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

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

**Date:** October 5, 2022

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Timothy D. Ridgeway  **Others Present:**

 John W. Wood, Jr. Tammy L. Miller

 Nola J. Gove Brittany M. Washburn

 Dave Warner Michael C. Kastler

**Absent:** Ruth E. Scheppard (on the phone) Meg Sprague

 Eric Pappa

 Ron Fisher

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. This special meeting was called to begin discussion of the 2023 town budget. Supervisor Ridgeway turned the meeting over to Budget Officer Meg Sprague. She began by going line by line through the A fund. Town Clerk Tammy Miller wrote a letter to the Town Board asking for a wage adjustment to bring her salary closer to other clerks in the county. The amount requested was approximately a 40% increase. There was much discussion about the request.

Review continued of the B fund. Ron Fisher spoke about the work that Tom Hart has been overseeing at the channel. A grant of $5,000 has been received for annual updates to the map and for a 5-year permit for dredging of the channel. Line Item B5710.45 titled Annual Permit Work should be added to the budget. Money was added to the budget for the new proposal from Upstate Freshwater Institute (UFI).

The Town Board would like the Assessor’s office to stay open to 3 pm Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday each week. It is hoped that the Assessor and her clerk will cover each other’s hours. To accomplish this the clerk will need to work until 3 pm. The Town Board agreed that 8% would be a fair increase in salaries for 2023 as the cost of living is up nearly 6% and most industries are giving approximately 8% raises.

The increase by the Town of Richland for water was discussed. Superintendent Kastler composed a letter with water data and his thoughts on the large increase. The board wants to see Richland’s water budgets and would like to meet with their board concerning the increase.

**RESOLUTION 86-22**

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Wood, Gove, Warner

 0 No

 1 Absent Scheppard

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 8:27 pm for the purposes of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Everyone left the meeting, except Town Clerk Miller waited in her office for the open meeting to resume.

**RESOLUTION 87-22**

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Wood, Gove, Warner

 0 No

 1 Absent Scheppard

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 8:47 pm.

**On motion** by Nola J. Gove, and seconded by Dave Warner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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