

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

DATE: January 10, 2023

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Town Board Meeting

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

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Legislators Ed Gilson and Herb Yerdon, Town Residents, Larry Atkinson, Tina Lane, Tim Crouch, Swiat Kaczmar, Robert Jeffery, Dog Control, Elisa Dunn, B&G Kevin Balcom, Highway Superintendent, John Fox, CEO/ZEO John Howland, Attorney Graham Seiter, and Town Clerk Millie Newcomb.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: The Public Hearing was open for Local Law #1 of 2023 for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code for the Town of Richland. CEO/ZEO Howland explained that it's basically the same law that we have now but with a few changes in the energy code. With no comment from the audience, ***a motion to adopt the local law as presented. The motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North. In a roll call vote, all were in agreement with a vote of "AYE". A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

PUBLIC COMMENT: Councilman North would like to read a letter to the Town Board. Its a personal letter that Mr. North would like to have part of the minutes. This letter will be attached.

There were no other comments.

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: The year end report was presented to the Board for review. 103 Building permits and 73 Zoning permits were issued. Joint meetings are still going on with the Zoning and Planning Boards with the Zoning book. There is an opening for Alternate on the Zoning Board and Planning Boards. The planning Board meets on the 3rd Monday and the Planning Board is on the third Tuesday. Mr. Howland has an application for a Campground on Canning Factory and Spring Brook Road. The proposal is for 20 campsites, 7 park models and 4 cabins with possibility of expansion in the future. Mr Howland would like permission to attend Codes School in April. Talking about breweries, wineries and charging stations. ***A motion to permit Mr Howland to attend the school in April in Syracuse was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Kevin Balcom asked about the Water Tower in Richland. Mr Howland has not heard from the Richland Fire Company about the issue with the tower. CEO/ZEO Howland suggested that Attorney Seiter get involved now. The Tower legs are in bad shape and it's a hazard. Attorney Seiter suggests it comes down. The only thing is, is there any help out there. Grants take time. There was a suggestion to have the Assemblyman's Barclays Office to get involved.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT : County Legislator Yerdon started off the evening with the announcement of the Watershed Management Plan meeting on January 17 at the Town of Sandy Creek town hall from 3:00 to 4:30. Camp Zerbee, the Legislatures are talking about a new water and septic system for the bath house. The county has appropriated money to start rebuilding Camp Zerbee. Assemblyman Barclays Office came up with \$50,000, the county has come up with \$300,000. They are building a new bath house near the lodge and redo the trails and campgrounds and redo the buildings. They are in terrible shape. Nothing has been done in years. Legislator Gilson told the board that Mr Yerdon is being humble. He has spearheaded the effort to get the whole Legislature behind funding for this project. He feels that Mr Yerdon should be publicly thanked for his efforts. The County sent out plows, dump trucks and loaders to help the Buffalo area during the recent snow storm. Any civil service exam fees have been waived for 2023 in efforts to get people to take the test. Many job openings now like Acct Clerk, Typist Jr. and Sr. and custodian. ARPA Funds: Northern Oswego County Ambulance received \$139,000. Elections in the Legislature. Jim Weatherup is still the Chairman, Mark Grecco is vice chair, Betsey Saunders is the Legislature Clerk, Paul House is Majority Leader, Laurie Mandigo is majority whip. Civil Service Exam for 911 telecommunicator. They are looking for more people. This exam is on February 25th.

Ed Gilson is next. On December 15 the Legislature Adopted the County Budget. It's \$231 million of which includes a real property tax levy of \$44million of which \$703,000 will be raised in

taxes. Based on the fact that we have over \$7 billion in tax property valuation, equates to \$6.19 per 1000 assessed which is a decrease from the rate that was at \$6.95 per 1000. There is no increase in the levy. The County is debt free.

WATER REPORT: No report Supervisor Novak is out of Town.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS & RICHLAND PARKS: Cameras are up and ready. Not sure if Noah has been there to hook everything up. The Main Door closure has been repaired . Installed outlets in cold storage at the Haldane Pavillon. Built lockers at the Shop which turned out nice. Breakroom has been painted. Haldane meeting on January 21st. Councilwoman Haynes will let Alysha know about the Water Tower. Some bad man doors on the Water Building in Richland and Fernwood. No leaky roof with no snow.

DOG REPORT: There was a Dog bite on Co Rt 41A. The dog charged a woman and knocked her down and bit her. Appearance ticket was issued to the owner of the dog. They are to appear in court on February 1st. Also the Dog report was reviewed by the Board.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Weather has been nice but mother nature can turn at any time. Truck repairs are caught up. Roadside trash, the crew picked up 25 bags of trash in recent days. The Highway crews have been up to the well fields picking up brush. They have only been up there with chainsaws. No equipment has been brought up there yet because there hasn't been an agreement on how the highway will be reimbursed. John showed the Board bid sheets for a new 2023 pick up and on the dozer , the dozer is 1989 and we can't get parts for it anymore. The dozer he would like to get is a 2014 that he has rented in the past. The old dozer will be sold, and it's still worth money. Councilman Goodsell would like to wait until Supervisor Yerdon is back to make his decision. This purchase is coming out of the 2022 budget in which Mr Fox has had budgeted. ***A motion to approve the purchase of the Truck and new dozer. The dozer will be put up for bid was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman North. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Mr. Fox would like to back Mr North 100% with his comments about the harassment that happened to him and continues to this day. The Board agrees that they should meet and discuss the matter at hand.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: No Report

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES: A meeting is scheduled with Mike from Regional Planning on Thursday at 6:00 pm here at the Courthouse.

JUSTICE REPORTS: ***A motion to accept the Justice reports for November was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

WARRANT OF BILLS: *A motion to accept Abstracts #14 of 2022 and #1 of 2023. Was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. With no discussion and in a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Minutes for November 1st and November 15 are next. With no discussion, *a motion to accept the minutes 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".*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: *A motion to accept the Town Clerks report for December 2022 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: 2- 80' pine trees fell in the high winds. No stones were damaged. There are many damaged stones in the McClelland Cemetery due to a car plowing through and leaving the scene. The Town Clerk will contact the Division of Cemeteries to see if there are any grants for repairing stones. We have also contacted Kristy LaManche to see if she knows of anything out there. Councilman North asked if the Highway budgeted money for oil and stone for the cemeteries.

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: No report.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Next is the Appointments and resolutions. There are some vacancies as the Board can see by the highlighted areas. IRS rates are up to \$.655 per miles *A motion to accept the Appointments and Resolutions was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilman North. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". Next is the Official Undertaking the Procurement Policy, and Investment Policy. A motion to approve all was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". A motion to accept the standard mileage rate of .655 was made by Councilman North and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".* The Tug Hill Conference will be held at the Turning Stone again this year. Make sure to get the forms back to the Town Clerk before March 1st. *A motion to approve the new appointments on the Appointment and Resolutions 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 Town Clerk will put a legal notice in the paper for sealed bids for new Dozer and a sealed bid to get rid of the split firewood at the Town Barn.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: February 14 2023

**MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".
7:15pm**

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk