

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**

TOWN OF RICHLAND

1 BRIDGE STREET, PULASKI, NY

**DATE:** December 10, 2019

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular Town Board Meeting

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

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Supervisor Daniel Krupke

Councilman Kern Yerdon

Councilman Allen Goodsell

Councilwoman Donna Gilson

Councilwoman Sue Haynes

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Residents William and Rosalyn McVicker, Highway Superintendent John Fox, ZEO/CEO John Howland, Town Attorney Graham Seiter, Town Clerk Millie Newcomb. Legislator Ed Gilson arrived at 7:27.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comment at this time.

**ZEO/CEO REPORT:** Typical for the time of the year, everything is slow. The house on Route 11 that was damaged by fire several years ago, and is now owned by the Oswego County Land Bank is going to be torn down. Requests to have water turn on the property have been answered and now it's just a waiting game as to when it's going to happen. Trying to get someone to help on the zoning. Mr. Howland has reached out to several agencies with no luck at this time. Phil Street is retiring next month. He would be interested in the roll of a Consultant. Councilwoman Gilson said that the Village used Dave Turner in Oswego. Not sure how busy he is at this time. It was suggested that Mr

Howland give Village Trustee Jan Tighe a call to see if what he helped the Village with is what the Town of Richland is looking for.

**HAGER DRIVE UPDATES:** Attorney Seiter has spoke to the Attorney representing the Town of Richland against the Norfleets. It's been going back and forth but he feels confident that there will be an agreement in the next few weeks. The sticking point seems to be a barrier at the beach that would not let vehicles past the barrier. Hager Drive resident Mr. Mc Vicker asked about the Barrier. He states a gate would "not fly". Supervisor Krupke states the only barrier would be to keep vehicles off the beach area.

**DOG REPORT:** Dog reports were presented to the Board for review.

**WATER UPDATES:** Minutes for December 3rd were presented. Attorney Seiter advised that more money came in, in the form of an increase in the Grants for the water district #5. We will not be able to extend the system at all but there is money there to bring down the cost of the loan and put more money in the pocket of the residents. The extra grant money is in excess of a few Million dollars. Now the project has gone from \$4.3 million to over \$5 million. Mr. Seiter thinks the extra is going into the construction cost of the project. ***A motion to hold A Public Hearing for the resolution will be scheduled for the next Town Board Meeting which will be held on January 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm, was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Superintendent Fox has given Supervisor Krupke some information from Eco Strategies. This is a company that specializes in Mining permits. It's all they do. Today there is so many regulations in regards to mining permits now some good and some bad. It can take anywhere between 1-2 years for permits. Mr Fox has been working with the DEC with the currant permits just to find out he would probably have to hire a company to help him with things. These companies do everything from start to finish. The property that Mr. Fox is considering is on the corner of Main St and goes up to the corner of the Pollock Property. It's part of the 600 acres that the Town of Richland owns, part of the well fields. Attorney Seiter said an RFP will be needed , but it seems this field is fairly limited. The Board feels to keep everything fair and above board that its should be put up for an RFP. The property that is in question is in Water District 2. Discussion about swapping property from the Town of

Richland to the The Town of Richland Water District. Discussion about leasing to the Highway. More information will be gathered before a decision can be made.

Discussion switched to purchasing a new truck for the Water Department. Fleet price for 2020 ¾ ton Ford F250 crew cab with vinyl seats and floors with a 61/2 foot bed is \$31,870. The list price is \$44,500. The truck is in the budget and will have a plow installed. It will take 10-12 weeks to get in . ***A motion to approve the purchase of a new water truck for \$31,870 was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

Another thing is that something has to be done with the Highway Barn Roof. Its leaking really bad and unfortunately something has to be done. It's really not safe. Mr. Yerdon would like a list of repairs that have done to the building since the Building Vote was defeated . Supervisor Krupke would like Mr Fox to get a hold of Mike LaSalle again to get some ideas on repairs to get the building through. Councilwoman Gilson feels the safety of the employees is most important. If the Town is going to put the money into the old building with a new roof what can that building be used for? The frame of the Building is in excellent shape. One suggestion is keeping the old building for mechanical repairs, storage and maybe a wash bay, Then building a new building that would be smaller would be for housing the Plow trucks.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** The Supervisors report for the month of November was presented to the Board. ***With no discussion, a motion to accept the Supervisors Report as presented was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

**RICHLAND TOWN PARKS:** A Thank you note from the Village of Pulaski.

**HALDANE UPDATE:** As the Board knows, Supervisor Krupke and Councilman Yerdon met with Alan Engelbrekt Village Board Member and Mayor Rodriguez, along with Bill Wood last Monday. The Conversation consisted of what direction the Town and Village would like to move in. Out of that meeting a suggestion to relook at the lease of the Haldane and pursue a new lease with the Village. A few things is, that notify the Village of things the Town is doing on the property whereas now things require Village Board Approval. They are okay with keeping the Haldane Advisory that consists of 3 members from the Town and two from the Village and one alternate. They are fine with a 10, 10 year term lease which is basically a 100 yr lease. Six months before the 10 year anniversary, both boards will meet incase either party wants to change the terms or terminate the lease. A question about the Advisory Board was asked by Councilwoman Haynes. Mr. Krupke advised that this was discussed and the Board members would be

appointed to a 4 yr term and outlining responsibilities and duties of the Board. The Chairperson of the committee would be appointed by the Town Board. This will be an advisory board only. The Village will not sell the Haldane Property.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *A motion to enter into Executive session to discuss the lease agreement of the Haldane Complex was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 7:27pm. At 8:05 pm, a motion to come back into regular session was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". The result of the executive session was no decision.*

**JUSTICE REPORT:** Justice reports were presented to the Board from Judge Conger and Judge Ridgeway for the month of October. With no discussion, ***a motion to accept the Justice reports for the month of October was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Discussion turns to the new program that the County has come up with to do arraignments at the County using different Judges from all Oswego County towns. The 5th judicial district is making it mandatory that all Towns will participate. Anyone that is arrested will be taken to the County to be arraigned. The push is to make all courts into a District Court. The State is pushing this program. According to Legislator Ed Gilson he says there is discussion of a Centralized location, like Richland. But holding cells are the issue. The question is should the Town do something. Attorney Seiter doesn't think the Towns can do anything. These are the most drastic changes that Attorney Seiter has ever seen, this and the new Bail reform. He feels that the law enforcement will not be arresting anyone. No one has gotten any of the specifics of what is happening, and how fast the state is moving on it all. Senator Ritchie and Assemblyman Barclay will be introducing a resolution to try to stop what is happening.

**WARRANT OF BILLS:** Abstract # 12 of 2019 was next. With no discussion, ***a motion to accept Abstract #12 was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

**TOWN BOARD MINUTES :** Minutes for October 8 and November 12 were presented along with the Town Clerks monthly report. ***A motion to accept the minutes and the Clerks Report was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. All were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

**CEMETERY REPORT:** A large tree came down in the Richland Cemetery. A stone was damaged and because of the recent snowfall, Kellogg Memorials was unable to set the stone back up or repair the base. The price of \$150 to reset the stone was verbally communicated to the Town Clerk but no cost to repair the base. Repairs will have to be made in the Spring.

**TOWN HISTORIAN** A newsletter from Town Historian Shawn Doyle was included in this packet.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Activity is now centered around the County Budget. The Public Hearing is set to vote on Thursday. The County tax rate is staying the same at \$7.70 per \$1000. The appropriations is \$217 million with \$177 million of that will be raised in revenue and a little over \$40 million will need to be raised in property taxes based on assessed valuation this year taxes will remain the same. Oswego County is joining with a company in Jefferson County to be the mobility manager to reorganize the transportation for the needy in the rural routes where there is no centro or OCO operation, Oswego County Service. They will work with whatever services that are available such as PALS in Pulaski and other communities. This money is coming from the State. Councilman Yerdon asked about the fees for the dump. Mr. Gilson said the permit is up to \$195. This fee is up from \$185. Mr. Yerdon doesn't understand why this fee keeps going up. The landfill has closed a few days a week to save money and the fees just keep going up. Mr. Gilson says operation costs along with wages and benefits of employees.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Vehicle use policy. This will be tabled until the next meeting in January. Shared service meeting on 12/16 at Citi Boces. The annual Christmas Party will be on December 19, 2019 at 12:00. Year end meeting will be on December 30th at 10:00am. Attorney Seiter is working with Rebekah Prosechek on a shared service for a Shoulder Machine. Redfield has agreed to store this machine in the new cold storage building.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** January 14, 2020 6:00 pm. There will also be a Public Hearing at this meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** *A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE" 7:54 pm.*

**NEXT MEETING : January 14, 2020, Regular Board Meeting**

Respectfully submitted by:

Millie Newcomb, Town Clerk