

TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER DEPARTMENT

1 BRIDGE STREET PULASKI, NY 13142

MINUTES OF THE RICHLAND WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Date: April 6, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Regular monthly water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Doug Haynes

Doug Schwalm

Krista Fox

Absent: Rob Goodsell

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 March 4, 2021 meeting. Krista Fox seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There was no one at the meeting with public comments.

Supervisor Sternberg went over his monthly report as follows.

Water Quantities, Quality and Testing – Normal usage. Testing has been good. The second round of PFA testing took place today. It is a NYS requirement at a cost of approximately \$2000.00 quarterly. The results are not in yet.

Personnel – Personnel is stable and very good with Monday Team and safety meetings. Covid protocol is strictly adhered to. Parttime labor could possibly be added in the Spring—possibly a high school student requiring community service.

Water Clerk- Everything is stable and very good. Spring meter readings are complete and water bills are going out. Working on setting up appointments for meter replacement, workorders, daily logs and new service applications. Web-based portal would be very practical for this and some of the other tasks.

Work Orders and Alarms -Normal activity continues-very few alarms and mostly communication failure when there is one.

Maintenance – Joe Sikora cleaned a large area with trash on it at the Schoeller site on Mattison Road. He was patrolling the area when he noticed it. Ron Novak suggested the DEC come in and try to figure out who is doing this. The operators have been flushing hydrants and continue routine work. The hydrant flow meter is being repaired and put to use. The property on Main Street that has infringed (trailers, campers, junk) on Town of Richland water property did some cleanup but still have a long way to go to comply.

Expansion Project (Water District #5)– Malone construction crew are back to work. They were asked to pay special attention to dirt around hydrants that are placed too high. Early season restoration has started. Main line crews to start soon. The projected schedule has been revised and is available for review. A B&L representative has attended the last two operator (team) meetings. There was an issue at the CO RT 28 railroad crossing. While trying to drill, the

drill kept hitting large boulders. The railroad requires steel casing without disturbing the dirt. The railroad made the construction crew stop working because of this. The railroad then approved a directional bore plan. The issue now is the contractor wants to charge extra due to the problems. It is now in the comptrollers' hands. In the meantime, they have created 2 dead ends-one on each side of the railroad tracks.

Progress– Zenner system phase one will be coming online soon. Meter transmitter replacement has begun.

Materials/Equipment- Material inventories and suppliers are stable. We are stocking for transmitter replacement and new service installations. The utility trailer purchased is also for B&G use as well as water. The B&G lawn mower will fit in it.

There have been no issues with water pumped.

As time permits, EDU charges should be looked over for possible changes.

Supervisor Sternberg would like to order shirts and/or protective clothing for the operators (shirts, sweatshirts, and a rain jacket) with the Town of Richland embroidered on the front of the shirt. The water board members were all in agreement.

The North Rainbow Shores area reapplied to the DEC to received water. The revised plan calls for a dead end on each side of the sand dune rather than drill under it. The comptroller has this information.

Doug Schwalm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. Doug Haynes seconded it. All members agreed. The next meeting is tentatively set for a well site visit/meeting if weather allows. That will take place on Friday, May 7 at 2pm. Mary will confirm this before the scheduled meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Town of Richland Water Department Clerk