

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE RICHLAND AND SANDY CREEK TOWN
BOARDS AND THE RICHLAND WATER ADVISORY BOARD**

TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREETPULASKI, NY 13142

Date: October 2, 2018

Kind of Meeting: Joint meeting between Richland and Sandy Creek

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Richland Board Members Present: Supervisor, Dan Krupke, Deputy Supervisor, Kern Yerdon, Councilman Allen Goodsell, Councilwoman, Donna Gilson: ABSENT
Sue Haynes

Sandy Creek Board Members Present: Supervisor, Nancy Ridgeway, Councilwoman Ruth Sheppard, Councilman, John Wood Jr. ABSENT” Nola Gove, Dave Warner

Richland Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg- Chairman, Doug Swalm, Gerry Licourt, Laurie Barber, Ron Novak

Sandy Creek Water Board Members Present: Wayne Miller, Pat McDougal, Cheryl Yerdon,

Others in Attendance: Richland Highway Superintendent- John Fox, Sandy Creek Highway Superintendent- Mike Kastler, Barton & Loguidice Engineers Dustin Clark and Anthony Young, Tammy Miller-Sandy Creek Town Clerk, Mary Yerdon-Richland Water Clerk, Brittany Washburn-Sandy Creek Water Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Tonight’s meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with Supervisor, Dan Krupke leading the pledge of allegiance. Supervisor Krupke turned the meeting over to Dustin Clark, B&L Engineer.

DUSTIN CLARK UPDATE: The parcel survey has been completed. There are more easements required in Sandy Creek than Richland. By the end of October the preliminary layout should be completed followed by several months of obtaining various permits. Bids for construction should be completed by late summer of 2019.

Tonight’s discussion regards the financing BAN. It comes due July 25, 2020. The first payment is due 2 years after it was received in 2018.

The project received a 30-year interest free loan from the Environmental Facilities Corporation for \$2.5 million. They also received a low interest loan from Rural Water at 2.375% interest for 38 years which would be a balance funding option. A grant for \$50,000 was received from Senator Richie’s office and there could also be an infrastructure grant from the EFC. The EDU charge could be \$600 or upper \$600 depending on these grants and loans. Rural Development only provides grants if the EDU charge is over \$600. From Rural Development we would still get the loan but not the grant if the EDU is below \$600.00.

The discussion then turned to when to start charging the EDU. Richland does not need to do the same charge as Sandy Creek. It was felt it would be confusing if Sandy Creek charges a full EDU beginning January 1, 2019 and Richland does not do the same. The January 2019 collection can establish a reserve account, with the 2020 charge covering the cost of the loan. Sandy Creek favors a full EDU charge in January 2019. It was noted that budgets pay ahead- January 2019 charges cover the year 2019. By the end of 2018 \$1,000,000 has already been spent on this project. Sandy Creek can have some residents hook into the system as soon as charges start due to extra pipe that was leftover and installed during the last project.

There are some timing restriction caused by turtles and bats, etc that are protected species and could slow down the permitting process. Sandy Creek has 35 miles of digging for pipes which is a huge environmental impact.

In past projects, Richland started charging property owners the year construction started. This project should start laying pipe in the fall of 2019 and continue to work through the winter depending on the weather. EDU charges collected in January 2019, would cover the mortgage debt only (not the operating & maintenance nor the water use charge). There could be a modest increase in Richland once the budget is completed. The Richland water board was in favor of charging starting in 2019. Councilman Goodsell made a motion to start charging Water District 5 property owners the portion of the EDU charge that pertains to the debt loan payment beginning on the January 2019 property tax bill. It was seconded by Donna Gilson. All were in favor.

Both towns commented on the smooth working relationship between Sandy Creek and Richland.

The next topic was the program relating to reading he meters and billing. The current program used by Richland has become obsolete causing a necessary upgrade. Currently the readings are done by driving by the property and readers automatically pick up the meter readings. The new type of meter is cellular with a sim card in the meter head. The reading will be sent to the cloud and then the information is accessed from computers. Driving by is no longer necessary. There will be an upcharge of \$10 per meter per year to use this cloud based program. The options here are limited due to constantly improving technology. The meters also have the capability of being read by driving by if the updated readers are purchased.

The question was asked if our wells have been tested for PFOA. This is a new type of pollutant and contaminant (Teflon bi-products). Dustin Clark said our wells were already tested but they could become new to the list of requirements.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Water Clerk