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

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

**Date:** September 8, 2021

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

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

 Ruth E. Scheppard Tammy L. Miller

 Nola J. Gove Brett McVoy

 John W. Wood, Jr. Michael G. Yerdon left @7:06 pm

 Dave Warner Norma Newman

 Wayne Miller

 Shirley Rice

 Carol Rohrmoser

 Pat McDougal

 Janet & Ken Creech

 Tim Ridgeway

 Gretchen Digby

 Christina Miller

 Janice Miller

 Nancy Dingman

 Jeanne C. Blair

 Teresa Stowell Hollis in @ 7:07 pm

 John Howland in @ 7:13 pm

 Byron Ellis

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oswego County Legislator Michael G. Yerdon gave his report first so that he could leave to attend the Village of Sandy Creek meeting being held tonight due to Labor Day. Mr. Yerdon reported that the Covid19 vaccination clinic held at the Sandy Creek Fire Hall on August 19th was successful. Thirty-seven second doses and twenty first shots were given. The legislature is working on the county budget. It is a challenge because they have lost staff and need to increase salaries to be competitive. The county’s engineer and highway superintendent are working to move the bridge at the west end of Co Rt 15 to its original location next year. In a letter from County Administrator Phil Church regarding shared services, he said Oswego County will receive $3.3 million. How it will be distributed is unknown at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 66-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the minutes of the August 11th meeting are approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The monthly financial report of the Supervisor for August 2021 was filed today in the Town Clerk’s office. The Town Board received a copy tonight.

**REPORTS:**

Sole Assessor- Rebecca Trudell’s report has been filed in the Town Clerk’s office. She is registered to take a farm appraisal course in Batavia this month.

Dog Control Officer – Anne Derr prepared a report for the Town Board and it is filed in the Town Clerk’s office. There have been several dog bites reported this year.

Highway/Water Superintendent – Michael C. Kastler filed his highway and water department reports. Supervisor Ridgeway summarized them. He would like to send two highway department employees to water operator school.

Historian – Peggy Rice’s written report for August has been filed in the Town Clerk’s office. She created two fall craft items to be given away this fall to those that make a small donation to the Historian Department.

Town Justice- The monthly reports of the Town Justices for August have been received by the Town Supervisor.

Library – Library Director Jessica Godfrey e-mailed her report today. Supervisor Ridgeway summarized the report. A new reception desk was built for the library by Aldyn Landas for his Eagle Scout project.

NOCA – Representative Nancy Dingman reported that NOCA is once again implementing all Covid19 precautions. Board meetings are being held via Zoom again. The contracts for 2022 should be mailed out soon.

Planning Board – Bill Joyce was excused this evening. The minutes of the September 1st meeting have been filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

**RESOLUTION 67-21**

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

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

 0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board Bylaws Revision Final Draft of 8/10/21.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland entered the meeting at 7:13pm. He filed his report of building permits for August 2021 in the Town Clerk’s office. There were no violation notices issued in August. A demolition derby was held at the Fairgrounds on August 28th. Violation notices are normally issued after that event is over.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of August totaled $6,349.60. Of this total, $2,778.35 was town revenue. A largest portion of receipts was from the sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Ken and Janet Creech** of **Co Rt 15** are interested in public drinking water at their property.

Engineers – Brett McVoy of Barton & Loguidice was present to update the Town Board on the current water project. Approximately 128,500 linear feet or 24 miles of water main has been installed. This is about 86% of the total project. The number of water services installed remains at 390 or 66%. WD Malone mobilized a service crew today. There is a pavement restoration crew, a restoration crew doing soil and a drill crew working on Co Rt 62. The 10” PVC pipe shipments have resumed. We are still waiting for State Comptroller approval for the additional funding. Attorney Russell is drafting an agreement to move the vault from the Harten property. Mr. Harten would like it moved by September 25th. WD Malone will need approximately 3 days of preparation work and will need about 5 days to move the vault. The vault will be moved to Upton Road. An easement has been signed for that location.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Ridgeway and Deputy Scheppard attended another meeting on August 26th regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. We are still waiting for a final decision on public water for the CEHA area. Supervisor Ridgeway explained that we have been waiting for this approval for about 2 years. Town officials want to install drinking water for the property owners in that area and are not happy that the town has been unsuccessful in gaining approval. If the DEC’s final decision is no, the Town of Sandy Creek is not interested in funding, taking responsibility or having the town’s name used in future legal proceedings. Pat McDougal responded that she is not happy with the town’s decision and the property owners of the area intended to bear the costs of future appeals. Supervisor Ridgeway explained that it is too difficult to predict what will happen with the variance proceedings, especially how much it could cost. Councilman Warner believes the town has been reasonable and unfortunately the DEC has shown no movement on this issue. Supervisor Ridgeway will inform Pete Backus as soon as the town receives the DEC’s final decision.

John Wood temporarily left the meeting from 7:30 to 7:32 pm.

**RESOLUTION 68-21**

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

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

 0 No

 1 Absent Wood

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek re-appoints Daniel Yerdon to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2021 and expiring September 30, 2026.

Councilman Scheppard spoke with Tom Hart regarding a second planting of beach grass this fall.

**RESOLUTION 69-21**

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Warner, Gove, Wood

 0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the purchase of 5,000 additional beach grass plants for the North Sandy Pond Resiliency Project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Town Board members agreed to hold special meetings for the purpose of establishing the 2022 budget on September 29th, October 6th, 20th and 27th at 6 pm. The public hearing on the budget will be held on November 3rd at 6 pm.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

**RESOLUTION 70-21**

**On motion** by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** - 5 Ayes Warner, Scheppard, Ridgeway, Wood, Gove

 0 No

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

**From Description To Description Amount**

B1990.4 Contingent Account B8010.4 Zoning Board of Appeals Contractual $ 115.00

SW3-1420.4 Legal, Contractual Expense SW3-8340.4 Water Operator Contractual 1,000.00

Councilman Wood hasn’t heard from Mike Lasell yet regarding the town’s vacant parcel. The town hasn’t heard anything more about the inspection of the former dump. CEO Howland plans to mail violation notices this week.

**APROVAL OF BILLS**

**RESOLUTION 71-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the bills be paid on Abstract #16 in the following amounts:

General Fund $ 1,044.57

Trust & Agency $ 10,538.79

**And** on Abstract #17 in the following amounts:

General Fund $ 99,325.38

Highway Fund $ 125,079.14

Water District #3- H3 $ 450,888.98

Water District #1-SW $ 2,982.90

Water District #2-SW $ 347.99

Water District #3-SW $ 2,176.36

Trust & Agency $ 6,254.73

The next regular monthly meeting will be held October 13th at 7 pm.

**On motion** by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk