

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RICHLAND TOWN BOARD and
RICHLAND WATER BOARD
TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREETPULASKI, NY 13142**

Date: May 2, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Special joint meeting with Richland Town Board & Water Board

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Doug Swalm

Ron Novak

James Hathaway

(Absent) Gerry Licourt

Town Board Members Present: Daniel Krupke, Town Supervisor

Kern Yerdon, Deputy Town Supervisor

Donna Gilson, Councilwoman

Sue Haynes, Councilwoman

Allen Goodsell, Councilman

Others in Attendance:

Dustin Clark, B& L Engineer

George Krakowski, B&L Engineer

Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk

John Fox, Highway Superintendent

Justin Bockman

CALL TO ORDER: Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with Town Supervisor, Daniel Krupke, leading the pledge of allegiance.

The first order of business was for Supervisor Krupke to get authorization from the Richland Town Board to authorize and accept funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Donna Gilson made a motion for Supervisor Krupke to authorize and accept funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$280,061.00, and enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of Richland for improvements as the Haldane Center Complex and, if appropriate, a conservation easement or preservation covenant or public assess covenant to the deed of the assisted property. Sue Haynes seconded the motion. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Deputy Town Supervisor Yerdon-Yes; Councilwoman Gilson-Yes, Councilwoman Haynes-yes; Councilwoman Goodsell-Yes, Supervisor Krupke-Yes.

At this time the meeting was turned over the Barton & Loguidice Engineer, Dustin Clark. Mr. Clark reported that the Map Plan & Report will be completed by next week's meeting. He will be seeking

board approval for the proposed service area. In June he anticipates a public hearing on the proposed project can be scheduled. There was discussion on exactly where the transmission line should start and end. Supervisor Krupke spoke to Allison Nelson, Town of Richland Attorney and Town Deputy Supervisor Yerdon, had called the Association of Towns and they suggested if a property fronts a water main, it should be included in the water district. A transmission should not go from transmission line only to a service area and then back to a transmission line. Once the transmission line starts the service area, it should continue that way regardless of who wants to be included and who does not. The possibility of "outside users" was discussed. Mr. Clark did not recommend this because there is no way to collect payment of delinquent water bills. Delinquent bills of "in district" users are placed on their property tax.

Councilman Goodsell questioned whether it would a shorter distance to run the transmission line from the wellsite through the field and woods. then North on Main Street rather than going Stowell Drive and County Route 2 with the transmission line. This would open the possibility of installing new drain lines along Main Street going north. Mr. Clark will check the distance of going the alternate route. The transmission line going down Main Street would cause issues with the line going from transmission line to service line and then back to transmission line. Another possible route was proposed to eliminate putting the transmission line on Main Street and just go from the woods/fields across Main Street, then go north on County Route 48—this would cause two crossings under the Railroad Tracks. However, by crossing the tracks twice in that area, money is saved by paying for one application fee, mobilization of equipment, etc. Mr. Clark said alternate routes for these lines can be submitted with the funding application and decided at a later date.

Justin Bockman was in the audience and he wanted to know if Sherman Lacy Road would be receiving water in the next district. Mr. Clark said yes, he is scheduled to receive water in water district #5. A question was posed to Mr. Clark about whether the Town of Richland should possibly look into an emergency tie in with Mexico.

Margit LaCelle called to remind the water clerk she is in desperate need of water on Sherman Road. That is currently not schedule to receive water but possibly Mexico will be adding onto their system and she could get the water through them.

Currently 215 EDU's are slated for WD 5 in Richland and 476 in Sandy Creek. There are another 19 EDU's in sections for Richland if there is money left over.

For this project (district #5) ductile iron or PVC piping will be used. Mr. Clark suggested waiting and seeing as the project progresses.

One new well has to be opened to provide extra water for WD #5. It should get at least 100gpm. There are several wells at the Schoeller wellsite that are not being used.

The next order of business is the Wind Turbine at the Schoeller well site. Tim Maine has been doing repairs on our Wind Turbine for about 1 ½ years with Northern Power advising him from Vermont. Northern Power would like to give him extra training to make sure he knows how to perform the maintenance to their standards. The quoted a price of \$3500 for the training. Supervisor Krupke negotiated that price down to \$2500.00 to have someone do this training on our Turbine site. Deputy Supervisor Yerdon suggested we have a contract with Mr. Maine stating he will train a new person to take his place if he should leave. It would cost the town an extra \$500.00 if we had another person train at the same time Northern Power trains Mr. Maine. Deputy Supervisor Yerdon made a motion to pay

the \$2500.00 to have Northern Power train Mr. Maine. Councilman Goodsell seconded the motion. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Gilson-Yes, Councilwoman Haynes-yes; Councilman Goodsell-Yes, Deputy Supervisor Yerdon-Yes, Supervisor Krupke-Yes.

Supervisor Krupke advised Bill Aldrighetti from Northern Power that he did not feel the wind turbine was producing enough power to make a profit. Mr. Aldrighetti said our average wind speed is 3.8mph. He said he would not have put the wind turbine in that location. Previously Northern Power did not perform the testing to determine location—they now do all of their own testing and recommend accordingly. Mr. Aldrighetti is going to analyze our wind turbine since inception and give Supervisor Krupke a report.

Supervisor Krupke left to attend another meeting. Deputy Supervisor Yerdon took over running the meeting.

Mr. Clark gave the water clerk a report for general information regarding the project. If a board member would like a copy, they were instructed to stop at the office and the water clerk would provide it. At the next town board meeting the mp&r should be approved. If any changes need to be made, the changes can be added to the language.

Craig Sternberg, Water Board Chairman, took over the meeting.

A customer was charged an extra EDU for adding a milk house and renting it to a neighbor. The neighbor is no longer going to milk cows. He would like his EDU lowered to 1 EDU. There is one tap for the home that also serves the milk house. He will inform the water clerk if it is used in the future for this purpose. All present were in favor of lowering his EDU to 1 EDU.

The next issue was water meters that are removed by someone other than the water department. Meters are usually removed when a home is winterized or when there is a plumbing problem. There have been several instances where meters were removed and put back in backwards. These meters are Town of Richland property and should be handled only by Town employees. Future installations will have the meters sealed and a tag added that states the meter is property of the Town of Richland and the phone number to reach the operators if it has to be removed for any reason. Highway Superintendent Fox will order the tags. If there is a problem after it is sealed, there will be a \$50.00 fee to correct the problem and reseal the meter. All were in favor of this procedure. A letter will be sent out explaining our rules/regulations to all property owners.

New language for Bed and Breakfasts and lodges was discussed. The schedule for Hotels/Motels will also be used for Bed and Breakfasts and lodges. All were in favor.

At 7:40 Deputy Supervisor Yerdon made a motion to close the meeting. Councilwoman Haynes seconded it. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Councilwoman Gilson-Yes, Councilwoman Haynes-yes; Councilman Goodsell-Yes, Deputy Supervisor Yerdon-Yes, Supervisor Krupke-absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk