

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SANDY CREEK
1992 HARWOOD DRIVE, PO BOX 52
SANDY CREEK, NEW YORK 13145-0052

Date: April 8, 2015

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: Town Hall

Board Members Present:	Nancy Ridgeway	Others Present:
	Ruth E. Scheppard	Tammy L. Miller
	Nola J. Gove	Dustin Clark
	John W. Wood, Jr.	Michael Kastler
	Kevin Halsey	Lesley C. Schmidt, Esq. @7:20 pm
		Shirley Rice
		Patricia McCullough
		Elisa Dunn
		John Howland @ 7:16 pm
		Karen Galloway
		Wayne Miller
		Carol Flournoy
		Peggy Rice
		Michelle Farrand
		Martin Sliva
		Becky Rudd

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 46-15

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

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

0 No

Resolved that the minutes of the February 24 and March 2, 11, & 23 meetings are approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Town Board received a copy of the monthly financial report of the Supervisor tonight. It is filed in the Town Clerk's office.

REPORTS:

Town Board – Councilman Wood reported that he attended Tug Hill's 26th Annual Local Government Conference at JCC on March 26th. He attended four classes that were full of valuable information and resources for future learning.

Assessor- Rhonda Weigand's report for February is on file in the Town Clerk's office. She will be meeting with property owners by appointment prior to Grievance Day, which is June 2nd this year.

Dog Control Officer- Elisa Dunn filed a written report tonight. With the snow finally melting, she is getting busy. One impounded dog has been redeemed and another will be redeemed tomorrow. She requested compensation for a Deputy Dog Control Officer to cover when she is unavailable.

RESOLUTION 47-15

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

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

0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek agrees to pay a Deputy Dog Control Officer \$25 per call plus mileage.

Historian – Charlene Cole's monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for public inspection.

Legislator – Margaret Kastler was absent this evening.

Town Justice- Judge Longo's monthly report has been received by the Town Supervisor and filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Library- President Michelle Farrand reported for the Board of Trustees of the Annie Porter Ainsworth Memorial Library. Other officers are as follows: Gina Cangemi-Binotto, Vice-President; Rachel Allen, Secretary; Ashley Haskins, Treasurer; and Jill Soule, Liaison to the Friends of the Library. The library board is requesting their full 2015 budget line from the Town now rather than wait for quarterly payments. They want to offer the Library Director a more competitive salary and hire staff to work under the director. The newly renovated areas of the library look nice. The next meeting will be April 9th at 6:30 pm and is open to the public. The meeting dates and times will be posted on the library door and on the library's website. Currently two substitutes are working to keep the library open. The duties of library volunteers were discussed.

Planning Board – The Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board Chairman Shirley Rice reported on the April 7th meeting. This report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Highway/Water Superintendent – Superintendent Mike Kastler read his highway report for March. It is on file in the Town Clerk's office. He also read his water report. There have been no more frozen line issues and only one frozen meter that was due to owner neglect. Many residents are returning to town and the water operator is busy installing meters and turning water on. Meter readings were taken on April 7th and 8th. Some read zero and two will not read. No leaks were found. The meter reading data will be sent to Blair, then to Badger, and then to Williamson Law Book before bills can be generated. DANC believes there is a very good chance that we will receive grant money for the water record management project. There are punch list items to be completed for Water District #1. Superintendent Kastler has requested water equipment pricing for 2015. Residents in Water District #1 need to continue running water at night until the frost leaves the ground.

Water Advisory Committee – Karen Galloway reported that the minutes of their March 30th meeting are on file in the Town Clerk's office. The committee reviewed EDU assessments due to many parcel merges and splits. Water surveys have been mailed to all

owners in the Town of Sandy Creek that do not currently have public water available to their properties. Contract #5 which will use the remainder of the funds left in the Water District #1 project was discussed.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland’s report for March is on file in the Town Clerk’s office. He will be mailing out junk letters in the next month. Several properties were discussed. There is a problem with excessive dumping of garbage on Tryon Road. He attended training at the Tug Hill’s 26th Annual Local Government Conference at JCC and will attend a Dig Safely class next week. There will be a walk-thru at the library on April 14th with North Country Library System to close out the renovation project and get the remaining 10% of the grant funding. There will be a meeting at the village office building on April 14th at 7 pm regarding the replacement of the Joint Waterworks water tower off Tiff Street.

Town Board – Councilman Scheppard reported on the Oswego County Town Supervisor’s meeting. The Town of Minetto has a snow removal local law.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of March totaled \$1,470.50. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection. Mrs. Miller also attended Tug Hill’s 26th Annual Local Government Conference at JCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none at this time.

Barton & Loguidice – Dustin J. Clark, P.E., Senior Project Engineer was present to give updates on water districts 1, 2 and 3. Because there is still frost in the ground, the weather is a factor in determining when the Water District #1 restoration work will be completed. Work should resume by the end of April. Contract #5 Town of Richland sections are ready for bid. It could be three months before all additional areas are ready for bid. They could be incorporated into Contract #5 as a change order if cleared for construction. By the end of October the project’s short term financing will go to long term financing. We are waiting for Rural Development review comments and then will put Water District #2 out for bid. Construction is anticipated June through August. The feasibility study for a proposed Water District #3 is underway. Approximately 272 surveys of greater than 1,100 have been returned to date. The goal of this interest survey is to get public water to the areas that want it. The results will shape the project service area. Peggy Rice spoke about the public’s concern about the extremely large farm on Co Rt 48 that sits above the aquifer. It will use a very large amount of water and she has concerns about the possible manure vats. Attorney Lesley Schmidt agreed that residents need to be proactive. However, harm or injury must be shown to file any lawsuit and the DEC will not act otherwise. Neighbors need to test their wells regularly.

OLD BUSINESS

A committee has been formed to work with the \$10,000 grant for the promotion of fishing at Sandy Pond. Members are Tom Haines, John Bateman, Todd Frank, Nancy Ridgeway and Lee Harvey.

RESOLUTION 48-15

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek reappoints Edmund P. Backus to the Board of Assessment Review with a term expiring on 9/30/2019.

RESOLUTION 49-15

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Towns of Redfield and Richland for the broom purchase and use.

RESOLUTION 50-15

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes Supervisor Ridgeway to sign the license agreement with ProQuest LLC for Ancestry Library Edition or a net price of \$500.

There is a Harassment and Discrimination Training in Minetto on April 9th from 3:30 to 5 pm that is open to everyone. Attorney Nelson sent comments on the proposed agreement between the town and village regarding Water District #2. Attorney Schmidt explained that the town does not want to negotiate an amendment to the signed IMA that is already in place. The issue of unpaid water bills is between the Village of Sandy Creek and the property owners.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 51-15

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will hire and appoint Brittany Washburn as water billing clerk/collection clerk with duties including, but not limited to, the collection of water rents and as the Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Officer.

The Oswego County Emergency Management Office is offering a training session on the Incident Command System for elected officials and others who might become emergency workers during a widespread disaster on April 9th from 6 to 9 pm at the Snow Memorial Building auditorium. Supervisor Ridgeway announced that Stratt Killam will be traveling on the Syracuse Honor Flight for veterans and that both Stratt and Jack Killam will be honored at the Sandy Creek United Methodist Church for their service during

WWII. She will present both of them with certificates of appreciation from the Town Board.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 52-15

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

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #6 in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$	788.87
Trust & Agency	\$	21,041.51

And on Abstract #7 in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$	49,266.21
Trust & Agency	\$	1,996.03
Highway Fund	\$	15,416.41
Water District #1-H	\$	15,980.98
Water District #2-H	\$	118.61
Water District#1-SW	\$	1,689.65

Councilman Halsey noted that the Town Barn is in need of improvement and would like to start planning for a possible Town Highway Barn project.

RESOLUTION 53-15

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will hold a workshop meeting on the fourth Wednesday at 4 pm for the remainder of 2015.

On motion by Kevin Halsey, seconded by Nola J. Gove and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC
Town Clerk