

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

TOWN OF RICHLAND

1 BRIDGE STREET, PULASKI, NY

**DATE:** December 30,2019

**KIND OF MEETING:** End of Year 2019

**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 (absent)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Highway Superintendent John Fox and Town Clerk Millie Newcomb

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WARRANT OF BILLS:** *A motion to accept Abstract #13 of 2019 was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. After a brief discussion, and in a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Assemblyman Barclay spoke to Supervisor Krupke and asked if the Town of Richland would be interested in more money toward the grant for the Haldane Building. The original grant was for \$30,000 which now with the extra \$20,000 would now be \$50,000. So the Town will now be getting \$50,000 but will have to reapply to get the additional money. Kristy LaManche was the original Grant Writer for the \$30,000 so Mr. Krupke would like to recommend to hire Ms. LaManche to follow through to get the additional money. The town still hasn't gotten the money for the first grant and Councilwoman Gilson isn't sure she wants to redo the grant until the Town gets paid for the first round of the grant. Supervisor Krupke told the Board usually it can take up to 1 year before the money's are dispersed once the project is completed. Supervisor Krupke advised Mr Barclay that there were some things that didn't get completed on the original project such as Beachers, infield for the softball fields and the trail system. Councilwoman Gilson is not really on board especially since the Town hasn't received any of the original project money of \$30,000. The Town has to spend the money in order to get the money. The State moves very slowly on projects. The town has the money and knowing the reimbursement will be coming from the state is okay with the other members of the Board. The Town has also put \$20,000 in reserves to try and complete other projects at the Haldane. Ms. LaManche is only charging \$750 to get the \$20,000. ***A motion to hire Kristy LaMache for \$750 to do the grant for the extra \$20,000 for the Haldane was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. With no further discussion, and in a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Discussion turned to the Tax Collection. Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Millie Newcomb explained to the Board that her office would like to try a new software called Total Collection Solution. It's the same Tax Collection software that the County uses and talks directly to the County as far as the posting of tax bills goes. It is also a free service and is part of the "shared services" that is highly regarded as far as the state is concerned. Both Clerks went to a meeting/training at the County Offices in early December. This will save the Town about \$500. ***A motion to use this new tax service was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

**JUSTICE REPORTS:** Reports for the Justices for November. With no discussion, ***a motion to accept the Justice reports for Justices Ridgeway and Conger was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE" Councilwoman Gilson left 10:45am***

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Discussion turned to the Well Fields in Richland on whether or not the Town Highway can use a corner of the property, a distance away from the wells to search for sand. After a lengthy discussion, the Board is going to check with the lending institution to see if the Highway can have a mining area on the property. These permits can take some time to get, so Superintendent Fox will also look around for another area to mine for sand. Mr. Fox says that the Town usually stockpiles about 6,000 yards of sand per winter. He adds that now that the Town will be paid starting this past fall for material from the county, and that money we get from the county this year, they gave us the sand and salt but as of January 1 that is gone. That money is there now. The approximate amount of \$200,000, Mr Fox asked Budget Office North how that money can he designate an amount for sand. Mr North said that the Town couldn't do that since the money is not there yet. You cannot budget what isn't there. The Town is going to have the \$200,000 coming in from the County and a portion of that is for sand and salt. Superintendent Fox said that he wasn't clear with it all but thought there would be a budget line for sand and salt. There is a chance that the Town can get 1 more year from the gravel bed in Albion. Discussion about some land that is For Sale in the Town of Williamstown.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With nothing more to bring before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Goodsell and seconded by Councilman Yerdon. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 10:56am.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Millie Newcomb, Town Clerk