

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER BOARD

TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREETPULASKI, NY 13142

Date: November 7, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular monthly water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Doug Swalm

Ronald Novak

Laurie Barber

Absent:

Gerald Licourt

John Fox, Highway Superintendent

Others in Attendance:

Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with Chairman, Craig Sternberg, leading the pledge of allegiance.

Doug Swalm made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 3, 2017 meeting. Ron Novak seconded the motion. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Craig Sternberg-yes, Laurie Barber-yes, Ron Novak-yes and Doug Swalm-yes.

Chairman Sternberg report: The water use was a little high than last year at this time. Schoeller pumped 7,109,800 gallons of water and Fernwood pumped 2,772,000 gallons of water. A total of 9,861,800 gallons of water pumped. There is no new information on Water District 3. We expect to hear more in December 2017 or January 2018. The next school for water operators to get their 2B license will be held in the spring of 2018. It is expected Joe Sikora and/or Jim Hall will be attending that school. In the meantime, Joe Sikora will be working part of the time with Bob Hicks and part of the time with the Richland Highway Department as needed.

There was a discussion regarding a customer's high water bill. He had a leak at a rental property and was requesting his bill be lowered. In the past, when there have been water leaks, the bill was paid by the customer. Therefore, the property owner was required to pay the bill. It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep track of this. The water clerk suggested he turn it into his insurance for reimbursement.

A property owner had 2 dwellings on one parcel. A mobile home was removed that had a tap and water to it. She would like the EDU removed since it will not be replaced. Town policy states if a property owner no longer wants municipal water, they can pay a fee to disconnect and place a lock on the tap.

Therefore, once the fee is paid, the EDU will be reduced to 1 and she will no longer receive a minimum water bill.

There was discussion on people winterizing their camps. The water operator can go inside and unhook the meter to drain it to keep it from freezing at the request of the property owner. This could be considered a "sanitary survey" to make sure everything is hooked up properly. With water operator approval a property owner can re-hook it themselves.

The wind turbine is having an issue communicating with the RTU. It requires purchasing a new RTU (\$1740.00) and having Tim Maine install it. We are waiting on an installation price from Tim Maine. It was questioned whether there needs to be heat in the turbine to keep the RTU working properly. Mary Yerdon will call and check on that. It was agreed we should move forward with this as soon as possible.

One of our water customers was renting a milk house that is no longer going to be used for that purpose. His EDU has been reduced. However, the water use has not decreased. Mary Yerdon informed him that he may have a leak and he should check it out. His milk house did not have a separate meter from the home.

At 7:30 Laurie Barber made a motion to close the meeting. Doug Swalm seconded the motion. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Water Clerk