

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SANDY CREEK
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Date: November 8, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular and Public Hearing on 2018 Budget

Place: Town Hall

Board Members Present: Nancy Ridgeway @7:50 pm

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

Others Present:

Tammy L. Miller
Allison J. Nelson, Esq.
Brittany M. Washburn
Margaret Kastler
Shirley Rice
Pat McCullough
George Kalkowsky, I.E.
John Howland @7:17 pm
Jessica Godfrey @ 7:07 pm
Norma Newman
Wayne Miller
Donna Scanlon
Gary Mashaw

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Town Supervisor Ruth E. Scheppard called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: She opened the public hearing on the 2018 fire protection contracts and the 2018 preliminary budget. No one spoke for or against the contracts or the budget. The hearing was closed at 7:04 pm and the regular monthly meeting was opened.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 99-17

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Scheppard, Wood, Gove, Warner

0 No

1 Absent Ridgeway

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the minutes of the October 3rd & 11th meetings 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.

Donna Scanlon, Program Coordinator for Oswego County Community Development Programs and **Gary Mashaw**, Director of Transportation Services at Oswego County Opportunities were present to explain the Oswego County Transportation Coordination Committee's efforts to create more accessible, reliable public transportation, referred to as mobility transportation. The concept is to utilize public and private transportation (such as volunteer drivers, Uber, Lift, taxis, etc.) to link into the larger public transportation services such as CENTRO and Oswego County OPT (operated by OCO). The Towns of Sandy Creek and Richland are being studied for a possible new service area (if funded by the grant that is being submitted). A questionnaire is currently available for local residents to complete. This survey is for general research in trying to document where the needs are and how the needs can be addressed. Since government money is scarce, the committee does not want to fabricate or over exaggerate the need for transportation in the rural areas of Oswego County. They would like to collect this information in hopes of securing the grant and be ready for its implementation. They realize better service is needed in parts of the county, particularly in the northern portion. Town of Sandy Creek residents have returned approximately 45 to 50 surveys. The information on them is being used to write the grant application. It is hoped that the county will be awarded this grant in the spring of 2018. Mr. Mashaw stated that they are focused on providing services beyond ADA requirements (all current buses are wheelchair accessible) and will be looking at mini grants over the next year to year and a half. The surveys will be collected until the end of 2017. They are looking to expand service to more like the Call-N-Ride service that is based on demand. However, the Call-N-Ride service is limited now. The hope is that it can expand to a more flexible and efficient service to meet the needs of this area. Councilman Warner suggested the surveys be made available at the public library and Supervisor Ridgeway made them available to all residents of Creekside Apartments.

REPORTS:

Highway/Water Superintendent – Superintendent Kastler provided a written report for the Town Board. Deputy Supervisor Scheppard summarized the reports for those present. The town board discussed making a purchase offer on the Ackerman property for the gravel pit.

RESOLUTION 100-17

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Scheppard, Wood, Gove, Warner
 0 No
 1 Absent Ridgeway

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will proceed with a survey of the Ackerman property that is proposed to be purchased for use as a gravel pit.

Assessor–Rhonda Weigand's report is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for public inspection. Deputy Supervisor Scheppard summarized her report.

Dog Control Officer- Elisa Dunn's report from October was received and filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Historian – Charlene Cole’s monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for public inspection.

Town Justice- The judges’ reports for October have been received by the Town Supervisor.

Legislator – Margaret Kastler reported that the county legislature will meet November 9th at 2 pm. The county budget will be passed in December. At the November 9th meeting the legislature will vote on putting property up for auction after only one year of unpaid taxes beginning in 2018. The county is currently owed \$6 million in back taxes. This proposal was discussed and Legislator Kastler answered some questions about it.

Library- Director Jessica Godfrey reported that the town board toured the library tonight. They were given a copy of their 2018 budget, last meeting minutes and latest newsletter. On November 18th at 10:30 am a Kids Thanksgiving Celebration will be hosted at the library by the Sandy Creek High School Book Club. The library participated in “Trick-or-Treat Off the Street” at school for the 3rd year. Approximately 200 to 300 children attended the event. This was a fundraiser with a photo booth, activities and candy. The library gave out free books to the kids. The library hosted a Halloween party. Approximately 30 children and 15 adults attended.

NOCA– No report was received from Northern Oswego County Ambulance, Inc. this month.

Planning Board –Chairman Shirley Rice gave the report of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board’s meeting on November 1st. Their annual training has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 10th at Eddie’s Cove.

Water Advisory Committee–Chairman Norma Newman reported that the October 30th meeting was cancelled due to the Town issuing the State of Emergency for flooded roads that day. The next meeting will be on November 27th at 6 pm.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland’s report for October is on file in the Town Clerk’s office. He attended the Vacant and Abandoned Property informational session at Onondaga Community College on October 25th. He explained that these zombie properties must now be inspected and maintained and will be sold much faster under a new state law. He will work with the Town Clerk to update the New York State Unified Solar Permit process paperwork from NYSEERDA.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of October totaled \$3,083.00 of which \$1,956.98 was paid to Supervisor Ridgeway as town revenue. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection. Information on the 2018 Training School and Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns in NYC in February is available for any town official interested in attending. Two estimates for \$407 each were received from Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors to relocate an indoor and an outdoor thermostat so that they would be better able to balance the heating and cooling systems in the building under the contract the town has with them for annual inspection and maintenance. The town board felt they were too expensive and did not accept them at this time. Hyde-Stone did complete three minor repairs they found necessary after their inspection.

Engineers – George Kalkowsky, I.E. of Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. reported that we are waiting for funding for Water Service Area #3 and hope to hear something any day now. Thirty-eight letters of support including one from Congresswoman Tenney were received. The Phase 1A archaeological investigation is complete. (Supervisor Ridgeway

