

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF RICHLAND

1 BRIDGE STREET, PULASKI, NY

DATE: October 15,2019

KIND OF MEETING: Public Hearing 2020 Budget

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

Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dustin Clark from B&L Budget Officer Bob North and Town Clerk Millie Newcomb

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: The meeting was opened for the Public Hearing for the Budget for 2020. *With no comments or objections, a motion to close the Public Hearing for the 2020 budget 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 advised the Board that he has not filed the NYS Tax cap at the moment. He also advised that Supervisor Clerk Tammie Wilson and Budget Officer Bob

North and himself had a conference call with NYS Comptroller's Office representative Laird Petrie and he was a big help walking them through the tax cap and Budget.

Also, Supervisor Krupke advised the Board that he had done some checking with the Towns insurance policy with NYMIR and it does cover Public Officials. Copies were handed out to the Board Members.

A motion to adopt the 2020 Preliminary Budget was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

A motion to appoint Krista Fox to the Water Board to fill the vacant seat. The 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"

A motion to accept the Supervisors report for September was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

WATER UPDATES: Dustin Clark from B&L, one of the Engineers for the Joint Water Project with the Town of Sandy Creek is here to give a brief update. A few things are coming up that he wanted to bring the Board up to speed. The first one involves the DEC not the issues that are going on but in their review as it relates to the Water Supply Permit. This is needed because with the project, it's about bringing on a new well at the Well site So its increasing the permitted taking and yield of the site by adding another well, . Some preliminary testing done on several wells in 2018 identifying the preferred one for the project and that meet the needs of the project and included it with the application. Now,their reviewers got into the details of it and more stringent pump test a 72 hour test where it demonstrates a safe yield until it gets to test it at a certain rate down to a stabilized dry down. So when you pump water out of the well the water level is going to go down. You don't want it to keep going down because it is not stabilized. And it's not a safe yield. So they want the test to be done to demonstrate the safe yield and they want that test now as well as a 5 part water quality test. This was proposed for the contractor to do it but the State wants it now. The cost is about \$40,000. This was already in the contract but now B&L has to do it. This test is to determine you are not depleting the Aquifer. The water has to be pumped out 400 feet away from the well. Water withdrawal permits have been around for years. There has been no news about or from DEC in the Town of Sandy Creek . There is a meeting on October 25 at 10:00

am with the DEC and the Towns. Another thing is that the project is in a really good financial place. This project is a 14 million dollar project. The project got an interest free financing that was the first funding commitment that was received. That was enough to bring the project to that \$700 user cost that the district was formed at. In addition to that there is a \$ 3million dollar state grant and \$2.5 million dollar Rural Development grant. The Town over the years has had very good bids that came in under budget. What is happening now is contractors are busy and they are seeing prices are going up. Every day delay is costing a lot of money. Mr Clark thinks its a good move to do this ahead of time. Talk turned to the Bond resolution just in case the price of the project increases due to the delays. It's a relatively simple step and it's a good roll for the Financial advisor to advise the Town.

MEETING ADJOURNED: *With nothing else to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 6:43pm.*

NEXT MEETING : November 12, 2019, Regular Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted by:

Millie Newcomb, Town Clerk