

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SANDYCREEK
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Date: October 2, 2018

Kind of Meeting: Special Joint Meeting with the Town of Richland

Place: SandyCreekTown Hall

SC Board Members Present:	Nancy Ridgeway Ruth E. Scheppard John W. Wood Jr.	Others Present: John Fox Michael C. Kastler Mary Yerdon Tammy L. Miller Brittany Washburn Dustin Clark Anthony Young Wayne Miller Pat McDougal Cheryl Yerdon Craig Sternberg Laurie Barber Doug Schwalm Gerald Licourt Ronald Novak James Holden Roger & Joan Bardeen
Richland Board Members:	Daniel Krupke Allen Goodsell Kern Yerdon Donna Gilson	
Absent:	Nola J. Gove Dave Warner Sue Haynes	

CALL TO ORDER:

Richland Town Supervisor Dan Krupke called this special joint town meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. He turned the meeting over to Dustin J. Clark, P.E., Senior Project Engineer at Barton & Loguidice. This special meeting was held to discuss the Richland/Sandy Creek Joint Water Project, Water District #3 in the Town of Sandy Creek and Water District #5 in the Town of Richland. Mr. Clark introduced Anthony Young, P.E., Senior Project Engineer at B&L that will be working with us on the project.

Mr. Clark updated those present on the project. Easements will be sent to Attorney Nelson around the end of October. Preliminary layout will be completed near the end of October as well. We have several months of permitting ahead of us. That is a big variable as it can take as little as 4 months or up to 14 months to receive all of the necessary permits. Mr. Clark estimates that construction is possible in late 2019.

On July 25th the Town of Sandy Creek was issued a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to help pay for project costs incurred since 2015. The first loan payment for the project will be due 2 years from the initial loan in July of 2020. In 2019 interest payments and other bills will be due. The two boards discussed when to establish their budgets for this project. Specifically, whether to budget in 2019 and begin billing the towns' respective water districts on the January 2019 tax bill.

The project has been awarded a \$50,000 Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) grant with help from Senator Patty Ritchie. EFC has offered 30-year interest free financing of this project. USDA-RD has offered a 38-year loan with poverty rate interest, currently at 2.375%. The WIIA grant application is still pending. A grant of up to \$3 million is still possible. Estimated annual user costs are

likely to be between \$600 and \$699. RD requires user costs at \$660 or higher, and will not help lower costs below that amount. At lower costs, grant money could be taken away from the project.

The Town of Sandy Creek is considering billing their Water District #3 property owners on the 2019 tax bill. The Town of Richland had not thought about it yet, but realizes it may be beneficial for both towns to do the same thing. By the end of this year nearly \$1 million will be spent on the project since spending began in 2015.

Sandy Creek Water Superintendent Mike Kastler stated that town costs in 2019 are likely. Construction may begin away from the waterfront where permitting is easier. Timing restrictions are in areas of protected wildlife. Some work must be done in the winter. Winter construction has pros and cons. There are less residents here, but there is frost in the ground.

Overall this project is progressing well. Mr. Clark is being cautious with the permitting timeline as the project has a huge environmental impact and can easily be delayed.

Other water districts in both towns began paying the EDU charge on their tax bill just prior to start of construction. New water service equipment inventory must be ordered and purchased ahead of this construction.

Supervisor Krupke will be working on water district budgets this week and will let Sandy Creek know if the water rate will increase for Sandy Creek's water district #1. Sandy Creek's water salesman has collected over \$4,000 this year. Both town's water departments are working together well.

The Town of Richland's water software is from 2005. Badger Meter will not be supporting it anymore and it must be upgraded. There are new cellular read meters that work with the most recent software upgrade. They can get a reading when prompted and the software is cloud based. The towns should consider the new meters for their new districts. They can send alerts regarding leaks or tampering immediately. There would be a \$10 cellular charge per meter annually for this new system.

Mr. Clark addressed a question regarding well testing for contaminants. Today Governor Cuomo announced grant funding to help communities address federally unregulated contaminants in their drinking water supplies. There is a list of new contaminants. Most are known carcinogens. Our wells would have to be pre-filtered if they ever tested positive for these contaminants.

Both towns agreed that charging a full EDU charge on the 2019 tax bill was the best way to move forward. Supervisor Krupke thanked Town of Sandy Creek officials for attending this meeting.

On motion by Dan Krupke, seconded by Kern Yerdon and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC
Town Clerk