

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER BOARD

TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREET PULASKI, NY 13142

Date: August 22, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular monthly water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Doug Swalm

Ronald Novak

Gerald Licourt

Laurie Barber

Others in Attendance: Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with Chairman, Craig Sternberg, leading the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Sternberg introduced new board member Laurie Barber. He also explained Jim Hathaway no longer resides in the Town of Richland and according to Town Law he could no longer be a member of this board.

Ron Novak made a motion to accept the minutes from June 20, 2017 water board meeting. Doug Swalm seconded the motion. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Craig Sternberg-yes, Laurie Barber-yes, Gerry Licourt-yes and Doug Swalm-yes.

Supervisor Fox Report: not available as Supervisor Fox is on vacation.

Chairman Sternberg report: There was a blown fuse at the wellsite causing the pump to send out an alarm. Scriba Electric was called to change the 10 amp fuse. There was a little less water pumped this year than last year at this time.

There was discussion on whether to have the outside of the Bishop Road water tower cleaned. There were some issues that should be looked at before performing the cleaning. Is it under warranty from the installer and is there an approved method that will not affect the warranty or the surface. There should be an opinion from the last contractor or original contractor as to what product is on there and what cleaning product to use. It should be inspected for cracks, etc. before washing it. **A motion was made by Gerry Licourt and seconded by Doug Swalm to get estimates and installer's opinion on how to best clean the tank. Also check the original installers' specifications. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Craig Sternberg-yes, Laurie Barber-yes, Ron Novak-yes, Doug Swalm-yes, and Gerry Licourt-yes.**

There was an update from Dustin Clark on water District #5. The grant application has been submitted. It is not a complete application since the bond resolution and district formation has not been completed. It

may take several months to hear back from them. The lawyer has prepared the applications to the comptroller and has submitted them. That will likely be 30-60 days before we receive comptroller approval. Once both towns received comptroller approval, Town of Sandy Creek will complete the bond resolution for the project. The project will be resubmitting to the EFC for funding later this fall. Also we are submitting the project to USDA Rural Development for additional funding. This financing alone will not be enough to get the user cost below \$700 so other financing is needed either way.

There was discussion on leak detection and whether it is cheaper to hire someone or purchase our own leak detection device. It was also suggested to investigate the possibility of having this done again every 5 years depending on the cost. **A motion was made by Ron Novak and seconded by Gerry Licourt to recommend to the Town Board to have a leak detection survey conducted by an independent 3rd party contractor after the completion of future water districts as part of the original contract. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Craig Sternberg-yes, Laurie Barber-yes, Ron Novak-yes, Doug Swalm-yes, and Gerry Licourt-yes.**

Next on the agenda was to continue checking EDU charges for people assessed more than 1 EDU as well as those who may be undercharged.

There was discussion regarding the fittings in the vaults that currently have brass needles—they tend to wear out quickly. Stainless steel would be long lasting. **Gerry Licourt made a motion to recommend to the Town Board to require stainless steel needles in the vaults rather than brass when engineers design the vaults for all future water projects. Doug Swalm seconded the motion. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Craig Sternberg-yes, Laurie Barber-yes, Ron Novak-yes, Doug Swalm-yes, and Gerry Licourt-yes.**

Based on discussion at June 20, 2017 water board meeting: **A motion was made by Ron Novak to recommend to the Town Board that Storz Hydrant connectors are placed in the design of all future water projects and retrofit all existing as soon as the budget allows. The town should have the town clerk research for grant money to pay for this retrofit. It was seconded by Laurie Barber. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Craig Sternberg-yes, Laurie Barber-yes, Ron Novak-yes, Doug Swalm-yes, and Gerry Licourt-yes.**

After discussion, **a motion was made by Ron Novak to have a Tier 1 background check using AMRIC (approximately \$65 per person) for individuals allowed access to the wellsites (Water Operators and Highway Supervisor). Also, a photo ID should be given to Water Department personnel. Doug Swalm seconded the motion. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Craig Sternberg-yes, Laurie Barber-yes, Ron Novak-yes, Doug Swalm-yes, and Gerry Licourt-yes.**

The next water board meeting will be October 3, 2017 at 6pm in the H. Douglas Courthouse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk