charge per 1000 should be higher.
- Orwell will have to truck water for a least 1 year. Water Supervisor Novak said we do not own a 2" hydrant meter. A new one costs about \$750-\$1,000 if we can find one. Councilman Goodsell thought Scriba had one they may sell or loan. Next is where to draw the water from. There is a hydrant near our gate, but it is on the main road. We also have a hydrant by the chlortec building. The problem is someone will have to open the gate or put a combination lock on the gate.

Councilman North asked if Orwell has had this approved by permissive referendum? Supervisor Krupke said they have no choice since their water is failing the testing. Orwell currently has 2 wells. Once is shut down due to high nitrates. The other is a dug well and does not produce enough water to supply Orwell.

Water Supervisor Novak would like to see the pump house on the Richland side and the new generator would belong to Richland. If it is on the Orwell side, Orwell would own it. This generator would cover the two wells should there be an outage. We could then possibly house a tractor in part of the pump house (if it is made larger). The downside to this is, Richland would be responsible for all the maintenance.

Another question, do we have enough pressure (due to elevation) to send it to the Orwell line. Otherwise, a pump would be needed. Also, does Orwell have to buy land? Richland owns the land on the well site side of the road.

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In conclusion we should discuss with Orwell:

- \$4.00/1000 and consider an extra generator to make sure the two new wells are guaranteed to maintain reliable service to Orwell. It should be in the 50KW-60KW range. Our current generator is 80KW which is not standard. A 75KW should be less costly since that is standard.
- We have the lines turned over to Richland at the end of the project
- The pumphouse should have monitors so Richland can monitor the chlorine levels, flow rates, and have the capability to adjust them. This SCADA monitoring system is already in place.
- If the pumphouse is placed on Richland property, Orwell would not have to purchase land and Richland would own the building and generator. If Orwell wants to own it, Richland could lease or sell the property to Orwell. Then the price of water should increase to \$7-\$8.50.

A meeting with Orwell will follow this meeting.

At 10am Allen Goodsell made a motion to close the meeting. Kern Yerdon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon, Town of Richland Water Clerk