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

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

**Date:** October 6, 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

**Absent:** John W. Wood, Jr. Jill Mattison

 Timothy Ridgeway

 Ron Fisher

 Lynn H. Miller- out @ 6:14 pm

 Pat McDougal- in @ 7:11 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. This special meeting was called to continue discussion of the 2022 town budget.

Ron Fisher presented a proposal from David A. Matthews, PhD, CLM, and Director of the Upstate Freshwater Institute to conduct a water quality monitoring program and prepare a management plan for North Sandy Pond. This includes June to September bi-weekly sampling and surveying the pond for harmful algal blooms (HABs). The total cost is $23,120. The possibility of funding this with ARPA money was discussed. Mr. Fisher stressed that public education regarding HABs is important. He spoke to several people about this issue, including Tom Hart, David Klein, Soil and Water, and the DEC. Councilman Warner suggested he speak with the local office of The Nature Conservancy.

Village of Sandy Creek Mayor Lynn Miller was present to give the Town Board a letter asking for the same amount as 2021 for the fire protection contract. The village is not set on how they will spend their ARPA funds either. Supervisor Ridgeway mentioned the idea of the town and both villages updating the community sign on the library lawn to a computerized sign that could be programmed from inside the library. Mayor Miller left the meeting at 6:14 pm.

Budget Officer Jill Mattison distributed updated water district preliminary budgets and at 6:29 pm Supervisor Ridgeway turned the meeting over to her for review of the water budgets. Superintendent Kastler asked the board about running water main down Sunset Lane as there are multiple owners that want it there now. This is part of Water District #1. He would like to use the WD#1 fund balance monies for this purpose.

**RESOLUTION 72-21**

**On motion** by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Warner

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 1 Absent Wood

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek creates a Repair Reserve Fund (GML Section 6-d) for Water District #3.

There was much discussion on the ARPA funding. Superintendent Kastler would like to revisit town-wide trash removal. The removal of junk and the overall beautification of the villages is greatly needed. **On motion** by Nancy Ridgeway, and seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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