

HALDANE ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: February 26, 2024

PLACE: Haldane Center Pulaski, NY

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin Balcom, Bill Wood, Tim Thayer, Ed Gilson, Alan Englebrect, and Sue Haynes

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

Hockey is doing good. The Town put on a new roof over the Zamboni room. The cost of the new roof was \$9,000. The hockey association wanted the roof raised so it would be easier to get the snow out. They put extra money into the project to raise it. They installed a regular entry door to get into the room instead of having to use the overhead door. They paid for that also. It turned out good.

Football: Andrea Wisgo resigned. Alexa Yerdon and Jennifer Clark are taking over.

The concession stand window was broken again. The Town and Kevin put a new window in. Could not tell on video who did it. Going to figure out a cover to put over the window for next winter.

The advisory board would like to order two sets of bases to use up the remaining amount of the DASNY grant. Fencing was supposed to be done with the grant funds as well, but not enough money was left to cover the cost. The prices of everything had increased so much from when the project was approved. Sue Haynes will take to the Town Board Meeting to discuss it. The board would like to wait on fencing until a later date if they have to.

Hockey has put an open flame heater in the Zamboni room. Kevin will speak to Steve Olson; they cannot have that in there.

A motion was made by Ed Gilson and seconded by Sue Haynes to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Bill Wood
Chairman

Transcribed by Julie Peterson

Footnote: The Town Board approved the following at the ^{march}~~May~~ 12, 2024, meeting:

Two sets of bases

Will check the budget in the Fall to see if the funds are available to put the fencing around the softball field and the baseball backstop topper. There was not enough money to complete everything in the grant. Kevin will check again on the heater in the Zamboni room to see if they have changed it yet.

MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR

TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RICHLAND:

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me during the month of January, 2024:

DATED: March 29, 2024

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 12/31/2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance 01/31/2024
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	4,620.46	66,497.09	66,420.85	4,696.70
CASH - MONEY MARKET	698,903.97	61,582.80	108,126.81	652,359.96
PETTY CASH	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
SPECIAL RESERVE - MM - BUILDIN	212,411.14	545.56	0.00	212,956.70
SPECIAL RESERVE - HALDANE REPA	51,449.60	132.14	0.00	51,581.74
ASSESSMENT RESERVE	71,875.90	184.61	0.00	72,060.51
TOTAL	1,039,661.07	128,942.20	174,547.66	994,055.61
B GENERAL FUND - OUTSIDE VILLAGE				
CASH - CHECKING	267.00	6,482.24	6,482.24	267.00
CASH - MONEY MARKET	417,617.64	2,769.87	10,982.24	409,405.27
TOTAL	417,884.64	9,252.11	17,464.48	409,672.27
DA HIGHWAY FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	2,356.25	117,382.64	117,382.64	2,356.25
CASH - MONEY MARKET	113,259.63	6,270.00	139,916.49	-20,386.86
SPECIAL RESERVE - MM - MACHINE	16,101.21	41.35	0.00	16,142.56
TOTAL	131,717.09	123,693.99	257,299.13	-1,888.05
DB HIGHWAY FUND - OUTSIDE VILLAGE				
CASH - CHECKING	516.21	15,253.17	15,253.17	516.21
CASH - MONEY MARKET	397,015.02	979.70	15,575.17	382,419.55
TOTAL	397,531.23	16,232.87	30,828.34	382,935.76
H CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SF1- RINGGOLD FIRE DISTRICT #1				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SF2- RICHLAND FIRE DISTRICT #2				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR

	Balance 12/31/2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance 01/31/2024
SL1- FERNWOOD LIGHTING DISTRICT #1				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASH - MONEY MARKET	3,369.33	8.20	175.29	3,202.24
TOTAL	3,369.33	8.20	175.29	3,202.24
SL2- RICHLAND LIGHTING DISTRICT #2				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASH - MONEY MARKET	1,013.03	0.99	626.43	387.59
TOTAL	1,013.03	0.99	626.43	387.59
SW1- RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT #1				
CASH - CHECKING	368.75	12,463.55	12,463.55	368.75
CASH - MONEY MARKET	128,979.64	31,696.09	17,256.48	143,419.25
SPECIAL RESERVE - WD #1 CAPITA	279,358.38	717.51	0.00	280,075.89
SPECIAL RESERVE - WD #1 - REPA	30,361.74	77.98	0.00	30,439.72
TOTAL	439,068.51	44,955.13	29,720.03	454,303.61
SW2- RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT #2				
CASH - CHECKING	250.35	8,455.10	8,455.10	250.35
CASH - MONEY MARKET	100,967.84	40,820.76	11,742.39	130,046.21
SPECIAL RESERVE - WD #2 CAPITA	356,793.92	916.39	0.00	357,710.31
SPECIAL RESERVE - WD #2 - REPA	30,361.74	77.98	0.00	30,439.72
TOTAL	488,373.85	50,270.23	20,197.49	518,446.59
SW3- RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT #3				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	4,154.16	4,154.16	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	68,423.93	20,309.51	5,751.82	82,981.62
SPECIAL RESERVE - WD #3 - CAP	114,740.42	294.70	0.00	115,035.12
SPECIAL RESERVE - WD #3 - REPA	15,180.86	38.99	0.00	15,219.85
TOTAL	198,345.21	24,797.36	9,905.98	213,236.59
SW4- RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT #4				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	-150.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00
TOTAL	-150.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00
SW5- RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT #5				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	2,623.21	2,623.21	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	72,326.69	13,466.76	3,596.23	82,197.22
SPECIAL RESERVE - WD #5 - CAPI	0.00	4.73	4.73	0.00
SPECIAL RESERVE - SW #5 - REPA	1,844.98	4.73	0.00	1,849.71
TOTAL	74,171.67	16,099.43	6,224.17	84,046.93
TA TRUST & AGENCY				
CASH - CHECKING	15,965.67	208,778.46	211,060.95	13,683.18
TOTAL	15,965.67	208,778.46	211,060.95	13,683.18

MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR

	Balance 12/31/2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance 01/31/2024
TE CEMETERY FUND EXPENDABLE				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASH - MONEY MARKET	40,318.21	0.00	0.00	40,318.21
TOTAL	40,318.21	0.00	0.00	40,318.21
TN CEMETERY FUND NONEXPENDABLE				
CASH - SAVINGS	55,758.30	0.00	0.00	55,758.30
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	29,049.73	392.98	0.00	29,442.71
TOTAL	84,808.03	392.98	0.00	85,201.01
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	3,332,077.54	623,423.95	758,049.95	3,197,451.54

Justice Information	
Municipal Name	Town of Richland
Justice ID	3537100
Justice Number	300
Justice Name	James Ridgeway

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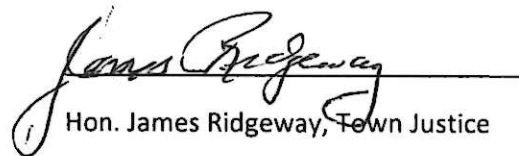
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Hon. James H. Ridgeway
Town Justice

Summary Report of cases for period: February 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024

Statute	# of Cases
Penal Law (Criminal Law)	21
Vehicle & Traffic Law	108
Environmental Conservation/6NYCRR	2
Civil, Small Claims, Summary Proceedings (evictions)	3
Regular Court Sessions	2
Special Court Sessions (Immediate Arraignments, Search Warrants, etc)	0

Report Date 3-12-2024


Hon. James Ridgeway, Town Justice

TOWN OF RICHLAND

04/04/2024
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Abstract # 004
Summary by Fund

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE	51,616.03	4,182.61	55,798.64
B	GENERAL FUND - OUTSIDE VILLAGE	1,526.04	52.87	1,578.91
DA	HIGHWAY FUND - TOWNWIDE	7,215.38	16,491.87	23,707.25
DB	HIGHWAY FUND - OUTSIDE VILLAGE		622.93	622.93
H	CAPITAL PROJECTS		2,142.65	2,142.65
SF2-	RICHLAND FIRE DISTRICT #2	180,000.00		180,000.00
SL1-	FERNWOOD LIGHTING DISTRICT #1		169.76	169.76
SL2-	RICHLAND LIGHTING DISTRICT #2		730.16	730.16
SW1-	RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT #1	1,955.59	3,776.94	5,732.53
SW2-	RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT #2	1,334.62	1,458.90	2,793.52
SW3-	RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT #3	651.86	129,822.09	130,473.95
SW5-	RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT #5	434.56	473.65	908.21
Total:		244,734.08	159,924.43	404,658.51

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREET, PULASKI, NY

DATE: March 13,2024

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Town Board Meeting

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Robert North
Councilwoman Donna Gilson
Councilman Larry Atkinson
Councilwoman Sue Haynes
Councilman Eric Pappa

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Town Residents, Robert Jeffery, Tim Crouch, Jeff Edick, Kory Pearson, Kern Yerdon, Swiat Kaczmar, Rebekah Alford, and Robert D'Argenio, County Legislators, Ed Gilson, Herb Yerdon, CEO/ZEO John Howland, Mayor of Pulaski, Jan Tighe, Comp Board Chair, Dawn Holyinski, Highway Superintendent, Kevin Balcom, Attorney Graham Seiter, and Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisor North leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the pledge, Councilwoman Gilson read the new Town Board Meeting Criteria for all Town Board meetings. This will be attached to these minutes.

BLESSING: Blessing was given by Councilman Larry Atkinson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jeff Edick of Canning Factory Road would like to have the speed limit changed on his road. Attorney Seiter explained the process. It's a long process. His concern is several accidents on his road recently especially at the curve near his home. Superintendent Balcom will put some yellow caution signs up tomorrow to see if that helps.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Legislator Yerdon is here to give his report. First, Access Oswego County transportation for everyone. They will be available Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

This service is Access Oswego County for curb to curb transportation service within Oswego County. Information brochure is available in the Town Clerk's Office. The Office for the Aging is now providing transportation to out of the county Doctor Appointments for those who are age 60 and up. Call OFA at 315-349-3484 to register for a ride. The Youth Court faded during the pandemic, and officials want to try something different. This diversion program for family court was designed to help troubled youth and teach them about the criminal justice system. The new program is a proactive and restorative option for students (PROS). It was rolled out to Oswego Middle School a couple of years ago, and is run by Tiffany Halstead and Kristen Slimmer of the youth bureau. The Program, which works with seventh- and eighth graders, has similar goals to youth court but aims to avoid traditional punitive models. It uses a research-based approach to better understand students behaviors and proactively solve problems through relationships with students. The social emotional learning program encourages students to reflect on their behaviors. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high quality age-appropriate books each month to children from birth to age no matter their family's income. Save the date for the 19 Annual Oswego County Career Summit at the Oswego County Fairgrounds on Wednesday June 5, 2024. The Oswego County Veteran Services Agency is available to assist veterans, their spouses and dependents with filing for VA benefits. Everyone is encouraged to call for an appointment at 315-591-9100 or by email at veterans@oswegocounty.com. Mr. Yerdon is going to try to get the VA rep to go to Albion. There are a lot of Veterans that live in that area and it would be great if he would have some hours in that area of the county. The Oswego City-County Youth Bureau announces the return of a summer day camp program at Camp Zerbe this summer. Seven weekly sessions are planned for children aged 6 to 12. For details or to register to to https://youthbureau.oswegocounty.com/parks_recreation/camp_zerbe/summer_camp.php Legislator Gilson attended the Village Board meeting last night. He advised that Mayor Tighe did a good job squashing the rumors of the Illegal Immigrants moving into the area. Despite that rumor the county has taken the steps in blocking the State and Federal Government from dumping illegal or undocumented on or into our social department of the social service's system. Along with that there is a new permitting process for hotels and motels that they would have to fill out to have long term residency. The owner of the Super 8 was at the meeting as well and he wanted to squash the rumor as well. Mr Gilson asked the Board to address the issue of a basket ball set up at the Richland Park. Currently there is 1 net up at the park and this person would like to know if the Town can put up another one. This is in the grant that the Town has gotten for Richland Park. At the moment, the Park is waiting for approval of the permit for the pond before it can proceed. A question about how long the immigrant ban is on. Mr. Gilson explained that the County renews the ban every 5 days and will continue to do so until the Courts make a ruling.

ZONING AND CODES: Mr Howland presented his report to the Board. He finished his 21 pages to NYS and sent it off. Minutes for the last Planning and Zoning Board joint meeting. The agenda for the Planning Board that will meet next Monday. There is a Fish Cleaning License

application in Port Ontario. The owner of 7512 St Route 3 wants to make motel rooms in his building. The Board may remember that this building was once a bar and a bike shop. Mike Brennan is the owner of the property on County Route 28 near Route 81. Tires have been getting dumped on the property. He is going to put up a barrier of some sort to keep people off the property. Mr Howland recently spoke to someone over at solid waste in Oswego. The county bought a chipper/shredder for tires. It used to be that a company would come in and you would have to pay about \$3.20 per tire. The county with a tipping fee, you could take as many tires as you want to the transfer station, you don't even have to take the rims off, they would take them too. You go across the scales and weigh in. Typically, they say that tires weigh about 20 lbs a piece. So if you take 100 tires at 20 lbs a piece, that is 1 ton at \$150 per ton so that is \$1.50 per tire to get rid of. Bardy and Salmon River Auto spent \$3.20 a piece for a company to come get the tires they had. If you are a major hauler, you can take tires and they are \$85 per ton. Howland talked to them in regards to the Towns situation if we have unsafe structures or junk to clean up. They said if the Town cleans it up, they would give us a 50% discount on tipping fees on a case by case situation as far as the tipping fees. If the Town has a town wide clean up, they would give a 50% discount for dumping the stuff there. Hazardous waste materials are Wednesdays and Saturdays at Bristol Hill. One more thing he handed the Board was pictures of all the properties that are currently in violation and have now or in the past been cited for junk for the last 5-10 years. John started with the Town of Richland in 1996. There is always discussion about junk and taking care of some of the problems. What he passed out to the Board tonight are properties that have been in and out of violation for the last 5- 10 years. The Board looked over each of the properties. Mr Howland went through each of the properties with the Board and told them how many violations each property had in the past. He did admit that he is partially to blame but he needs the Board to understand his job is to cite people and he has come to meetings that " alright let's get them to take care of it." but the next step never happens. He will not take responsibility for that. So what he is going to do is to leave it in the Board's hands and they can decide what they want to do. His suggestion is to have Attorney Seiter follow the properties up with a letter saying this has been going on for years, you have started and nothing has been done. Maybe in May or June, he would like to suggest having an Administrative Hearing at 5:00 at night before the Town Board meeting. He has done his job as far as getting the Board the information so the Board can give them more time or administrative hearing. Councilwoman Haynes said they have had enough time to comply. Howland normally sends out junk letters in the middle of April beginning of May. He would like Mr Seiter to start with a final letter to the 9-10 he presented to the board. On this list there are 3 unsafe structures and keep in mind that could run up to \$60-80,000 to clean up if the Town goes in and does it. The Town has to front the money until the fee is collected on property taxes. Attorney Seiter's suggestion is to do the Administrative Hearings, get them in here. Make them face the Board. Some may consent to having the Town go in and clean it up. It's a lot of cost for the town to incur. It may not be practical to do these all at once.

Discussion about the Morse property on County Route 2. We may have to wait until there is an owner and it goes through probate. This could take some time like the property on US Rt 11. It

took several years before that property was cleaned up. Attorney Seiter gave the Town another option. This option is expensive but the Town could petition the Surrogate's Court to have an administrator appointed. We need someone to sue. There is no estate, no owner so who can the town go after?. But the Town could ask the court to appoint an administrator, the court may appoint the County Treasurer. Once we have an administrator, then we can sue the estate to have it cleaned up. It's a long process and it's expensive. Mr Howland thinks that by Attorney Seiter sending the 9 properties that are the habitual offenders a stern letter that you either clean up your property or the Town will. A contractor just cleaned up a place in Orwell last year, it was equivalent to the County Route 2 property and it cost \$48,500 the Town paid to clean up the property. No decision was made on how to proceed with the 9 properties Mr Howland presented to the board.

HIGHWAY REPORT: See attached report. A few of the highlights. 1. The generator is repaired. The Town has about \$1600 in it. The DEC gave Mr Balcom until June 1st to have the tanks painted and the hydraulic and motor oil tanks removed. The person that he has been dealing with is happy with everything that the Highway has done. It cost the Highway about \$3500 to bring things into compliance. There have been no fines, just back permits for tanks which amounted to \$900. Next, he is ready to order a new truck. The 2021 truck will be paid off 9/30/2025. The 2023 will be paid off in 2027. The new truck that he would like to order won't be delivered until, no sooner than April 1st 2026. Mr Balcom took 3 months and several conversations with the manufacturer and really took a lot of time along with Kris Watson to get the truck to what they really needed. They did 3 different trucks on the County OGS. The Western Star was \$24,678 more than the International. The Mack was almost \$35,000 more . What we have decided on is the International The total price is \$275,000. We decided, instead of getting a box and a sander on the back of the truck, the sander is almost \$16,000, we thought instead of getting a box with a wide bottom in it and sand right from the box. Another reason if the winters continue the way they are, we can throw a plate down over the chain in the box and have a 10 wheeler that he can use. Instead of buying a sander and a box we are just buying the box. The glide bottom and the chain and spinner will cost us more money, but by the time you get done, we are saving a minimum of \$25,000. We don't pay until it comes in. The 2021 truck will be paid off for about 1 year by the time the new one comes in. The price is guaranteed. He is hearing from parts people that truck parts are going to double. ***A motion to approve Superintendent Balcom to order a new International plow truck for \$275,000 from State Bid was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

Supervisor North received another phone call from Mr Dan Krupke about the property behind the Highway Garage on Chinook St. The price is now down to \$30,000. After a brief discussion, ***a motion to pass on this property was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Pappa. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

GRAVEL LEASE: This has been put on hold. The Pollic's are meeting with an Attorney. The Board will address it at the April Meeting.

SHAROUN DRIVE: Councilwoman Haynes feels the Board has to give Mr D'Argenio an answer. Councilman Atkinson said that he and other members of the Board went down to Scharoun Drive to look over the issue. Right at the moment, the Board will wait to discuss it at the next workshop for the April Meeting. Discussion about abandoned roads. While the Board was on roads, Councilman Atkinson told the board that during his research, the Town owns 575' of Rainbow Shores Road. After that, it's a private road. From his research, 51% of land owners have to sign off and the road has to be brought up to Town standards and then the Town can take over the road. He cannot find anywhere that 575' has been turned over or abandoned. The road has to be 20-21 feet wide. All landowners have to sign off. The question is do we really want to take it over. ? All the burden of proof is on them. Mr Howland added that every 5 years it seems like someone comes in and wants the Town to take over that road. Mr Howland added, Town Roads are 50' wide, 51% people on the road have to sign off, home owners are not going to want to give up that much property then have that road be a speedway. If the speed limit isn't posted, it's 55mph. According to Mr Pappa, the home owners will lose 15-20' at least. We will have to do what we need to do as far as maintaining. Paving the 575' is something that will have to wait due to it not being in the budget.

Next is the Fernwood gravel pit that the Town was thinking about selling. Councilman Pappa met with Highway Superintendent Kevin Balcom to discuss selling this parcel. Mr Balcom really didn't know anything about it. Mr. Balcom took the backhoe down to the property and dug holes the deepest he could. When he did, all he had was sand. All sand. It's fine sand. Under it was cement gravel. Mr Balcom told the board that the sand that is on this property is better than what the Town has in Altmar. The Pollic property has great sand. If anything should happen with the Pollic property deal falling through, for example, someone comes in and pays the family more for the sand, then the town has another option with the Fernwood property. Mr Balcom estimates that the Highway uses about 400 ten wheeler loads per winter about 4000 yards. It's not known if the Town will split the property. Mr Balcom and Jeff Edick will talk after the meeting. The south side of the Town Property on Dry Bridge Road (Fernwood) will not be put on the market to sell. ***A motion to withdraw the sale of the 45 acres on the southside of Dry Bridge Road. This motion was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: 2 Lights on the top of the Building were out, they are now working. Tom Trump has the outside of the zamboni room finished. Hockey paid for that. They have an open flame heater in that room. It is prohibited to have that in the building. Kevin spoke to someone with the Hockey Association and told them that is not allowed, and CEO-ZEO Howland will take care of that tomorrow. Lastly, Councilwoman Haynes would like to speak to the Board about the fence and the bases for the fields. They have decided to order the bases and wait on the fence maybe for the fall. ***A motion to buy the bases and wait on the fence was***

made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Pappa. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

NYS DEC Easement. Town Attorney Seiter has been speaking to Jonathan Hobine. Everything is ready to go. The Village Board had passed it at last night's meeting. ***A motion to approve the easement was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD: Chairwoman Dawn Holyinski is here to give her report. Mrs. Holyinski and Deputy Town Clerk Julie Peterson got together to present to the Board a plan to earn points for NYSERDA Clean Energy funding for a possible expansion on a Solar Array. Supervisor North agreed that everything is going in the right direction. Chairwoman Holyinski told the Board that since there is paperwork involved with this plan, she would have to be named as the Task force Coordinator of the Comp Board to replace Shawn Doyle. This needs to be done as soon as possible. Supervisor North will have to sign the agreement. ***Councilwoman Gilson would like to make the motion to name Dawn Holyinski as Coordinator. This motion was seconded by Councilman Atkinson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** Still working on the updates to the Comprehensive Plan. The rest of the plan will be attached to these minutes.

WATER REPORT: Councilman Pappa read the Water Report to the Board. We pumped 7,580,000 gallons of water in February. No major problems with the system. Waiting on date for tank inspection on north and south tanks. Looking like it may be late March early April. After inspections we will be looking to set up a date to paint the north tank. Entrance pole at the Richland well site is all set to be done by Scriba Electric. Waiting on a date. Well B21 in Richland is still out of service waiting for the check valve to come in. Will be doing billing at the end of the month. Checking hydrant flags to make sure they are still on from the snow this winter. Checked all the control valves in the system. Daily test at Richland and Fernwood sites. Starting inventory on parts and fixed assets. Waiting on antenna to put up on the north east corner to get the rest of the Zenner meters to read in Canning Factory, Orton Road area of the township. We got the OK by the project that they are putting in the pump in Richland. Looks like they will or a good chance they will pay for the inspection of the tanks. Paying for all the quills that come out of the chemical pumps that go in the main lines and they run about \$580 a piece, the project is paying for those. We may have more money to spend from the project so if we can get a little more money from the project it will go toward painting the tank. They told us to spend the money, they don't want it back. We are also buying a new chemical pump so both pumps in Richland and Fernwood will be new. Working on 1 or maybe 2 to have on the shelf. The new Water Clerk is Pamela LaSalle. At the salary of \$19.00 per hour. She started on March 1st. At 20 hours per week. The Board would like to Thank Mary for the last 20 yrs of service. She has put up with a lot and we appreciate her hard work. ***A motion to appoint Pamela LaSalle as Water Clerk at the pay of \$19.00 per hour and 20 hours per week was made by***

Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Atkinson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

The Board has a meeting with the Town of Sandy Creek to go over the IMA with Districts 1 & 3. Mr Pappa advised that they are looking it over and changing minor things. It was a good meeting and it went well.

Next, Online Payments for water. We have been in contact with Williamson Law and will come out and go over everything with the Board and give a presentation. Also Mr Pappa got in contact with Zenner. They have people available to help Pam via the computer. They can get online with her and walk her through it. She is doing a great job so far.

VERIZON AGREEMENT: Attorney Seiter has looked it over and is happy with it. Verizon is ready to move forward with it. ***A motion to accept the agreement as presented was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

DOG REPORT: Dog Control report is next. With no comments, ***a motion to accept the Dog Controls report was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*** DCO Dunn would like to attend a training session in the Town of Webb May 1st and 2nd. With no objection from the board a ***motion was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Pappa to authorize Mrs. Dunn to attend the training session. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Next is 2023 Accruals, 2023 Year End Reserve Transfers, 2023, 2023 Budget Transfers and the 2023 interfund Transfers. All of these will be attached to the Minutes. After a brief discussion, ***a motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson to accept the accruals, year end reserve transfers, budget transfers and the interfund transfers as presented. In a roll call vote, all members were in agreement with a vote of "AYE"***

JUSTICE REPORTS: Justice reports for Judge Conger for February and for Judge Ridgeway for January 2024 are next. ***With no discussion, a motion to accept the reports was presented was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote, all were in agreement with a vote of "AYE".*** Laird Petrie will handle the Justice audit again this year.

WARRANT OF BILLS: Abstract #2 for 2024 is next. Members reviewed the warrant and with no discussion, ***a motion to approve the warrant for payment was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Supervisor North. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".***

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Town Board minutes for February 13, 2024 is next. *A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilman Pappa. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: *A motion to accept the Town clerks report for February and the 2023 Annual report was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilman Pappa. In a roll call vote all were in favor with "AYE"*

CEMETERY UPDATES: No updates

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: No report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: First Amendment Audit is going to be done by Councilman Atkinson. At the present time, it is not available. There will be a policy written up to follow

LAST PUBLIC COMMENT: Reminder to anyone that wants to go to the Tug Hill Meeting at Turning Stone to get their forms to the Town Clerk as soon as you can. Robert Jefferies of Fernwood would like to read a letter that he wrote in regards to a recent fire on County Route 28. Fire Companies from Mexico, Sandy Creek and Richland responded with a very quick response time giving the distance they had to travel. His concern is that the Pulaski Fire Department never responded. A few individuals did show with a department issued pick up about 50 minutes into the incident. He stated that as a resident and taxpayer of the Pulaski Fire District, he was very disappointed and feels this is unacceptable. He is going to inquire around the neighborhood to see if there is any interest in forming a Fernwood Fire District. He will keep the Board informed. Mr Jefferies letter is available for the Public to read. Mayor Jan Tighe would like to Thank the Board for signing the Fishing Rights agreement. This is something that was started under Karl Hax and this is the last piece to get completed. Because the Town and Village are Climate Smart Communities, we can get energy audits from NYSEDA. We are hopefully on the verge of getting one for the Haldane Center. The Haldane has 2 bills. One for the Hockey Association and the other Julie Peterson is getting the information together. Last thing she is glad that the Town is getting into the Tug Hill Commission. It is well worth the money. Next , the Board recognises Dawn Holyinski. First she wants to let the Board know that she appreciated John coming to the Board with his recommendations for clean up of junk properties in the Town. What she finds interesting is that she knew that Oswego County was putting that property up for auction. It's inhabitable. It needs to be taken down. She is happy that Mr Howland brought that to the Board's attention. Next is Tim Crouch. Since the new team has taken over in January, he would like to thank the Board and Larry Atkinson for taking the time to speak to him. They have met for coffee several times to discuss some things. He likes Larry's approach to things. He also likes the Workshops the Board has had. Many good discussions. Robert D'Argenio is here and asked if there was a resolution to his situation on

Scharoun Drive. Superintendent Balcom said that the road will be taken care of if there is any snow. They will back in, turn around, come in, plow the 50' and back out. Mr D'Argenio was fine with that.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: April 9, 2024 at 7:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: With nothing more to bring before the Board, *a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. In a roll call vote all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".* 8:51pm

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk

We would like to try and earn some credits to receive grant funding from NYSERDA. In 2025 NYSERDA will seriously decrease the amount of funding and resources to municipalities, so we would like to try and take advantage of these opportunities now.

We currently have a NYSERDA Clean Energy Score of 2,500 points. We can earn a \$10,000 grant if we complete one action item, with the possibility of an additional \$50,000 if we complete several action items. Please see attached sheet of action item listing.

The action items that we would like to tackle are:

1. 800 points - Climate Smart Recertification – basically, resubmitting all of our prior action items that we completed since 2015, showing that they are all still ongoing. Amanada will help us with this, and it is fairly simple to complete.
2. 4,600 points – Renewable Energy – Julie has spoken to Brian Busby from Ampion Solar. He has requested a copy of all electric invoices for all the Town accounts to complete a cost savings analysis for us. I would like to request the board's permission to submit these bills to him to complete this action. Enrolling the Town accounts with Ampion would be a 10% cost reduction in utility bills for the Town. We do not have to enroll all our utility bills if we do not want to. There is a 5-year contract that auto renews for 5 years then 2-year increments to follow, with a 6 month notice to cancel, should we decide to.
3. 1,800 points – Community Campaign – We have already started a joint effort with the Village for a Community Heat Pump Campaign. We need a total of five residences or businesses within the Village AND/OR the Town, the 13142-zip code, to purchase a heat pump system. Once that is achieved, each municipality will receive \$5,000, and it will contribute to our points.
4. 1,000 points - Community Campaign for solar. We would need to complete a scoping document to submit to NYSERDA, then select a solar company that we would like to promote. The Village is currently using Ampion. If the Town gets ten residences or businesses to choose them as their energy supplier, we qualify to receive those points for this action and those who enroll will receive a 10% reduction in their utility bill. We would like to send postcards to all residents in the Town of Richland to achieve this as well as advertise on Facebook and our website. See attached postcard example from the Town of Webb.

If we complete all these actions, it will qualify us to receive an additional \$50,000 grant. There are several things that we can do with the funds. Our recommendation is to utilize these funds to expand the solar array at the Water Building. All equipment, meters, and wiring that is needed is already there and would be easy to hook up more panels.

The less we spend on hookup materials, the larger the array we could erect. Construction at another location would require costs of the hookup materials that we already have at the water building.

The solar array on County Route 41 produced 24,172.6 kW in 2023. The power that was generated from the panels was used to offset the cost of electricity at the Water Building and any excess was allocated to the account at the well field, Richland Orwell Rd. which has reduced energy costs for our taxpayers.



NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Scorecard

Thank you for participating in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program. This scorecard shows your community's accomplishments and how they compare to others in your region and across New York State.

Select Your Community: **Town of Richland**

Accomplishments

Town of Richland



A NYSERDA Clean Energy Community

5,718
POPULATION (2010 CENSUS)

Central New York
REGION

Oswego
COUNTY

81
DESIGNATED COMMUNITIES
IN THE REGION

10
ADVANCED (v3.0) COMMUNITIES
IN THE REGION

548
DESIGNATED COMMUNITIES
STATEWIDE

114
ADVANCED (v3.0) COMMUNITIES
STATEWIDE

(Complete 1 or more HIA for 1-Star status)



8
ACTIONS COMPLETED

2,500
POINTS EARNED

High Impact Actions

High Impact Actions	Count	Points
Benchmarking	2	300
Clean Energy Upgrades	1	500
Climate Smart Communities Certification	1	600
Energy Code Enforcement Training	2	200
LED Street Lights	1	700
Unified Solar Permit	1	200
Grand Total	8	2,500

Leaderboard

Regional Leaders

Community	Points
Village of Pulaski	4,000
Village of Tully	3,700
Village of Cazenovia	3,600

Statewide Leaders

Community	Points
Village of Croton-on-Hudson	12,200
Town of Bedford	10,500
Village of Hastings-on-Hudson	10,400



NYSERDA

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✓ completed action ○ would like to do

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High Impact Actions

NYSERDA developed a list of high-impact actions that local governments can take to save energy, cut costs, and earn designation. You must successfully complete four actions to become a designated Clean Energy Community and to earn an initial grant.

Each high-impact action is worth points that communities collect upon completion of the action. To receive points for completing high-impact actions, you must [submit documentation](#) that verifies all requirements have been met. The points you earn count toward unlocking access to higher designation levels and larger grant funding. Certain high-impact energy actions are eligible for additional Action Grants.

Your regional [Clean Energy Community Coordinator](#) will review your goals and help you determine which actions are best for your community and how to access grant funding.

High Impact Actions

Earn points toward grant funding and designation

✓ Benchmarking: Up to 1,800 points

Local governments can adopt a policy that requires annual reporting of energy used in municipal buildings or in large private buildings. Setting up a system for measuring and sharing energy use data helps identify opportunities to cut energy waste and associated costs. [View Toolkit](#)

Build Ready: Up to 800 points

The Build-Ready Program advances large-scale renewable energy projects on underutilized land, such as brownfields, landfills, former industrial sites, parking lots, and abandoned or existing commercial and industrial sites. Municipalities can help encourage local participation in the Build Ready Program. [View Toolkit](#).

○ Renewable Energy: Up to 4,600 points

Municipalities can engage with clean energy technologies by subscribing municipal accounts to clean CDG (e.g., community solar), and/or hosting or installing clean distributed energy resources, such as solar, wind, or hydro on municipal property. [View Toolkit](#).

✓ Clean Energy Upgrades and Municipal Building Demo: Up to 4,100 points

Municipalities can reduce emissions in municipal buildings and act as an example for the community by upgrading existing municipal buildings with energy efficiency technology, building or retrofitting facilities with heat pumps, and/or achieving net zero facilities. [View Toolkit](#).

✓ LED Streetlights: Up to 900 points

Communities can reduce their streetlight energy use by as much as 65% by installing energy-efficient LED lighting, generating cost savings and emission reduction. LED streetlights last longer and are easier to maintain. [View Toolkit](#).

Thermal Energy Networks: Up to 1,000 points

A thermal energy network uses a network of pipes to connect multiple buildings together, often including a large anchor off-taker (e.g., college/university, hospital), and to thermal sources and sinks, such as geothermal, surface water, waste heat, and the air, to provide space heating cooling and domestic hot water. This technology is an effective way for municipalities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. [View Toolkit](#).

○ Community Campaigns: Up to 3,800 points

Community Campaigns to promote program opportunities including community solar, electric vehicles, and clean heating and cooling can provide consumers with increased access to clean energy. Action grants are available up to \$290K for large municipalities and up to \$97.5K for small/medium municipalities. [View Toolkit](#).

County-Hosted Trainings: Up to 1,200 points

The County-Hosted Trainings high-impact action is designed to convene and help communities understand how to manage responsible clean energy development in their communities. [View Toolkit](#).

✓ Energy Code Enforcement Training: 300 points

The Energy Code—a minimum building standard for energy efficiency—is applicable to new construction and renovation of commercial and residential buildings. Completing the training module gives communities opportunities for significant energy savings through improved energy code compliance. [View Toolkit](#).

✓Climate Smart Communities Certification: Up to 1,400 Points

The certification program provides a framework for local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build community resilience to climate change. [View Toolkit](#).

Community Choice Aggregation: Up to 2,000 points

Local governments can choose the source of their community's energy supply while negotiating lower rates and ensuring a greater percentage of electricity comes from renewable sources. [View Toolkit](#).

Green Financing: Up to 1,000 points

Municipalities can establish an Open C-PACE Financing program and/or help promote NY Green Bank financing to enable eligible commercially owned buildings to secure funds for renewable energy upgrades. [View Toolkit](#).

Clean Fleets: Up to 6,700 points

Local governments throughout the State are investing in electric vehicles and infrastructure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants. Electric vehicles are more energy efficient and cost significantly less to operate than gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles. [View Toolkit](#)

Electric Landscaping Equipment: 200 points

Landscaping Equipment for municipal operations is a significant contributor to operational GHG emissions, noise, and other pollutants. [View Toolkit](#).

Municipal Clean Fleets Inventory: 200 points

Municipalities have a wide range of vehicles across their fleet, varying from light-duty cars (police cruisers and inspection vehicles) to medium & heavy-duty (box trucks and shuttles). Through this action municipalities can plan their transition to electric vehicles in a thoughtful and efficient manner by starting with an inventory of all fleet vehicles. [View Toolkit](#).

For detailed information on each of these actions, including requirements and recommendations, or to determine which actions are right for you, read the [Guidance Document \(PDF\)](#) or contact your [Clean Energy Community Coordinator](#).

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Clean Energy Communities Program

How CEC Works

Additional Opportunities

High Impact Actions

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Partnership Example (Town of Webb)

Ampion Landing Page (L) & Webb Handout (R)




COST-SAVING COMMUNITY SOLAR FOR TOWN OF WEBB BUSINESSES

ENTER YOUR EMAIL AND ZIP CODE TO GET STARTED

"The Town of Webb is pleased to announce that we are partnering with Ampion to extend our Community Solar offering and savings to local businesses. We encourage businesses in the Town of Webb to enroll in this cost-saving clean energy solution."

Supervisor Bonnie Baker

Local businesses are eligible to enroll in Ampion's Community Solar program and receive up to a **10% discount on their electricity bills**. Ampion assigns you a share of energy produced by a local solar farm. There is no cost to join and no rooftop required. The Town of Webb has enrolled its meters in Community Solar and encourages you to do the same.



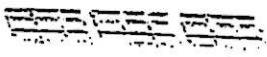


Join hundreds of New York Businesses

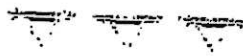
Join Community Solar

- Participants in Community Solar save up to 10% on our utility bills
- No cost to join, nothing is installed on site
- Helps stabilize New York's energy grid & boost the local economy

How Community Solar Works



SOLAR PANELS



POWER GRID



YOUR COMMUNITY

- 1. Sign up for free**
Ampion matches you to a renewable energy project and assigns you a share of the electricity produced.
- 2. Your project produces energy**
It's delivered into the grid, and we help measure the value of the electricity produced on your behalf.
- 3. You save money!**
Solar Credits are applied to your electric bill each month for the energy produced by your share.

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TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH, 2024

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DISBURSEMENTS

PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL FUND	496.81	} 2361
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR PART TOWN FUND	636.00	
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR HIGHWAY	605.63	
PAID FOR SUPERVISOR FOR WATER	1,940.84	
PAID TO NYS ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL FUND	47.00 - 2360	
PAID TO NYS HEALTH DEPT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES	45.00 - 2361	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,771.28	

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APRIL 2, 2024

_____, SUPERVISOR
ROBERT L. NORTH

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF OSWEGO, TOWN OF RICHLAND

I, MILDRED A. NEWCOMB, being duly sworn, says that I am the Clerk of the TOWN OF that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all Fees and moneys received by me during the month above stated, excepting only such Fees the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

Town Clerk

_____ day of _____ 20____

Notary Public

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF RICHLAND, NEW YORK

MARCH, 2024

TO THE SUPERVISOR:

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Pursuant to Section 27, Subd 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the month stated above, excepting only such fees and moneys the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by Law:

A1255

<u>2</u>	MARRIAGE LICENSES	NO. 24002 TO 24003	<u>35.00</u>
<u>1</u>	MARRIAGE OFFICIANTS	NO. 000003 TO 000003	<u>25.00</u>
<u>21</u>	CERTIFIED COPIES		<u>210.00</u>

TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES **270.00**

A2401

<u>1</u>	INTEREST EARNED		<u>1.81</u>
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TOTAL A2401 **1.81**

A2544

<u>42</u>	DOG LICENSES		<u>225.00</u>
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TOTAL A2544 **225.00**

B2110

<u>7</u>	ZONING FEES & PERMITS		<u>290.00</u>
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TOTAL B2110 **290.00**

B2555

<u>7</u>	BUILDING PERMITS		<u>346.00</u>
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TOTAL B2555 **346.00**

DA2650

<u>1</u>	SALE OF SCRAP METAL		<u>605.63</u>
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TOTAL DA2650 **605.63**

W12140

<u>4</u>	WD1 METERED WATER SALES		<u>419.21</u>
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TOTAL W12140 **419.21**

W12665

<u>1</u>	WATER HOOK-UP/MATERIAL		<u>1,366.38</u>
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TOTAL W12665 **1,366.38**

W22141

<u>1</u>	WATER SALESMAN-CO RT 41		<u>105.25</u>
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TOTAL W22141 **105.25**

W52140

<u>1</u>	WD5 METERED WATER SALES		<u>50.00</u>
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TOTAL W52140 **50.00**