MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF SANDY CREEK 1992 HARWOOD DRIVE, PO BOX 52 SANDY CREEK, NEW YORK 13145-0052

Date: July 12, 2017 **Kind of Meeting:** Regular **Place:** Town Hall **Board Members Present:**

Nancy Ridgeway John W. Wood, Jr. Dave Warner Ruth E. Scheppard Nola J. Gove

Others Present:

Tammy L. Miller Allison J. Nelson, Esq. Margaret A. Kastler Michael Kastler Shirley Rice Pat McCullough Dustin Clark, P.E. George B. Kalkowsky, I.E. John Howland in @7:40 pm Norma Newman Wayne Miller Cheryl Yerdon Jessica Godfrey Peggy Rice Mike Carey Pat McDougal

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: RESOLUTION 65-17

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood, Gove 0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the minutes of the June 14th meeting as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Town Board received a copy of the monthly financial report of the Supervisor. It was filed in the Town Clerk's office today and is available for public inspection.

REPORTS:

<u>Assessor</u> – Rhonda Weigand's report is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for public inspection. The 2017 Final Assessment Roll has been filed in the Town

Clerk's office. There have been no Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) applications filed to date.

Dog Control Officer- Elisa Dunn was absent and no report was filed. Historian - Charlene Cole's monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for public inspection. Supervisor Ridgeway read a tribute in memory of Joyce Miles who volunteered many hours in our historian's office. She also thanked Peggy Rice, Margaret Kastler, and Ray Cole for planting flowers in the cemeteries. Town Justice- The judges' reports for June have been received by the Town Supervisor. Legislator – Margaret Kastler reported the county legislators meet July 13th at Camp Hollis at 4 pm for supper with the campers. They will tour the grounds and see the new swimming pool before their 7 pm meeting that evening. The August 10th meeting has been changed from 2 pm to 7 pm. E-Z Pass tags are now available at the County Clerk's office. At the July meeting the legislators will vote on the local law adding a 30¢ tax on each cellular phone line. This is necessary to bring the 911 budget back to former levels. Library- Director Jessica Godfrey presented the Town Board with the library's July newsletter. The Lego Batman Movie will be shown July 13th at 6 pm with popcorn and drinks. Tom Seling, a family musician will be playing outside on July 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The Summer Reading Program for children 2 to 5 years and 6 to 12 years will be held Mondays and Fridays in July. The toddler art camp was a success. Seventeen to eighteen children attended each class. Ms. Godfrey will be planning another program for next year.

<u>NOCA</u> - Northern Oswego County Ambulance, Inc's quarterly financial report was received July 10th and is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

<u>Planning Board</u> – Secretary Pat McCullough gave the report of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board's meeting on July 6th. It was determined that a construction business started by the Baker's at 2361 Co Rt 15 is not subject to site plan review as there will only be a sign placed at the residence. There will be no need for parking and the business will have no employees. Two applications for solar farms in the Village of Sandy Creek have been completed. A public hearing regarding Howland Solar, LLC will be held on August 1st and the one for High Peaks Solar LLC will likely be in September.

<u>Highway/Water Superintendent</u> – Michael C. Kastler read his highway report and his water department report. Both reports are filed in the Town Clerk's office and available to the public. Edwards Road will be closed temporarily during repair of a culvert. Road paving has been rescheduled for July 24th due to the rainy weather. Superintendent Kastler has received one quote for the replacement of two overhead doors. The total cost to bring the automatic water salesman into operation at 99 Weaver Road was \$46,985.73. Income from water sales is steadily coming in now. There are currently 4 overdue water bills, 2 in each district. Hydrants have been flushed in Water District #2.

<u>Water Advisory Committee</u> – Chairman Norma Newman reported that the minutes from the June 26th meeting have been filed. The Map, Plan and Report for Water Service area #3 will be discussed at the July 31st meeting.

Town Councilman Scheppard is still looking into the Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance. She reported on her trip to Washington DC with Supervisor Ridgeway. They were the only representatives from Oswego County to attend the closed meeting with three members of Congress, FEMA, the Army Corps of Engineers, a former employee of the IJC and representatives from municipalities in Western NYS regarding flooding along the shore of Lake Ontario. FEMA can be reached at 1-800-621-3362 regarding flood insurance policies and the National Flood Insurance Program. Governor Cuomo has not requested help from FEMA. Councilman Gove had e-mailed the Town Board on her findings regarding health, dental and optical insurance for retirees. Councilman Warner is waiting for a reply from the Office for the Aging regarding the development of senior housing on Co Rt 15. Councilman Wood and Supervisor Ridgway are working on welcome signs for the town.

<u>Town Clerk</u> – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of June totaled \$2,730.82. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection.

<u>Engineers</u> - George B. Kalkowsky, I. E. of Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. reported that the DOH-5025 Engineer's Certification of Public Water Project Completion for the Weaver Road Water Salesman was submitted July 5th. B&L is working on the USDA RD Environmental Report and application for funding. This has a rolling funding window. The NYS Water Grant application was submitted on 6/20/2017 even though the bond resolution and Comptroller approval were outstanding. SEQR is complete and the IMA with the Town of Richland is complete. The district has been formed and the bond resolution will be the next step for WSA #3. Dustin Clark added that the more documentation the town has on the need for public water the better the chance for funding. He spoke with Congresswoman Claudia Tenney. She supports this project and will provide a letter of endorsement.

RESOLUTION 66-17

On motion made by Ruth E. Scheppard and seconded by Nola J. Gove **BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

Nancy Ridgeway, Supervisor	AYE
Dave Warner, Councilman	AYE
Ruth E. Scheppard, Councilwoman	AYE
Nola J. Gove, Councilwoman	AYE
John W. Wood, Jr., Councilman	AYE

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK WATER SERVICE AREA NO. 3

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been asked to consider the formation of the Water Service Area No. 3 in the Town of Sandy Creek, pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board directed that Barton & Loguidice, prepare a Map, Plan and Report to further consider all aspects of the proposed extension; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Board held the 10th day of May, 2017, the Town Board reviewed the Map, Plan and Report and directed the Town Clerk to publish the Order and Notice of Public Hearing scheduled for June 14, 2017, in the official newspaper for the Town, pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the official newspaper of the Town, <u>Watertown Daily Times</u>, and posted on the Town bulletin board pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law.

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Board held the 14th day of June, 2017, the Town Board held a public hearing regarding said water service area after notice at the Sandy Creek Town Hall in the Town of Sandy Creek, County of Oswego, State of New York and heard all persons interested in the proposed water service area formation; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Board held the 14th day of June, 2017, the Town Board, after full discussion, deemed that the Notice of Hearing was published and posted as required by law and was otherwise sufficient; deemed it in the best interest of the Town to form the water service area as outlined in the Map, Plan and Report prepared by Barton & Loguidice, determined that all the property and property owners within the proposed water service area would benefit from the water service area formation, determined that all the property and property owners that would benefit from the proposed water service area, determined that establishment of the water service area is in the public interest and thereby formed the water service area subject to permissive referendum, as outlined in the said Map, Plan and Report; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk having given notice of the adoption of the resolution and no petitions having been filed with the Town Clerk to establish the Town of Sandy Creek Water Service Area No. 3; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law, the approval of the State Comptroller is required prior to the Town Board's issuance of an Order to establish Water Service Area No. 3 of the Town of Sandy Creek, pursuant to the Town Law, and the State Comptroller requires the submission of an Application approved by the Town Board in order to approve the water service area formation.

- 1. The attached application was prepared at the direction of the Town Board.
- 2. The Town Board believes the contents of the Application to be accurate and hereby approves the Application.
- 3. The Water Service Area No. 3 of the Town of Sandy Creek is in the public interest and will not constitute an undue burden on the property, which will bear the cost thereof.
- 4. The cost of Water Service Area No. 3 of the Town of Sandy Creek is to be assessed against all the real property within the boundaries of the proposed water service area and no benefited property has been excluded from the water service area.
- 5. Town Supervisor, Nancy Ridgeway, is hereby directed to execute and verify the Application.

Mr. Clark explained the 2017 NYS DEC/EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Program. This grant opportunity is in its fourth year and is in the budget for the next five years. The grant award is for up to \$30,000 for public sewer districts. The steps in sewer district formation are nearly the same as water district formation. A 20% local match is required in cash and/or in-kind services such as community outreach. Upgrades and new sewer system projects have been completed by B&L. They would identify improvements and the proposal goes to the EFC. Applications are due July 28, 2017. The fact that a public sewer system is in the Town of Sandy Creek Comprehensive Plan is a plus. These applications vary greatly.

<u>Code Enforcement Officer</u> – John Howland's report for June is on file in the Town Clerk's office. The compliance date for the junk violation on Tryon Road is July 31st.

Mr. Clark continued explaining the grant application process. It is a once per year application. B&L has prepared a proposal for the submission of a CWSRF Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) application for a Sewer Feasibility Study and Preliminary Engineering Report under the 2017 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for a lump sum fee not to exceed \$500. A sewer treatment facility is estimated to cost between three and five million dollars. User costs would likely be between \$700 and \$1,000 per EDU per year with approximately \$300 per EDU to run the treatment plant. This is a very competitive program with about a 50% success rate. However, after rejection most municipalities are successful the next year.

RESOLUTION 67-17

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood, Gove 0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to proceed with the proposal for engineering services for Consolidated Funding Application assistance for a fee not to exceed \$500.

RESOLUTION 68-17

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr, the following resolutions were

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood, Gove 0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the following two resolutions:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR OF SANDY CREEK, NY TO APPLY AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION TO APPLY AND ADMINISTER GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

By:

WHEREAS: The State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in conjunction with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) has made available grants to assist communities for the initial planning of eligible Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) water quality projects.

WHEREAS: The Town of Sandy Creek will submit an application to secure funding through the NYS DEC/EFC wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Gran Program to address the engineering planning needs for the area known as Sandy Pond and

WHEREAS: The Town of Sandy Creek will submit an application to the NYS EFC to secure \$30,000 to be utilized for an engineering plan and

WHEREAS: The Town of Sandy Creek will provide the 20% match or \$6,000 towards the Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning grant and

WHEREAS: There is a need to address the wastewater issues in the Town of Sandy Creek and especially along the Lake Ontario lake shore and

WHEREAS: The Town of Sandy Creek recognizes the need for wastewater infrastructure engineering planning and the need to address issues related to high water levels in Lake Ontario,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT: RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the project to fulfill the Town of Sandy Creeks obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement and

RESOLVED that the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Town of Sandy Creek Waste Water Infrastructure Engineering planning grant. Under the Engineering Planning Grant Program, this local match must be at least 20% of the grant award of \$30,000. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Town Supervisor shall not exceed \$6,000. The total estimated project cost is \$36,000. The Town Supervisor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Town of Sandy Creek.

RESOLUTION DETERMINING SEQR CLASSIFICATION FOR THE TOWN OF SANDY CREEK APPLICATION TO THE NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION NYS DEC/EFC WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS: The Grant application for to the Environmental Facilities Corporation requires that the Town of Sandy Creek comply with the rules and regulations of the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act and

WHEREAS: 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulation) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision \mathbb{C} of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law;

Section 617.5 Type II actions; specifically (21) which states the conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage or approve such action. WHEREAS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOVED that the Town of Sandy Creek hereby determines that the proposed Town of Sandy Creek Engineering Infrastructure Planning Grant Program is a TYPE II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 © (21) the conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage or approve such action and is therefore not subject to review under 6NYCRR Part 617.

PUBLIC COMMENT – **Norma Newman** expressed her concern about water contamination at Sandy Pond businesses and parks. She feels a public sewer system could really help business and the local economy. She thanked Supervisor Ridgeway and Councilman Scheppard for traveling to DC on behalf of local flood victims. **Cheryl Yerdon** also thanked them for their efforts in DC. She appreciates the town looking into sewer facilities. Currently there are 33 private homes on Greene Point that cannot use their wells or septic systems.

OLD BUSINESS – The manure law was discussed. The town still has wording issues with the DEC the same as when this process began. The decision to continue with this law was tabled until the August 16^{th} meeting. Current day farming was discussed.

The solar local law was discussed.

RESOLUTION 69-17

On motion by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was **ADOPTED** - 5 Ayes 0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway to sign part 1 of SEQR and authorizes Attorney Nelson to send SEQRA letters to interested agencies and forward a 239 review form to the county planning department and set the public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2017, a local law regulating solar energy systems in the Town of Sandy Creek for August 16th at 7 pm

On June 27th Superintendent Kastler, Councilman Warner and Attorney Nelson met with representatives from the DEC regarding the Stanley Drive boat launch project. An MOU was supposed to be received from the DEC by tonight's meeting for the Town Board to vote on. However, nothing was received and the town cannot move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

On July 19th from 1 to 3 pm the Oswego County Office for the Aging will hold a Medicare seminar. On July 20th they will be here handing out coupon books for farmers' markets from 10:30 to noon.

RESOLUTION 70-16

On motion by Dave Warner, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Gove, Wood, Scheppard, Warner 0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will renew the apartment lease agreement with the Kastler's for \$625 per month effective July 2017.

There will be an informational meeting on the Lake Ontario Flood Recovery Program on July 19th at 6:30 pm at the Sandy Pond Sportsman's Club.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS RESOLUTION 71-17

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes 0 No Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Wood, Warner

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes the following transfers of funds:

From SF1 Cash Balance Interest	Го	A2401 General Fund	\$	26.85
SF2 Cash Balance Interest		A2401 General Fund		13.40
SW1 917 Unassigned Fund Bala	nce	SW1-8397.45 Water Salesman	25,	00.00

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION 72-17

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood, Gove 0 No

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #12 in the following amounts:

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General Fund	\$	670.35	
Trust & Agency	\$	9,466.43	
Water District #1-SW	\$	12.22	
And on Abstract #13	in	the following amounts:	
General Fund	\$	32,590.44	
Trust & Agency	\$	14,509.82	
Highway Fund	\$	59,726.15	
Water District#1-SW	\$	5,520.51	
Water District#2-SW	\$	495.09	
Water District#3-H	\$	1,563.52	

Governor Cuomo has signed a special law for the Town of Boylston to allow electors from the Towns of Orwell, Redfield, and Sandy Creek to run for Town Justice. Sylvia Walker has given the contents of 2078 Lake Street that was inside the building when the Town purchased it to the Town of Sandy Creek. Because others may still have keys to this building, Superintendent Kastler will add a hasp and padlock to the door there. Pat McCullough asked how the solar farm presentation went.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Town board will be August 16th at 7 pm. The next Water Advisory Committee meeting will be July 31st at 6 pm.

On motion by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Nola J. Gove, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy L. Miller, RMC Town Clerk