

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

**TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREETPULASKI, NY 13142**

Date: April 2, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman
Doug Schwalm
Ron Novak
Laurie Barber
Gerry Licourt

Others in Attendance: Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk

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

Doug Schwalm made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting. Gerry Licourt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8,150,300 gallons of water was pumped in January. 1,856,000 was pumped from the Fernwood wells and 6,294,300 was pumped from the Schoeller wells. 1,642,10000 gallons less was pumped in March 2019 than was pumped in March 2018.

There was discussion on training a backup operator. According to contract, this person must come from the Richland Highway Department if there is someone there who wants it. It was the opinion of this board that there should be another person learning the operator job in case one of the current operators left the job. In an emergency the operator from Sandy Creek could fill in temporarily.

No change on the village of Pulaski situation with village water in the town.

A property owner in Richland would like his EDU charge to be 0 because his lot is too small to build on. According to John Howland (CEO), a variance could be obtained, and the property could be built upon. Ron Novak is also on the planning board and he agreed with Mr. Howland. The water board recommended leaving the charge at .5. Also, there is a campground in water district 5 that is owned by a tax-

exempt religious organization. This property is not exempt from Special districts. They are charged 1.0 EDU. The water board recommended leaving it at 1.0.

A homeowner was sent a registered letter requesting to have him call our office regarding his malfunctioning water meter. Mary called the post office to see if they have attempted delivery of the registered letter he was sent. The persons home mailbox is down, and he requested to have the mail held at the post office, but he has not picked up his mail since January. The water operators said the water meter did register at this reading for the first time in 3 years. The operators must get into the house to see what is wrong with the meter. Since October 2018 there have been several attempts to contact the homeowner, therefore, the water board instructed the operators to turn the water off. April 3 a notice of shut off will be placed on the property owner's door and window informing him the water will be shut off on Monday, April 8 unless he contacts our office and allows the operators in to check and fix the meter. There will be a service charge for failure to allow access.

At 6:45 pm Doug Schwalm made a motion to close the meeting. Gerry Licourt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The next water board meeting will be held on May 7, 2019 at 6pm in the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Jury room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Water Clerk