

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK
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Date: October 15, 2025

Type of Meeting: Special Budget Meeting

Place: Sandy Creek Town Hall

Board Members Present: Timothy D. Ridgeway, Town Supervisor
Ruth E. Scheppard, Town Council Member
John W. Wood Jr., Town Council Member
Nola J. Gove, Town Council Member

Absent: A. Dave Warner, Town Council Member

Others Present: Meg Sprague (out at 5:49pm), Amber Waters, Ron Fisher, Mike Kastler, and Brittany Washburn.

CALL TO ORDER: Town Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussing the 2026 Budget and any other matters that are brought to the Town Board.

Supervisor Ridgeway turned the meeting over to Bookkeeper Meg Sprague.

Mrs. Sprague summarized the changes made to the A and B funds from the previous budget meeting. Everyone present looked over the updated A and B funds. Ron Fisher mentioned that we still need to add a line for the retirees' health benefits. Meg did add the dollar amounts to the budget but will add in that specific line item to show the breakdown between employees and retirees.

Mike Kastler mentioned that he spoke with Denise Schneider, President of the Sandy Pond Sportsmen's Association, to see if they could match the Town funds for SPCMA. He will reach back out to her on this matter.

Bookkeeper Sprague suggested a 2% increase for the DA and DB funds. She then turned the meeting over to Highway Superintendent Michael Kastler. Mike then began discussing the DA fund of the Highway budget. The DA budget has not changed much. Mr. Kastler would like to be able to make a payment and a half on the truck loan using fund balance next year. The County includes wages and benefits with their reimbursement for the snow and ice contract. We should see a 30% reimbursement from the County for the snow and ice contract soon.

Mike then began discussing the DB fund of the Highway budget. Mr. Kastler bumped up line the equipment line, DB5110.2, with \$10,000. The Skinner Road culvert project is almost complete. Mike has applied for a grant for the Hadley Road bridge replacement. Line DB5110.44 will be for the Hadley Road bridge project. Mike would like to pay for the new truck out of the DA and DB funds. He is waiting to hear back from the Comptroller to see if this is possible.

Ruth Scheppard asked if Water Operator Dustin Green would be working in the Highway Department at all during the upcoming winter months. Highway Superintendent Kastler said that Dustin Green is now working in the Water Department full-time. Michael P. Haverlock will now be our floater between the Highway and Water Departments. Mr. Haverlock will be in the Highway Department in the winter and Water Department in the summer. If there is a water emergency, Mr. Haverlock will be able to assist.

Council member Scheppard asked if we have looked into the Water funds yet. Water Superintendent Kastler said that he looked it over. He is thinking that we may need to increase the operation and maintenance (O&M) for Water District #1 and Water District #3 by \$25 and Water District #2 by \$10. Water usage rates will remain the same. Town Clerk Washburn mentioned that we may need to relevel one unpaid water bill. We will have a better idea of the budget for the salary lines after another payroll.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding insurance for retirees. Council member Scheppard has drafted letters to send to retirees regarding their insurance changes. She will send the draft letters to the attorney for any feedback she may have.

Supervisor Ridgeway discussed the request we received from the Central Oswego County Riders club at the last regular meeting. Town Clerk Washburn sent their request to the attorney for her feedback.

Superintendent Kastler will be picking up picnic tables donated from the Sandy Pond Sportsmen's Association. The picnic tables will be set near the gazebo at the Town Hall. Mr. Kastler may set picnic tables at the library as well.

On motion made by Nola J. Gove and seconded by John W. Wood Jr., and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brittany M. Washburn
Town Clerk