

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

TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREETPULASKI, NY 13142

Date: May 1, 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.

Doug Swalm made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 6, 2018 meeting. Laurie Barber 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 6,231,600 gallons of water in April and Fernwood pumped 1,830,000 gallons of water.

The DSL and the RTU at the wind turbine have had no problems in the past two months. The brakes locked up on the wind turbine after a big wind storm which required a repair by Tim Maine. Northern Power gave us a quote of \$1400 for the actuator on the brakes and we haven't received a bill from Tim Maine yet. It has been repaired and is working.

There was a bad leak in a camp at Pine Grove using 1,872,000 gallons of water. The customer found the valve had been left open, it froze and burst pumping all that water into her basement.

John Fox Report: All security alarms are hooked up now at all sites but not cameras. The 2" meters that require recalibration have not been completed yet. At the end of the year, Mr. Fox suggested a new 2" meter is purchased and use that while the other one is being calibrated. We have three 2" meters in our system.

Brennen Beach is now on line for the season.

There were two fires (one in Daysville and one on US 11. The fire on US 11 was reported that Richland fire hydrants did not have enough pressure. However, it was improper hookup on the hydrants causing this issue. The Mexico Fire Department reported excellent pressure at the fire in Daysville.

There were three new hookups to our system in the last month.

The chloretec machine had a small issue and is now repaired and working properly. The water operators changed it out.

Joe Sikora has not been assigned full time to the water department. He has been bouncing back and forth between the water department and the highway department. Mr. Fox feels 2 full time water operators are needed. Joe has 25 years in the highway department and is a good mechanic and highly qualified to perform the duties. Mr. Fox said last fall and winter Joe worked 593 hours in the water department out of a possible 800 hours. He recommended Joe to be full time in the water department. An extra person could be hired for weedwacking and non-operational work at a lower than operator wage. There is a house that is condemned; Mr. Fox will check to see if there is a meter in the house before the house is taken down.

Ron Novak questioned the status of the Storz connectors. So far none have been ordered. It should be added to the budget next year to purchase some. They are approximately \$125.00 each. The water board would like to see Storz connectors added to water district #5 bidding. They do not have to be on every hydrant, but placed on the hydrants near homes or businesses.

An update from Dustin Clark was read by Craig Sternberg. The Albion Town Board voted last week to halt the water project. As for water district #5, field work is proceeding. There will be a few workshop meetings planned with the two boards over the summer or early fall to review plans as design progresses. The permitting and approval process would begin around the end of the year and construction would start as soon as we receive all permits/approvals. Construction could start as early as summer 2019 or as late as 2020. Regulatory agencies approvals will determine how soon we can move forward.

Migrant Ministries (the first building on Stewart Street on the West side of the street) would like to receive municipal water if possible. The Richland Town Board and the engineers are aware of this. There is an old town road behind the beauty shop that could be used instead of coming down CO RT 2 as far the Stewart Street corner. They would still have to go under the railroad tracks. The engineers have maps of this.

Chairman Sternberg would like to have a map of our water system enlarged and placed on large cardboard for the convenience of referencing various areas in the water districts.

At 6:50 Gerry Licourt made a motion to close the meeting. Doug Swalm seconded the motion. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2018 at 6pm in the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Water Clerk