**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK
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SANDY CREEK, NEW YORK 13145-0052

**Date:** October 20, 2021

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Nancy Ridgeway  **Others Present:**

 Ruth E. Scheppard Tammy L. Miller

 Nola J. Gove Brittany M. Washburn

 Dave Warner Michael C. Kastler

 John W. Wood, Jr. Jill Mattison

 Timothy Ridgeway

 Ron Fisher

 Jessica Godfrey

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm to continue discussion of the 2022 town budget. Budget Officer Jill Mattison presented updated worksheets for the A fund and the water district funds. With the current figures, the town’s tax rate will be reduced.

Superintendent Kastler discussed the library’s wish list for the property. Jill reported that the only change she made in the A fund was in the library department. She added $10,000 to the library building budget. She discussed creating a library building reserve fund.

Due to healthy fund balances the tax levy can be reduced for 2022.

Library Director Jessica Godfrey reported that the library’s total operating budget will be received from state and county funding and the line item on the school tax bill. They do not receive federal funding.

The tax rate for the three water districts will be kept very close to the 2021 rates. Superintendent Kastler would like to install water main to serve customers on Sunset Lane as several property owners in WD#1 now want water service there. He needs legal advice about putting that work out for bid. It could cost approximately $65,000. The town needs to contact Verizon to see if the antenna placed on the water tower is fully functioning. There still seems to be dead cell service areas nearby.

The overall tax rate is projected to fall by approximately 69¢ per thousand of taxable assessed value. Jill gave approximate operation and maintenance numbers for the water districts. Definite figures for WD#3 are unknown and the amount of the 2022 loan payment is not definite at this time.

The Town Board agreed to cancel the special budget meeting scheduled for October 27th.

Supervisor Ridgeway wants to look into hiring someone to assist with the ARPA funding. According to David Turner, many of our ideas do not qualify under ARPA. She will check with the Tug Hill Commission about assistance. Quotes are needed and we need to keep brainstorming ideas for this funding. The deadline is now April 2022.

The board agreed to order car magnets for officials to borrow when doing field work in the town.

**On motion** by Nancy Ridgeway, and seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy L. Miller, RMC, Town Clerk