

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

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

Date: May 7, 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:

John Fox, Highway Superintendent

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.

Gerry Licourt made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting. Doug Schwalm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

In May 2019, 1,531,000 was pumped from the Fernwood wells and 6,450,000 was pumped from the Schoeller wells.

Superintendent Fox reported Brennen Beach is back online. There were no big leaks in the town since the last meeting. There has been a communication problem for the last month. Mostly it occurred at night. It ended up a bad antenna cable on the North Tank. Eric Pappa (Sandy Creek Water Operator) climbed to the top and changed it. Everything is working properly now. The Water Operators have been out flushing hydrants. Barton and Loguidice have been working on the new well in Richland. They are digging up the old lines to see exactly what is there and what needs to be replaced. There is a possibility they can tie into the well house that is there using the existing line from the new well they are opening.

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

The Operators had been unable to contact the owner of a home where a meter did not read for several months. They were able to access it this month and the meter had to be replaced. It had been tampered with, causing the owner to pay for a new meter as well as pay the \$100.00 meter tampering charge. The meter is one of the newer designs and will have to be manually read until the new Beacon program is up and running.

There were some property owners who expressed an interest to enter WD #5 but previously did not want to enter. The water board went over the water district 5 service area to see if there were any property owners that would qualify to enter water district 5 as an extension. There are a handful of qualified property owners who were not included in WD 5 (for various reasons) that are being offered the opportunity to enter by becoming an extension to WD #5 if they choose to. Mary Yerdon will be contacting those individuals before the next meeting to see if they are interested. They would have to pay the cost of the Map Plan & Report and any additional piping. Going forward, they will also be paying the EDU charge water district 5 property owners now pay.

Dustin Clark sent an update on water district #5 as follows.

1. Easements are well under way. They are coming out of Rebekah Prosachik's law firm as they took over the legal responsibilities for the project.
2. EFC - short-term closing with EFC should happen in June. When that happens, we'll work with Mary to get past invoices over to Sandy Creek and reimbursed by the project (B&L's fees to Richland for the reports, SEQR, etc.)
3. Permitting - The permit package to DEC and Army Corps has been submitted. We'll keep very close tabs on this as it will be needed to start construction.
4. Plans & specs - project plans are about 75% complete. EFC, DOH, Town and other agency reviews will take place over the next few months in preparation for bidding.
5. Schedule - We're targeting bidding in September with construction starting in October. Due to the bats, turtles, wetlands & piping plovers the project has many timing restrictions that this construction start works well with. Along with our push to start construction in 2019.
6. Well site - Town crews helped locate a water main on the well site that will be reactivated with a new well going online with the project.

At 6:55 pm Laurie Barber made a motion to close the meeting. Gerry Licourt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The next water board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6pm in the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Jury Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Water Clerk