

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SANDYCREEK
1992 HARWOOD DRIVE, POBOX 52
SANDYCREEK, NEW YORK 13145-0052

Date: December 9, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: Town Hall

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

Ruth E. Scheppard	Tammy L. Miller
John W. Wood, Jr.	Dustin J. Clark, P.E.
Kevin Halsey	Allison J. Nelson, Esq.
Nola J. Gove	Michael C. Kastler
	Austin D. Warner, Jr.
	Margaret Kastler
	Shirley Rice
	Pat McCullough
	Jessica Godfrey- left @ 8:35
	Gina Cangemi-Binotto- left @8:35
	Norma Newman
	Wayne Miller
	Elisa Dunn

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dustin J. Clark, P.E. of Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. was present to give an update on the water projects. A written update is filed in the office of the Town Clerk and available to the public. Water District #1's Contract 5 had final inspection and is substantially complete. Final restoration work will be done in the spring. The Eastern Shore Water System project will come to an end after Contract 6 is completed. The bid process will take place in early 2016 with spring construction planned. Water District #2 was inspected and substantial completion issued on December 3rd. Issues with lawns and grass are under warranty. Restoration will be completed in the spring. The project will be closed with USDA-RD in early 2016. A lower interest rate than originally anticipated is very possible. The \$600,000 CBDG grant has been fully utilized. The project came in under budget and some spare parts and equipment will be purchased with remaining project funds as USDA-RD wants to see municipalities maintain their projects after construction. A press release for Water District #2 will be prepared. Water District #3 is still in planning stages. Alford Farms is not interested in public water at the current projected cost. The Town of Richland is resurveying its unserved property owners to see if public water is desired in any other areas of their town. Letters requesting funding for up-front costs have been sent to Senator Ritchie and Assemblyman Barclay. Funding commitments are used in the EFC scoring of proposed projects. B&L will host a holiday

luncheon on December 17th for all town officials and employees involved in the water projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 131-15

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Halsey, Wood, Gove
0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the minutes of the November 4th meeting as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Town Board received a copy of the monthly financial report of the Supervisor tonight. It was filed in the Town Clerk's office today and is available to the public.

REPORTS:

Assessor- Rhonda Weigand's report for November is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available to the public. Supervisor Ridgeway reported that approximately 75 homeowners still need to return their enhanced STAR applications. There have been several more parcel merge requests.

Dog Control Officer- Elisa Dunn's written report and claims for November were sent by e-mail this afternoon. She has received numerous complaints about a dog near the Lacona Post Office. She gave the owners a dog house from the Oswego shelter and the dog is now licensed. Law enforcement has investigated for possible abuse or neglect. One dog was impounded early this month and redeemed by the owner.

Historian – Charlene Cole's monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available to the public. Supervisor Ridgeway reported that Mrs. Cole is working on preparations for the 200th anniversary celebration of Oswego County.

Town Justice- Judge Longo's report for October and Judge Crast's report for November have been received by the Town Supervisor.

Legislator – Margaret Kastler explained how and why the Oswego County Legislature created the Community Health and Poverty Reduction Task Force. Oswego County is the unhealthiest county in NYS and has a large child abuse and neglect problem. A grant has been received that will allow 50 high school students to attend CITI (BOCES) and obtain a 2 year technical degree through Onondaga Community College tuition-free. Wisdom Thinkers groups are active in schools across the county, including SCCS. They help teach values and character development in our children. Oswego County is second behind the Bronx in unemployment. With the closing of the nuclear plant, this number may go up and families may move out of the area. It will take many years to overcome all of the issues associated with poverty in our county. The legislature will be discussing the county budget at their 2 pm meeting December 10th. There may be a 2.7% increase. At this point no cuts have been made to library funding.

Library-Gina Cangemi-Binotto announced that the Board of Trustees anticipates vacancies and is looking for interested candidates. The next library meeting will be January 22nd at 6:30 pm. The status of the Friends of the Library group was discussed. Library Director Jessica Godfrey reported that \$1,725.00 was received from the Coterie

Deputy Supervisor Ruth E. Scheppard presented Town Councilman Kevin Halsey with a certificate thanking him for five years of service to the Town of Sandy Creek.

The Town Board discussed the request for reimbursement of bills from the Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance Association.

RESOLUTION 138-15

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Nancy Ridgeway, the following resolution was ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Halsey, Wood
0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek denies the request for reimbursement from the Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance Association as the bills are not reimbursable under the current agreement.

RESOLUTION 139-15

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Kevin Halsey, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Halsey, Wood
0 No

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #22 in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$ 1,364.39
Trust & Agency	\$ 15,155.62
Water District #1-SW	\$ 108.20

And on Abstract #23 in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$ 76,746.31
Trust & Agency	\$ 8,391.51
Highway Fund	\$ 112,871.44
Water District #1-H	\$ 203,631.13
Water District #1-SW	\$ 31,402.37
Water District #2-H	\$ 188,890.89
Water District #2-SW	\$ 1,584.70

RESOLUTION 140-15

On motion made by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Kevin Halsey, the following resolution was

ADOPTED – 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove, Halsey
0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 8:46 pm to discuss current litigation and collective negotiations of the Teamsters Local #317 contract. Attorney-for-the-Town Allison Nelson and Town Councilman-elect Dave Warner were invited in. Everyone else left the meeting, except Town Clerk Miller waited in her office for the open meeting to resume.

RESOLUTION 141-15

On motion made by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Kevin Halsey, the following resolution was

ADOPTED – 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove, Halsey

0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 9:57 pm.

On motion by Kevin Halsey, seconded by Nola J. Gove. and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC
Town Clerk