

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

DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 2022

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Scheduled Town Board Meeting

PLACE: Grand Jury Room, H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Pulaski, NY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Kern Yerdon
Councilman Robert North
Councilman Allen Goodsell
Councilwoman Sue Haynes
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Attorney, Graham Seiter, Highway Superintendent, John Fox, CEO/ZEO John Howland, Supervisor Clerk, Tammie Whaley, Deputy Town Clerk, Julie Peterson, Legislator, Ed Gilson, and Resident, Janet Osuchowski

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Yerdon leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Janet Osuchowski, who lives on Dunlap Rd., presented to the board a petition that she had obtained the signatures from the majority of the residents on the road to have the speed limit reduced. There were only a few residents on Dunlap Rd. that have not signed the petition as they were not home, only one resident refused to sign. ***A motion was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes to accept the signature list and to start the procedure to reduce the speed limit on Dunlap Rd. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye.***

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Legislator Gilson stated that the County approved a Resolution to move money to get the first 17 ARPA applications dispersed. The County has every intention to maintain the same tax rate or lower for 2023.

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: John Howland stated that a couple violation notices have been sent out. Attorney Seiter is working on updating our Local Law for administration enforcement for zoning which started in 1986 and he hopes to have something for the board within the next

couple months. Last month, a letter was sent to three different properties to come into compliance by the attorney and a final notice was issued by John. None of them have complied. ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson to schedule an Administrative Hearing for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye.*** Councilwoman Haynes asked Mr. Howland the status of a property on Lehigh Rd. and stated that they are living in the camper with a couple sheds and a blue boy. Mr. Howland replied, they plan to apply to get a campground permit next year, he was unaware of the current activity and will issue a stop work order. They only have a permit for the sheds, which is legal, however, they cannot use it as a dwelling.

BUDGET 2023: Supervisor Clerk, Tammie Whaley, presented the proposed wages and salaries to the board, an excel spreadsheet with the summary of what the supervisors of each department has requested, and the rest of the budget for 2023. At this time, they are just worksheets that were prepared. She would like to set up three budget workshops up for the following dates October 18th, October 25th, and November 1st at 10 a.m. Board members agreed to these dates.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Superintendent, John Fox, stated that the conference in Ellicottville was good and informative. He currently has a help wanted ad in the paper. The highway department is getting trucks ready, putting the plows on, and had two trucks that the rear springs needed to be replaced. The plow truck that was approved for sale through Auctions International at a prior meeting has sold for \$14,700. Currently, we do not have a uniform contract and are currently paying \$206 per week. He received a quote from UniFirst for \$115 per week and it is a 3-year contract. ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to approve the Superintendent to enter a 3-year contract with UniFirst for uniforms. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye.***

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT: Kevin Balcom stated that the football tower at the Haldane Center is done, and that the Kelley's did a great job. Two truckloads of 1-ton stones for the Haldane were purchased. Some were put near the Skate Park so the anglers would not block the trail and the rest were put over near the softball field. The door lock on the concession stand is fixed. He has been trying to contact the IT guy to get the items needed for security. Kevin is working on the drawings and scope of work for the Pond Project so it can eventually be put out to bid. He contacted the grant writer to see if there were more funds available for the roof at the Haldane Center. Kristy does not feel there is as we have already obtained a few grants for it. It is not the material that is causing the problem, it is because when it builds ice, it lifts at the cap and leaks. She is going to explore grant possibilities for the locker room portion and changing the pitch of the roof. The locker room sheetrock is very bad, he has fixed it the best he can to hold the lights up. The Richland Fireman have hired an

engineer to evaluate the water tower, they will be forwarding a copy of the report to the town and the engineer is looking into grant possibilities to assist with the costs. Supervisor Yerdon is going to ask John Howland to speak to the Fire Department to have them fix the cap on the well as it is a safety hazard, for liability reasons, the Town cannot perform the work.

WATER REPORT: There were no water minutes provided. Supervisor Novak states that he has met with Malone, and it will be four to six weeks until completion of the current project for Water District 5. B & L has not heard from Rural Development as to how the remaining \$200,000 that is left for the project will be expended, that will be split 70% to Sandy Creek and 30% to Richland. He would like to utilize it to repair the pump in Well 27. The DEC Hearing will be on December 6th and 7th. The Chloretex system is currently down and is running on back up pumps in the Richland system. The Ross Valve in the Salisbury pit will be getting repaired tomorrow. Hydrants in District 3 have all been serviced and are functional, District 5 will be completed prior to Winter.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD: Councilwoman Gilson read a letter from Dawn Holynski asking for the boards approval to attend the Eastern Lake Ontario seminar. At this seminar there will be a segment discussing Comprehensive Subdivision Design, which she feels is very important. ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North for approval for five people to attend the workshop at Tailwater on November 9th. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye.***

DOG REPORT: ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North to accept the September Dog Report. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye.***

JUSTICE REPORTS: ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to accept the August Report from Justice Ridgeway. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye.***

WARRANT OF BILLS: ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North to approve Abstract #10 as submitted. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye.***

TOWN CLERK REPORT: ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to accept the September Town Clerk Report. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye.***

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: ***A motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes to accept Local Law #3 of 2022 providing a partial exemption for***

persons 65 and over and to schedule the Public Hearing for November 8th at 6 p.m. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye. A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North to approve Supervisor Yerdon to sign the NOCA 2023 Budget. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye. A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North to accept the 2023 Ringgold Budget as submitted. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye. Supervisor Yerdon and Councilwoman Haynes thanked Attorney Seiter and feel that he has done a great job and expressed their appreciation for the work he has done for the Town. A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to approve the Attorney fee increase. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye. A motion was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson to approve the cash receipt/deposit policy. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye. Kern informed the board that their will be a Public Hearing with the County IDA and Felix Schoeller on October 17th at 10 a.m. regarding the proposed project and financial assistance. The board acknowledges the receipt of the 2023 Budget for the Richland Fire Department. A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North to enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the water contract with the Town of Sandy Creek. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye. A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Haynes, Aye; Gilson, Aye; Goodsell, Aye; North, Aye; and Yerdon, Aye. No action was taken during Executive Session.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: The next Town Board meeting will be on November 8, 2022.

MEETING ADJOURNED: *A motion was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. All members were in favor with a vote of "AYE."*

Respectfully submitted by
Julie Peterson
Deputy Town Clerk