

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

Date: March 13, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: Town Hall

Board Members Present: Ruth E. Scheppard
John Wood
Dave Warner
Nola J. Gove

Others Present:
Michael C. Kastler
Rebekah Prosachik, Esq.
Brittany M. Washburn
Tammy L. Miller
Anthony Young, P.E.
Brett McVoy, Engineer
Margaret Kastler, Legislator
Norma Newman
Shirley Rice
Peggy Rice
Jessica Godfrey
Wayne Miller
Anne Derr
Dallas Miller @ 7:24 pm
John Howland @ 7:28 pm

Absent: Nancy Ridgeway

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Town Supervisor Ruth E. Scheppard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 16-19

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 3 Ayes Gove, Warner, Wood
0 No
1 Absent Ridgeway
1 Abstain Scheppard

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek appoints PathFinder Bank as its official bank for 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 17-19

On motion by John Wood, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Scheppard, Warner, Wood, Gove
0 No
1 Absent Ridgeway

Resolved that the minutes of the February 13th meeting are approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Monthly Report of the Supervisor is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

REPORTS:

Highway/Water Superintendent – Michael C. Kastler read his highway report and his water report. We hope to be working on easements for Water District #3 soon. The detailed drawings are not finalized yet.

Assessor- Deputy Supervisor Scheppard read Rhonda Weigand's report and it has been filed in the Town Clerk's office. Eight residents missed the March 1st deadline for Enhanced STAR exemption renewals. The town's equalization rate has fallen to 91% this year.

Dog Control Officer –Anne Derr prepared a report for the Town Board and it was filed in the Town Clerk's office. She was present to answer any questions the Town Board had. She is also Deputy DCO for the Town of Richland.

Historian – Charlene Cole's monthly report was e-mailed to the Town Board and is on file in the Town Clerk's office. She read an article in the February/March issue of *Oswego County Business Magazine* on Laser Transit Ltd.

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

Legislator – Margaret Kastler reported that after eleven years serving as County Legislator of District 1, she has decided not to seek re-election in November. The Town of Sandy Creek will have two parcels in the county's tax auction this year. There are many tax delinquent parcels in the county and two or three auctions may be necessary.

Library– Library Director Jessica Godfrey presented the board with her monthly newsletter and annual report graphic for 2018. She explained the APAML Yearly Statistics Report for 2018. She requested cupboards and countertop for a small wall area that serves as the staff breakroom. Superintendent Kastler has looked into this and believes it may cost approximately \$1,000. There was no objection to this expenditure from the library building.

Planning Board –The Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board's March meeting was cancelled due to weather and was not rescheduled.

Water Advisory Committee- The minutes from the March 4th meeting have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk and are available for public inspection. Mrs. Newman explained that the 1.5 EDU assigned to the Gokey residence at 39 – 41 Chipman Lane last fall should be 1.0. The WAC recommends that the Town Board refund Mr. Gokey the difference. The situation was discussed at length. The Town Board agreed that Attorney Prosachik should send Mr. Gokey a letter regarding the refund request.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland's report for February is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for public inspection. He reported on the Jones chimney violation. His NYS reports have been filed. He will attend training April 2nd -4th. On March 15th at 10 am CEO Howland and Superintendent Kastler will meet with Tom Erwin from Verizon regarding a possible cellular antenna on the water tower. Last year the town sent out an RFP for this project and received no response. Mr. Howland also reported on an article in an issue of *Talk of the Towns & Topics*. It is about a case out of Monroe County regarding the re-levy of costs for the clean-up of property. A decision is due by the end of March. He also discussed a bank registration law.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of February totaled \$1,751.00. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection. On January 29th the entire Town tax levy for 2019 was paid to the Town Supervisor. Approximately 85% of the total tax warrant has been collected. Payments totaling \$1.5 million have been sent to the Oswego County Treasurer. STAT Communications Inc. will honor the March 2018 quote of \$1,297.00 for upgrading the court's DVR and camera system. The liquor license application from Kyle's Wigwam LLC has been amended to include the outdoor area and third floor. NYS recommends each municipality have a male and a female representative working to comply with the Sexual Harassment regulations. Train the Trainor classes are available this spring.

Engineers – Anthony Young and Brett McVoy of Barton & Loguidice were present to update the Town Board on current projects. They are waiting for comments from the NYS Departments of Transportation and Health in order to finalize the design drawings for Water District #3. Applications to the Army Corps of Engineers and the DEC are progressing. Easement drawings and descriptions are in progress. A project financing agreement with the NYS EFC DWSRF for short term interest-free financing should be ready in about three months.

David Klein, Senior Field Representative from The Nature Conservancy was unable to make tonight's meeting due to illness.

RESOLUTION 18-19 - NORTH SANDY POND RESILIENCY PROJECT LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION

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

ADOPTED - 3 Ayes Scheppard, Wood, Gove
 0 No
 1 Absent Ridgeway
 1 Abstain Warner

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek has long been a proponent of stewardship and appropriate management of North Sandy Pond and its associated channel, beaches and dunes as evidenced by the town's designation of Sandy Pond as a Critical Environmental Area under SEQRA in 1987;

WHEREAS, the town has applied for and been notified of a grant award of \$320,000 under NYSDEC's Water Quality Improvement Project Program, Great Lakes Nature-Based Shorelines, for the North Sandy Pond Resiliency Project, which is being matched by \$140,000 in contributions by the town, the Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance Association, and The Nature Conservancy;

WHEREAS, the town is committed to enhancement of navigation and restoration of the beaches and dune complex as described in the North Sandy Pond Resiliency Project;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.4 and 6 NYCRR §617.5, the town reviewed the proposed action and has preliminarily determined that same is a Type 1 Action per 6 NYCRR Part 617.7 (b) (10);

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, coordinated review of a Type 1 action is required and both Involved and Interested Agencies have been identified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b)(3), with respect to the above-described action.

The MOU update will be completed soon. Mr. Klein wants to ensure that he has the Town Board's permission to open discussions with some landowners on the north spit of North Pond to seek their permission for sand placement on their properties. This kind of action is covered in the MOU, but is not specifically mentioned.

RESOLUTION 19-19 - NORTH SANDY POND RESILIENCY PROJECT DISCUSSIONS

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

ADOPTED - 3 Ayes Scheppard, Wood, Gove
 0 No
 1 Absent Ridgeway
 1 Abstain Warner

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek gives David Klein permission to seek permission from landowners to deposit sand on their properties.

RESOLUTION 20-19

On motion by John Wood, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Scheppard, Wood, Gove, Warner
 0 No
 1 Absent Ridgeway

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the optional quote from Eastern Shore Associates Insurance to increase the deductible from \$0 to \$1,000 for its NYMIR general liability insurance policy saving the town approximately \$280.65.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Norma Newman asked about the Bednarski EDU assignment. No decision to reduce it has been made at this time as it was discovered that there are nearly 200 parcels in the Town of Sandy Creek in the Pulaski school district. Peggy Rice alerted the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board to a potential dangerous situation on a curve near the log yard on Co Rt 48. Tractor trailers are parking on the curve, sometimes facing the opposite direction. Superintendent Kastler requested truck entrance signage for this area, but was denied by the county. Logs have also been piled near the edge of the road. The site plan for AllwoodLog Products, Inc will be reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 21-19 - 2020 Volvo Truck Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Sandy Creek is in need of a new snowplow/dump truck and the Town Board wishes to expend monies from such reserve account to acquire a Volvo 2020 M/Y VHD 64F200 and I Shift HD Chassis; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sandy Creek Highway Superintendent, Michael Kastler, has obtained a quote for a Volvo 2020 M/Y VHD 64F200 and I Shift HD Chassis for a total purchase price of \$233,293.16; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek maintains a Highway Equipment Reserve Fund Account pursuant to General Municipal Law for the purpose of acquiring, repairing and maintaining Town highway equipment.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion made by Ruth E. Scheppard and seconded by Dave Warner be it resolved as follows:

That the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek wishes to expend monies from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to acquire a Volvo 2020 M/Y VHD 64F200 and I Shift HD Chassis or a total purchase price of \$233,293.16.

That the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek does hereby authorize the balance for the purchase of the Volvo 2020 M/Y VHD 64F200 and I Shift HD Chassis be financed through Sun First Equipment Finance, a leasing company, at a rate of 4.39%.

Pursuant to Section 220 of the Town Law of the State of New York, this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

Motion adopted as follows:

NANCY RIDGEWAY, TOWN SUPERVISOR	ABSENT
RUTH E. SCHEPPARD	AYE
NOLA J. GOVE	AYE
DAVE WARNER	AYE
JOHN W. WOOD, JR.	AYE

Deputy Supervisor Scheppard will attend the County Supervisors meeting on March 27th. Budget shortages will be discussed. Councilman Wood gave an overview of the 12 classes he attended at the Association of Towns training in New York City. Councilman Warner also attended the training and spoke about the solar presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 22-19

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

ADOPTED - 3 Ayes Scheppard, Warner, Wood
 0 No
 1 Absent Ridgeway
 1 Abstain Gove

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the annual audits of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Water Clerk and Town Supervisor for 2018 as completed on February 28, 2019 by Nola J. Gove.

Deputy Scheppard is unable to attend the April 10th regular meeting of the Town Board and Supervisor Ridgeway will be recovering from surgery. The Town Board agreed to move the meeting to Thursday, April 11th at 7 pm.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 23-19

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

ADOPTED - 4Ayes Scheppard, Warner, Wood, Gove

0 No

1 Absent Ridgeway

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #4 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 248.67

Trust & Agency \$ 13,994.78

And on Abstract #5 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 93,920.49

Trust & Agency \$ 11,354.12

Highway Fund \$ 39,476.23

Sewer Fund \$ 2,560.00

Water Project #3- H3 \$ 10,656.25

Water District #1-SW \$ 9,760.38

Water District #2-SW \$ 1,223.80

Water District #3-SW \$ 1,338.68

The next meeting of the Water Advisory Committee will be March 25th at 6 pm and the next regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be April 11th at 7 pm.

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard., and seconded by John Wood, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC
Town Clerk