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: June 14, 2017Kind of Meeting: Public Hearing and Regular MeetingPlace: Town HallBoard Members Present: Nancy RidgewayOth

John W. Wood, Jr. Dave Warner Ruth E. Scheppard Nola J. Gove **Others Present:**

Tammy L. Miller Brittany M. Washburn Margaret A. Kastler Allison J. Nelson, Esq. Michael Kastler Shirley Rice Pat McCullough George B. Kalkowsky, I.E. John Howland in @ 8:20 pm Norma Newman Wayne Miller Cheryl Yerdon Jessica Godfrey Rob & Margaret Barzee Jeremy Brown Jerome A. Forcione

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: RESOLUTION 51-17

On motion by John W. Wood, Jr., seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, 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 May 10th 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 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.

<u>Dog Control Officer</u>- Elisa Dunn's report for May is on file in the Town Clerk's office. <u>Historian</u> – Charlene Cole's monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for public inspection.

<u>Town Justice</u>- The judges' reports for May have been received by the Town Supervisor. <u>Legislator</u> – Margaret Kastler reported that there will be a public hearing on allowing sparklers and some fireworks in Oswego County for annual Independence Day and New Year's celebrations at the June 15th 7 pm legislators' meeting. There will be a public hearing at the July 13th 2 pm meeting on a local law adding a 30¢ tax on each cellular phone line. A NYS mandate will require the county to raise the salary of the District Attorney to the equivalent of state attorneys, an increase of \$42,000. The county's Department of Social Services has a high caseload and a shortage of caseworkers, particularly in the area of child services.

BID OPENING: Paving of Tryon and Ouderkirk Roads

Sealed bids for paving on Tryon and Ouderkirk Roads were opened and read as follows:		
Barrett Paving Materials Inc.	\$55.62/ton	Total \$157,126.50
Hanson Aggregates of NY, LLC	\$61.95/ton	\$177,796.50
Riccelli Northern Blacktop LLC	\$59.50/ton	\$238,297.50

PUBLIC HEARING: Water Service Area #3

At 7:18 pm Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway opened a public hearing pursuant to Town Law of the State of New York to consider the proposed establishment of Water Service Area No. 3 in the Town of Sandy Creek. **Cheryl Yerdon, an owner of Greene Point Marina and Mobile Home Park**, spoke of her concerns now that much of the northern portion of the area is underwater due to severe flooding this spring. She is concerned that costs may be increased due to the need for increased directional drilling during construction. She is also worried that in two or three years her business may not exist and a sewage treatment plant will be necessary due to increased marshland. No one else spoke for or against the formation of Water Service Area No. 3. The hearing was closed at 7:24 pm.

<u>Library</u>- Director Jessica Godfrey presented the Town Board with the library's June newsletter. There will be an Arts and Crafts Fair on June 17th from 10 am to 3 pm. A Toddler Art Camp for 2 to 5 year olds is being funded with grant money. All 20 spots have been filled. Four art classes will be taught. Next year music classes may be taught. The Summer Reading Program for children 2 to 5 years and 6 to 12 years will be held once a week beginning in July. A musician will also be performing outdoors in July. <u>Planning Board</u> – Chairman Shirley Rice read the report of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board's meeting on June 7th. They discussed concern over additional signs and banners and Amish and/or Mennonite businesses with no site plan. Two public hearings are pending, but paperwork is still lacking. Cypress Creek Renewables has offered to do a workshop for municipal officials on solar farm development. The July meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, July 6th at 7 pm at the village office building due to Independence Day. The water levels of Lake Ontario and Sandy Pond and the flooding issue was discussed. <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. The automatic water salesman at 99 Weaver Road is in operation. An old EDU error needs to be addressed by the Town Board tonight. Water Advisory Committee – Chairman Norma Newman reported that there was no

meeting in May. The next meeting will be June 26th at 6 pm.

Town Councilman Gove reported on her findings regarding health, dental and optical insurance for retirees. Councilman Scheppard is looking into the Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance. Oswego County, the Village of Pulaski and many downstate municipalities are members. She is waiting for savings estimates for us. She also attended the June 1st Shared Services meeting. Our group includes Richland, Mexico and our two villages. At the July 6th meeting they will be looking at health insurance costs. Councilman Warner is researching uses for a 15 acre parcel on Co Rt 15. He has not found a private agency interested in developing it. The Office for the Aging may be interested the development of senior housing there. He is interested in a solar array for the town. The landfill parcel may not be suitable due to environmental issues. Councilman Wood is researching welcome signs for the town. This project is tabled for now. He is waiting for a photograph to use as a template.

<u>Town Clerk</u> – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of May totaled \$2,123.50. 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. explained that the application deadline for WIIA and IMG grants is June 23rd. B&L prepared four copies of the Backflow Prevention Report for the Weaver Road Water Salesman. This small engineering report includes the site plan and plumbing plan and includes a site visit. The county has accepted the plan and the installation must be certified.

RESOLUTION 52-17

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., the following resolution was ADOPTED - 5 Ayes 0 No Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood, Gove

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to proceed with the services proposed in the June 14, 2017 Engineering Service Proposal for the Weaver Road Water Salesman Backflow Prevention Report for \$1,500.00.

RESOLUTION 53-17

On motion by Dave Warner, seconded by Nola J. Gove., the following resolution was ADOPTED - 5 Ayes 0 No Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood, Gove

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the Agreement of Municipal Cooperation for Construction, Financing, Operation, and Maintenance of an Inter-Municipal Water System for the Sandy Creek-Richland Joint Water Project.

RESOLUTION 54-17

On motion made by Ruth E. Scheppard and seconded by Nancy Ridgeway **BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

Nancy Ridgeway, SupervisorAyeDave Warner, CouncilmanAyeRuth E. Scheppard, CouncilwomanAyeNola J. Gove, CouncilwomanAyeJohn W. Wood, Jr., CouncilmanAye

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOWN OF SANDY CREEK WATER SERVICE AREA NO. 3

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been asked to consider the formation of a water service area in the Town of Sandy Creek to be known as the Town of Sandy Creek Water Service Area No. 3, pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, a Map, Plan and Report prepared by Barton and Loguidice, Consulting Engineers of 443 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, New York 13088, pursuant to Article 12 of the Town Law of the State of New York was filed with the Town Clerk for the Town of Sandy Creek the 10th day of May, 2017, and entitled Town of Sandy Creek Water Service Area No. 3; 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 Section 209-q of the Town Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing having been held June 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. after notice with all interested parties having been heard on the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board at a regular meeting on June 14, 2017, following the public hearing held on June 14, 2017, had a full discussion pertaining to the proposed Town of Sandy Creek Water Service Area No. 3 has heard the public comments and has discussed same with consulting engineers, Barton and Loguidice, DPC, consulting engineers, as well as the attorney for the Town, Allison J. Nelson.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. That the notice of public hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient;

2. That all of the property and property owners within the proposed water service area are benefitted thereby;

3. That all of the property and property owners benefitted are included within the limits of the proposed water service area;

4. That the formation of the proposed water service area is in the public interest;

5. The boundaries of Water Service Area No. 3 are as follows: See attached Schedule A;

6. The estimated annual cost to the typical property/typical home or equivalent dwelling unit ("EDU") would be \$700 per year, said amount includes the typical annual water use costs estimated at 40,000 gallons per year and said annual cost would be

assessed solely against properties in the proposed water service area on a benefit basis according to the established "EDU" criteria;

That based upon 1-6 above, this Board does hereby approve the formation and establishment of the water service area to be known as the Town of Sandy Creek Water Service Area No. 3 pursuant to the terms and boundaries as found in the Map, Plan and Report prepared by Barton and Loguidice, DPC, Consulting Engineers, and filed with the Town Clerk the 10th day of May, 2017. A copy of the Map, Plan and Report as prepared by C2AE, Consulting Engineers, may be reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office, said Map, Plan and Report contains a map of the water service area showing the boundaries and the tax parcels therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is **SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM** and the Town Clerk and Attorney to the Town Board are hereby directed to prepare necessary notices and publish same as required by law.

PUBLIC COMMENT – **Rob Barzee** of **Marina Road** asked who qualifies for funding assistance due to flooding. Town Supervisor Ridgeway is planning to attend a meeting in Watertown to gather information about flood relief for damaged homes. A discussion followed.

<u>Code Enforcement Officer</u> – John Howland's report for May is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

OLD BUSINESS – The manure law was discussed. Ag & Markets has suggested 5 more changes. Councilman Wood will discuss these with Attorney Nelson. Some information on solar topics has been gathered. The board is interested in meeting with Cypress Creek to learn more about solar farms. SEQR paperwork must be done and the August meeting will likely be the date for the public hearing on the local solar law.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 55-17

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 accepts the agreement with the Towns of Orwell and Boylston and the Villages of Sandy Creek and Lacona for the Joint Recreation Program for June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. The Town of Sandy Creek will contribute \$7,000 to the program.

RESOLUTION 56-17

On motion by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove, Warner 0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek places a 0.5 EDU on a vacant parcel, Tax ID #027.14-01-09.02, in Water District #1 and owned by Stephen F. Mayo since 7/7/2013.

RESOLUTION 57-17

On motion by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts all three bids for blacktopping Tryon and Ouderkirk Roads and awards the bid to Barrett Paving Materials Inc.

Superintendent Kastler stated that the county would charge \$78 per ton for blacktopping our roads.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLUTION 58-17

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was ADOPTED - 5 Ayes 0 No

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

From SW1-1990.4 Contingent acount To SW1-8397.45 Water Salesman\$ 8,825.14SW1-1990.4 Contingent accountSW1-8397.451 Labor Water Sales277.28DA8680.1 Employee RetirementDA231 Special Reserve Employee10,000.00DB5110.11 Employee RetirementDB231 Special Reserve Employee10,000.00

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION 59-17

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 #10 in the following amounts:

259.73

General Fund \$

Trust & Agency \$ 9,620.83

And on Abstract #11 in the following amounts:

General Fund\$ 53,651.06Trust & Agency\$ 6,479.72Highway Fund\$ 35,551.73Water District#1-SW\$ 48,569.45Water District#2-SW\$ 727.17Water District#3-H\$ 3,548.52Sandy Creek Fire\$153,912.00Lacona Fire District\$ 70,400.00

RESOLUTION 60-17

On motion made by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was

ADOPTED – 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Gove, Warner, Scheppard, Wood

0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 9:01 pm to discuss current litigation. Attorney Allison Nelson was invited in. Everyone else left the meeting, except Town Clerk Miller and Deputy Washburn waited in their office for the open meeting to resume.

RESOLUTION 61-17

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 9:16 pm.

RESOLUTION 62-17

On motion made by Dave Warner, and seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was

ADOPTED – 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Gove, Warner, Scheppard 1 No Wood

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will offer to settle the Groman tax litigation with a reduction in assessment to \$199,000.00.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Town board will be July 12th at 7 pm. The next Water Advisory Committee meeting will be June 26th at 6 pm.

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC Town Clerk