

TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER DEPARTMENT

1 BRIDGE STREET PULASKI, NY 13142

MINUTES OF THE RICHLAND WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Date: September 7, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Regular monthly water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Jury Room

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Ron Novak

Doug Schwalm

Krista Fox

Absent: Rob Goodsell

Absent: Doug Haynes

Others in Attendance: Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk

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

Krista Fox made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 3, 2021, meeting. Doug Swalm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

12,343,400 gallons of water was pumped from the wells in August 2021. This is down from August 2020 (15,039,400 gallons was pumped). It was felt that the reason for this was the large leak on County Route 41 leaking under the ground for quite a while. We were made aware of it and repaired it mid-July 2021.

Supervisor Sternberg gave a verbal update on the water department (see attached report). He also reported that the clortec machine was broken down for a few days, but it is now fixed. The water had to be treated manually. The Town of Richland is one of the few places in New York State that makes chlorine rather than purchasing chlorine and adding it manually.

The water operators have changed 253 transmitters so far this year. They will be taking a short break while the billing is being compiled. Two different billing systems are used until all transmitters are changed over to Zenner.

Canningfactory Road, Orton Road and County Route 28 have been sanitized and samples have been sent to the laboratory. Once these come back to the Department of Health, water service taps can be installed, and they will then be ready for property owners to hook into—hopefully in the next 2 weeks.

County Route 48 and NYS Route 13 do not have the water main installed. County Route 48 cannot be completed until County Route 2 is complete because that is our backup line to the current 14" water main line. The contractors have not been able to identify the exact location where the main water line crosses Main Street in Richland and County Route 48 in Richland. If the current line is accidentally broken during installations, that would cut off the main water supply to the Towns of Richland and Sandy Creek. Once County Route 2 has been Chlorinated and tested (by mid-September), the older line can be shut down and use the County Route 2 line to supply water until installations are finished on County Route 48. While it is shut down, the current line will be identified and properly marked on a map. The current main line has been partially located.

NYS Route 13, West of the Village of Pulaski, cannot be completed until more pipe is delivered. They still need 2 more truckloads of pipe. It is expected any day.

Supervisor Sternberg has requested a new truck for the water department. Water Operator, Robert Hicks, is driving a 2015 Ford with over 100,000 miles on it. It has had some expensive repairs lately. The transmission repair (reported last month) has been fixed. The water board would like to make sure the next truck purchased has high visibility emergency lighting. Krista Fox made a motion to recommend purchasing a new truck with a plow and high visibility emergency lighting. Doug Schwalm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Star Carter, Supervisor for Development of the North Country, has given Town of Richland the opportunity to place all or part of our GIS water information online for the public to view (similar to the Oswego County Real Property website). It was discussed that ambulances, fire departments, insurance agencies, etc. may find it helpful. It is all information that can be obtained under the "freedom of information policy" and anyone viewing the information can be tracked. After discussion Krista Fox made a motion to defer this step until a later date. Ron Novak seconded it. All were in favor.

The Village of Pulaski has made an agreement with the Town of Richland to allow the Richland water department to take charge of their pusher for going under the road to install water service taps. Richland water department will keep it in good repair and clean it after each use. The Village can use it whenever they would like to. Doug Swalm suggested we get a new one since this one is so old. No motion was made.

Supervisor Sternberg informed the water board that he will be on vacation from September 13 to September 25. He will monitor his email and respond as needed.

At 7:10 Ron Novak made a motion to close the meeting. Krista Fox seconded it. All members agreed.

The next water board meeting will be held on October 5 at 6pm in the Jury Room of the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Town of Richland Water Department Clerk