

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

**DATE:** May 10, 2022

**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  
Councilman Robert North

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Daisy Mae Purdy, Janet Osuchowski, Eileen Yager, and ZBA Candidate, Swiatoslav Kaczmar, Town of Richland residents, Oswego County Legislatures, Ed Gilson and Herb Yerdon, Water Supervisor, Ron Novak, Water Board Chairwoman, Donna Gilson, B&G Superintendent, Kevin Balcom, Highway Superintendent John Fox, CEO/ZEO John Fox, 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 COMMENT:** At the time of Public Comment, Town Residents Janet Osuchowski and Eileen Yager were not present. Supervisor Krupke later in the meeting asked them if they would like to address the Board. Ms. Osuchowski advised the Board that she and Ms. Yager live on Dunlap Road in the Town of Richland and would like to know if there is anything that can be done with the cars speeding down their road. They produced pictures of an accident that occurred the previous weekend with a car losing control and going off the road. The vehicle sped away but now the property owner is left to fix his/her property. Superintendent Fox advised that this is something similar with what's going on with Lehigh Road with Dunlap Road being a cut through road from NYS Rt 3 to Co Rt 41 and US Rt 11. Mr. Fox told the Board that the county would have to be notified and the steps taken just like Lehigh Road.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Legislature Herb Yerdon is here to give his report. Friday, May 13th the County is having "Night Eyes" at Camp Zerbe. The cost is free for ages 5-12. This will be a night of fun learning about nocturnal animals. They will be having a campfire with smores and playing a game called "Night Eyes" with prizes. Also in the packet from Mr. Yerdon is an ARPA money questionnaire from Oswego County. Legislature Ed Gilson would like to add that he had upped the amount of ARPA money that the Town of Richland had requested to \$260,000 to help the Town with the various projects that they have going on with in the Town. Supervisor Krupke has originally asked the County to match the funds up to \$150,000. Towns requesting money should fill one of these applications out. The weekly vaccine clinics continue on Tuesdays and the Wednesday Clinics move to monthly. The clinics are by appointments only on Tuesdays from 12:30-3:30 at the Nick Sterio Public Health Clinic in Oswego. Clinics will be held at the same location the second Wednesday of each month from 9-11 am and 1-3 pm starting May 11th. Road name change for West Fifth St Road is now known as County Route 25 in the Town of Oswego, Furniss Station Road is now known as County Route 85 in the Town of Granby. The entire length of road from the end of the city of Oswego's West Fifth Street to County Route 85 is now named County Route 25. Holocaust Remembrance Day is May 1 at Fort Ontario. Oswego County recognizes April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. COVID 19 Cases decrease but Community Level remains high. May is Oswego County's Suicide Prevention Coalition Month. The tax sale list is out and the Town of Richland only has 3 properties on it. The Village of Pulaski also has 3 properties on the list for the Tax sale. Mr. Gilson let the Board know that the study for the reduction of the speed limit on Lehigh Road is complete. The study says the limit should be dropped to 50mph. Mr Gilson wasn't happy about that speed and will meet with the county to get it reduced to 45mph instead.

**ZONING AND CODE REPORTS:** Mr. Howland completed Code School in Syracuse. There will be a FEMA meeting on June 10th from 10-12:00. Working on the Junk list and will have it for the Board next month. Frank Pavia has been working on the Zoning and has made many changes. His charges up to this point is \$9600. The Board has approved up to \$10,000. Mr. Howland said that he thinks that he has made some good suggestions. He would also like to speak to him about some concerns from the board. Last month Mr Howland presented an application from Swiatoslav Kaczmar for the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Mr. Kaczmar is here tonight if the Board has any questions. Mr. Kaczmar lives on North Ramona Beach Road and is interested in getting involved and giving back. He has been in the Town since 1989 and is retired from O'Brien Gere, Syracuse University and Oswego State. ***After his introduction a motion to add Mr. Kaczmar to the Zoning Board of Appeals 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".*** Councilman Goodsell has a question to whether everything has been done at the end of Hager Drive to make the Town compliant with the Court Order. Attorney Seiter advises that the Town is in Compliance. He advised that part of the agreement was that Mrs Norfleet drop her action and as far as he knows everything is in compliance and the barriers are in place.

**SUMMER RECREATION :** Supervisor Krupke would like to go into Executive Session to discuss wages and salaries. ***This 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". 6:32pm*** ***A motion to come out of Executive Session and come back into regular session was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 6:45pm.*** ***The result of the Executive session was to increase the hourly wage of the Director to \$19.50 per hour. Increase the Assistant Director and Health Director to \$16.50 per hour , first year counselor increase to \$15.00 per hour and returning counselor to \$16.50 per hour. A motion to approve these salaries was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** With that, Supervisor Krupke introduced Daisy Mae Purdy to the Board and Audience. Ms. Purdy has been a Teaching Assistant at Pulaski for over 21 years. She has been involved with many school activities which include Pop Warner and the wrestling program. She has also worked at the Summer Reading program. With that she is very familiar with how the reading program works with Summer Recreation as well as summer school. ***A motion was made to recommend to appoint Daisy Mae as the Director of the Summer Rec program. This motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Supervisor Krupke would like to recommend Samantha Peter to the position of Assistant Director. Although she doesn't live in the Town of Richland, her children attend school in Pulaski, and she works at the Elementary School as a Teaching Assistant. Councilwoman Haynes also knows Samantha and agrees with Supervisor Krupke that she would be a good choice for the Assistant Director position. As for the other positions, the B for the rest of the positions, Supervisor Krupke told Ms. Purdy the rest of the staff is her choice. The Town Board wished her the best of luck during the Summer Recreation season.

**WATER REPORT:** IMA with the Town of Orwell. Councilman Yerdon has been working on it. Maybe use the Sandy Creek agreement as a base. The Board feels that they need to get it going to be ready when Orwell is. The Town is working on a meter idea on a Hydrant to get water to the town of Orwell until they get all the funding to start the water project. Attorney Seiter was brought up to speed with the issues with nitrates in the water supply in Orwell. The Health Department will issue an Administrative order to make the Town of Orwell hook up to the Town of Richland by October 2023. Until then Orwell will get water from Richland. At the moment, Mr. Novak needs a backflow preventer and suggests that the Town of Richland get a security deposit from Orwell. Mr. Novak also advised that the Pumphouse has to be in the Town of Richland due to elevation. Supervisor Krupke advised the Board that another meeting with Orwell will be necessary to get the agreement ironed out Mr Novak advised that with the recommendation from the Town of Richlands Water Board gave Mr Novak the power to set prices on a case by case basis to set prices for upcoming tap with the increase in parts/costs. The Town is losing a dramatic amount of money placing a tap. If we lose a few hundred dollars placing a tap, he is okay with that because we are getting a new customer. The tap fee at the

time was \$750 for the ones he just did. The parts cost \$538.27 to even do the tap. He has a \$600 excavation fee and 3 people working on it for 3-4 hours. He doesn't know how the town views the labor in the tapping fee. He sets the fees for the 2 at the Lighthouse at \$1500-\$2000. We feel that the Town needs to update the tapping fees. If it's a Town Road, he feels that they can push it. If it's a county road or a state road, it's directional drilling. We don't have any other choice. The Town doesn't have the capability to push that far. That would have to be subbed out to Malone since they are in the area. The labor is set, it's the parts. Since the parts are fluctuating so much the decision is to go parts plus 10% plus excavation. Whatever the current rate is, we would have to explain that to the customers. ***A motion to approve current price plus 10% plus excavation 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 5th well is online and producing water. Aqua logics has been trying to troubleshoot. They found the issue and it is up and working. Generator is down at the wellfield. There is an electrical problem. Many parts were replaced and it has not helped. Syracuse Cat is coming on Friday. The town has spent about \$4000 for parts and repairs. The new generator is ordered and it will take about 44 weeks for it to come in, about February. Highway was at the well field and helped with taking down trees near the power lines. There is about 2-3 weeks more of Tree work to be done. TCR will be used to do the aerial work for trees that are over the power lines. They are on hold until the Town finds out if they are approved for more ARPA money. Mr Novak asked if the fire hydrants in the Town of Richland are covered by insurance. If the Town has a hydrant that gets hit by a car or plow and there is a report the vehicles insurance will pay for the repairs. The cost to replace a hydrant is about \$4000. Meterpits at the moment have increased between \$150-\$175. Mr. Novak would like to purchase a truck cap for the 2020 Ford truck that Joe Sikora drives in the amount of \$3911.00. This cap is a utility cap and it locks. Right now parts are being left out in the open for anyone to take. This cap is similar to the cap that the DEC has on an Emergency response vehicle. The door locks and has a pull out tray. The lights that are on Joe's truck will be moved to 2019. That would include having to purchase 2 brackets for \$220. Mr Novak is asking the board to approve the cap and the bracket for the total of \$4131.00 and to take the money from ARPA. Supervisor Krupke advised that the ARPA money dwindled and until the Town finds out if they get approved to get more money from Oswego County, this purchase will have to wait. Mr. Novak would like to address their water rates. Engineering analysis says that it's costing the Town about \$3.80 to produce 1000 gallons of water that we are selling the residents for \$2.50 and selling Brennan's Beach for \$1.67, Schoeller for \$1.58 and the Town of Sandy Creek for \$2.00. He feels that the Town needs to look at the rates and increase them. He feels that the Town is running out of time to get people trained. Councilman Yerdon agrees that the Town should look at Schoeller since rumors have it that they are adding another line and to look at Brennan's Beach as well.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS & RICHLAND PARKS:** Mr Balcom had 5 bids, but later 2 dropped out. The 3 remaining bids were from Baciani at \$298,000, Hunter Brothers, \$205,000 and Bliss Construction at \$248,200. Mr. Balcom's recommendation is to hold off for 1 year to see if the

price of lumber comes down. The only thing at this point is wait and see if prices go down. Next the shop ceiling at the Highway barn. The ceiling is 21x100. Mr Balcom got a few prices to have the ceiling insulated. If the Highway guys do it, the cost would be \$10,000 with no labor. They are pretty short handed at this point it's probably the best to hire it done. The estimates came in for spray foam. One contractor was \$12,000 and the other estimate is \$16,000. Another quote is coming in soon. The spray foam is probably the best way to go as far as sealing it up well. The Board agreed. The new roof is on and if it's not insulated, it's going to leak just like that last one did. Supervisor Krupke advised it is Superintendent Fox's decision. He is in agreement with Mr Balcom's recommendation. Water Supervisor Novak asked if a contractor is coming up to look at the Highway. Maybe the Water can piggyback on with the Highway and have the water building on Co Rt 41 done at the same time. Maybe get a better price. The Haldane building, the Highway crew changed out 8 of the bleacher boards. Also cut some large branches that were hanging over the path. At the concession stand, the hot water heater never worked. Mr Balcom advised that the water heater was never wired up. It is now wired up and working. Richland Pond: No e coli in the pond according to the Health Department. Catch and release for fishing and no swimming signs will be posted around the Pond. The crew spent about 4 hours around the pond and playground area. After looking around and taking some measurement, there is no space for what the previous Supervisor had planned for the area at the pond. Mr Balcom will meet with the Park Committee to go over his findings. The Water trailer has been completed. It turned out very good. The bathrooms are open and ready for softball. Accountability for clean up is a must especially after the mess that was found this spring.

**DOG REPORT:** No report

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Superintendent Fox had put bids out for Blacktop. He wasn't sure that he told the Board that he was going to do that. Anyway, the Town has only received 1 sealed bid. The ad was in the newspaper for 1 month. Supervisor Krupke opened the 1 bid that was received by Hanson Group in the amount of \$471,243.00. The roads that were to be paved were Cobb Road, Lehigh Road and Wart Road. Lehigh is the longest road at approximately 3 miles and the other 2 are about 1 mile. Last year the estimates were around \$300,000. ***A motion to accept the bid as presented with the understanding that it can be rejected by the Highway Superintendent was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman North. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Superintendent Fox told the board that oil for chip seal has gone up \$.45 per gallon, stone has gone up \$.90 per ton. Tonight Mr Fox was going to try to figure out how much chip seal he was going to do. Right now it's just a guessing game. Mr. Fox will be attending Highway school June 6th -8th. Everything is going well. Truck parts are going through the roof at the moment. Fuel, tire prices are insane. Mr. Fox is waiting to see what's going to happen before he decides what big purchases he will make. At

the moment all indications are pointing to diesel fuel going up to \$8.00 per gallon by the end of the year. This impacts the Town Highway the most.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Supervisors report for January and February 2022 was presented to the Board. *With no discussion, and a motion made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North, these reports were accepted by the Board with all members voting "AYE".*

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES:** At the previous meeting, the Board forgot to set a date for a Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Implementation. This was reviewed at the last meeting and it was overlooked that a Public Hearing had to be set. *A motion to have a Public Hearing Scheduled for the June meeting was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

**JUSTICE REPORTS:** Justice report for Judge Ridgeway for March 2022 is next. With no discussion, *a motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

**WARRANT OF BILLS:** Abstract #5 for 2022 is next. Councilman North asked a few questions about some of the accounts and amounts paid. With nothing more to discuss *a motion to approve Abstract #5 for payment was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

**TOWN BOARD MINUTES & TOWN CLERKS REPORT:** Next, Town Board minutes for March 3rd, March 21st (Teamsters), March 21st (Employees) and April 12th, and the Town Clerks report for April 2022 were presented. With no discussion, *a motion to accept the minutes and Town Clerk report as presented was made by Councilwoman Haynes, and seconded by Councilman North. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

**CEMETERY UPDATES:** Cemetery rates increase to Grave opening for casket , Monday- Friday increase to \$350 Grave opening increase on Saturday \$450, Grave opening for cremation, Monday-Friday \$150 Grave opening for Cremation on Saturday increase to \$200. *A motion to approve the increase was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

**TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT:** No report.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Councilman Yerdon has worked out a deal with the Village of Pulaski to cover Court nights with Officers from the Village Police department. The Village will bill the Town for the service. *A motion to approve the agreement with the Village of Pulaski*

***for Police coverage on Court night was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. Thank you to Councilman Yerdon and Goodsell for their hard work in getting this agreement in place. With a motion on the table, and in a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** The Village Mayor brought up an Agreement in 2012 that the Town would agree to send money collected for parking tickets to the Village. The Board did not have any knowledge of this agreement. Councilman Yerdon will do so checking and come back to the Board.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** June 14, 2022

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

***Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.***

Respectfully submitted by:

Millie Newcomb  
Town Clerk