

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SANDY CREEK
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Date: June 1, 2016

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

Place: Sandy Creek Town Hall

SC Board Members Present: Nancy Ridgeway
Ruth Scheppard
John Wood Jr.

Others Present:
Norma Newman
Wayne Miller
Pat McDougal – In @ 7:35pm
Cheryl L Yerdon
Cindy Love
Dave Youmans
Richard & Deanna Granville
Melanie Golding
Betty J Hollis
Russ Fox
Margaret Swingle
Ronald F Novak
Bonnie & Mel Reid
Bruce Radicello
James Holden
Corey Miller
Craig Sternberg
Mike Brennan
Bob O'Brien
Ron Fisher
Roger & Joan Bardeen
Barb Athanasiou
Gerald Licourt
Doug Schwalm

Richland Board Members: Daniel Krupke
(All 3 left @ 8:43pm) Allen Goodsell
Kern Yerdon

Absent: Nola J. Gove
Dave Warner
Donna Gilson
Sue Haynes

Others Present: Tammy Miller
Dustin Clark
George Kalkowsky
Mary Yerdon
Brittany Washburn
Michael Kastler
Eric Pappa

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called this special meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. She turned the meeting over to Dustin J. Clark, P.E., Senior Project Engineer for Barton & Loguidice. This special meeting was held to discuss the newly proposed joint water project.

Mr. Clark reminded everyone of the previous joint water project between the Towns of Richland and Sandy Creek. The Eastern Shore Water Project was first seriously considered in 2007 and this \$14 million dollar project is currently in its last phase. Municipalities sometimes have trouble working together, but Richland and Sandy Creek have done so successfully. Both towns want their property owners that desire public water to have it. The proposed water project would be the second joint project between the Towns of Richland and Sandy Creek. The towns are still in the development phase of the project and are working to achieve the most affordable rate possible for their property owners.

Dustin Clark introduced George Kalkowsky, I.E. of B&L. who has been doing much of the map work for this project keeping the funding limits in mind. The current total annual cost for each water user (one EDU or Equivalent Dwelling Unit) is estimated at \$700 for this project. The largest portion on the January tax bill pays for the debt service and customers receive a smaller water bill twice a year. Each water district has its own unique cost based on several variables per project.

B&L has prepared a draft listing of proposed and optional water mains for this project. The service areas for this project must be refined so that the project can be submitted for financing this fall. This opportunity for financing is only available once per year. Funding programs are always changing and each requires completion of different steps before application.

The Town of Richland's well site is capable of producing over one million gallons of water per day, and would likely be the source for this project (the same as the Eastern Shore Water Project). Mr. Clark discussed the proposed water mains for the Town of Richland. The route towards Albion looks promising, and it may be possible to work with the Town of Albion in the future. The Canning Factory Road route would likely be a transmission line only, as water is not wanted there and there is a lot of farmland and a railroad crossing. Water development seems more likely to the south toward Albion. There will be approximately \$1 million to \$1.5 million budgeted for optional areas. Richland will need to take a closer look at the possible optional areas in their town and rank them accordingly.

The proposed map in the Town of Sandy Creek was discussed. The Orton and Cummings Road area doesn't make good sense. The majority of those near North Sandy Pond are in favor of receiving public water. There is a limitation on how far we can go near the sand dunes. We need to stop where the road stops, making West Shore Drive highly unlikely. Sandy Creek would like to include Wilder Drive, Walful Tract, Greene Point Road, Beaver Lane and Deer Run Road in the project. This would provide nearly everyone on the west side of State Route 3 with public drinking water. As you travel east in the Town of Sandy Creek the population density decreases and there is less interest in public water. However, it is necessary to find the best way to reach the east side of St Rt 3.

This proposed project, Water District #3 in the Town of Sandy Creek, will require an Intermunicipal Agreement or IMA between the two towns. Attorney Nelson will be consulted to determine if a separate IMA or an amendment to the current one is best. This proposed project will require support letters from residents and businesses to better the chances for optimal funding.

On motion by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by John W. Wood Jr. and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, Town Clerk and Brittany M. Washburn, Deputy Clerk