

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER ADVISORY
BOARD**

TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREETPULASKI, NY 13142

Date: March 6, 2018

Kind of Meeting: Regular monthly water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman
Doug Swalm
Ronald Novak
Gerry Licourt
Laurie Barber
John Fox, Water Supervisor

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.

Laurie Barber made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 2, 2018 meeting with one change (changing John Fox, Highway Superintendent to John Fox, Water Supervisor). Doug Swalm seconded the motion. It passed on a roll call vote as follows: Craig Sternberg-yes, Gerry Licourt-yes, Ron Novak-yes Laurie Barber-yes and Doug Swalm-yes.

Richland wells pumped 6,001,800 gallons of water in February and Fernwood pumped 1,932,000 gallons of water.

The wind turbine now has DSL as well as the RTU installed in the turbine. This should improve recording the data so it will not be lost when the system is unable to transmit every few minutes.

Mary Yerdon called the Watertown Times and next fall they will run a free ad reminding people of the safety in keeping fire hydrants clear of snow. Laurie Barber said she saw a sign in front of a fire department reminding people of the same thing.

John Fox Report: All security cameras are hooked up now at all sites. There was discussion regarding upgrading to a better system than the one there now. Possibly install one at the gates that is a motion sensitive camera that would send an alert from that area. This is also a budget issue since we would be charged by the month per site for some systems.

Mr. Fox has two prices for cleaning the outside of the water towers. He is waiting on a third price. He said it likely will not happen this year. Mr. Sternberg suggested renting a man lift that would reach that high and doing it ourselves.

Mr. Fox said the inside of the Richland tower was due to be inspected. A camera is used in the tower for this task.

Mr. Fox said the badges for the water operators are still not completed. The school was going to make them, but Mr. Fox felt it was asking too much of the school. The town is going to buy a machine for internal town use.

Forrest Hall and Joe Sikora have both taken the 2B class for their operator's license. The next step is for the Oswego County Board of Health to give them a verbal test and then once passed, they can apply and receive their license. Mr. Fox plans to become a certified operator and to send all the highway workers to school to become 2B certified in the future.

Dead ends have all been flushed with the exception of the Lighthouse. All of NYS 3 has been flushed and valves exercised. Highway workers have been used to perform the flushing.

When the weather clears, Mr. Fox plans to have workers walk the water line along the railroad tracks from Schoeller to the well site looking for any major leaks in the pipe. Craig Sternberg said a leak in an 8" pipe can lose as much as 500,000 gallons an hour depending on the pressure. The line coming from the wellsite to Schoeller is an older 14" line. Ron Novak questioned whether a "slip line" could be run down through that pipe. There are companies that can be hired to do this. First they put a camera down the pipe to see if it is feasible. The first step is to see if there is enough leakage to go to this expense. If there are any major leaks found, perhaps a section of pipe could be replaced. This would be a major expense.

The NYS DEC report submitted by the town, showed an estimated 14% of unaccounted for water. Next year through better accountability of leaks, flushing, etc. that percentage should decrease. There could also be more accountability by recalibrating the larger 2" meters like Brennen Beach and Sandy Creek's master meter. This should be done every few years to make sure they are accurately recording water passing through. Mr. Fox will get a price on a new 2" meter to replace an existing meter, and then send the older meter to be recalibrated. He will also check with a company that does this to see if it can be done in place.

Schoeller left a valve open last month and pumped almost 1,000,000 gallons of water out of their tower. It was metered and therefore they are charged for that use.

There was a major break in a line at the Central Water Works Facility on Co RT 41A. This was a 2" line under 120# of pressure. There was no anchor on that main line in the building and it was felt when the water salesman was turned on, the pressure would cause a vibration that over time caused the pipe to pull apart. It is going to be bolted to the floor so this can't happen again. Two computers, 3 cases for paper product and the bottom drawer of the file cabinet contents were ruined. The furnace and all electrical outlets were under water but still in working condition. The insurance will cover the replacement cost. A new computer was ordered from Staples by Mr. Fox.

At 7:00 Ron Novak made a motion to close the meeting. Doug Swalm seconded the motion. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2018 at 6pm in the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Water Clerk