

TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER DEPARTMENT

1 BRIDGE STREET PULASKI, NY 13142

MINUTES OF THE RICHLAND WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Date: September 1, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Regular monthly water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Doug Haynes

Krista Fox

Doug Schwalm

Ron Novak

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 August 2020 meeting. Krista Fox seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Water pumped was consistent with last year.

Supervisor Sternberg went over his monthly report (attached to these minutes). It was also mentioned the drilling under the railroad tracks on CO RT 28 is scheduled for September 2. The construction crew was unable to tie Sherman Lacy Road into US RT 11 because they are waiting for a permit from New York State. Supervisor Sternberg has busy inspecting lines currently being installed in Richland. It was also noted that Malone Construction is storing equipment behind Fat Nancy's tackle shop on NYS 13.

Names have been submitted to the Town for the position open on the water board. There was discussion on whether the person should live in one of the water districts or if experience should count if they live outside of a water district. Ron Novak made a motion to recommend to the Town Board to appoint a member that resides in an existing water district to serve on the water board. Doug Haynes seconded the motion. All were in favor. A second motion was made by Ron Novak to hire a full-time voting member rather than an alternate to the water board. Krista Fox seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supervisor Sternberg pointed out that when there are alarms during off hours, the water operators receive three hours of callout pay.

Supervisor Sternberg plans to go the various water sites and takes notes on items of concerns.

The Zenner representative has been in the area checking where the repeaters and equipment should be placed.

The wind turbine continues to be an area of concern. The contract with Northern Power to monitor the wind turbine is \$3200.00 each year. Supervisor Sternberg is looking into the value of the wind turbine. There was a discussion on how to move forward with it and the possibility of selling it.

Supervisor Sternberg emphasized the GIS system would be updated each time a Zenner meter is installed. This would include photos as well as latitude and longitude of the service.

There was a brief discussion on the cost of a new tap. Customers are currently charged \$500. Mary will get the price on actual cost to install a tap for discussion at the next meeting.

Ron Novak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35. Doug Schwalm seconded it. All members agreed. The next water board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6pm in the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Jury Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Town of Richland Water Department Clerk