

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SANDY CREEK
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Date: August 31, 2016

Kind of Meeting: Special Meeting

Place: Sandy Creek Town Hall

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

Others Present:
Allison J. Nelson, Esq.
Tammy L. Miller
Brittany M. Washburn
Margaret Kastler
Shirley Rice
Patricia McDougal
Peggy Rice
Renee Alford
Timothy C. Alford
Kristy Nevills
Catherine A. Ellis
Shiree R. Goins
Erwin J. Wood
Frank Dixon
Bill Eastman
Brian Muto
Jim Tighe
Carl Falk
Debbie Ward

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called this special meeting to order at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. She stated that this special meeting was held because there is no time at regular town meetings. The town board will be discussing a local law regulating manure storage facilities and nutrient management for the Town of Sandy Creek. This is not about closing or shutting any farm down and she asked those that came to argue to please leave.

Attorney-for-the-Town Allison J. Nelson explained the draft local law. She has researched NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets guidelines and has spoken to one of their representatives. Ag & Markets must approve the wording of this law before it can be adopted. This law would provide a fast site plan review process with no public hearing required. In fact, Ag & Markets will not allow the town to require a public hearing. The Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board would review the same information submitted to NYS for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) plans. The town would obtain these plans and have some regulation ability. Town Board members received the draft of this law in June 2016. Councilmen Scheppard and Wood had some objections to wording in the draft.

Attorney Nelson stated that the next step is to send the draft to Ag & Markets for review. She stated that the law cannot be too restrictive. Supervisor Ridgeway stated that it is important for the town to know when there is new construction planned. Brian Muto explained that farmers must spend extra time and effort to comply each time more government regulations are added. He suggested that town representatives meet with a CAFO planner and he would like further conversations between the town and the farming community before a new law is adopted.

The town is only interested in basic information and copies of filed paperwork. The board needs to decide if the law would pertain to only new construction with a grandfather clause or if every farm with a manure storage facility would need to comply once the law is adopted. This would only be done once and would not be an annual process for each farm. It is believed that there are currently four farms in Sandy Creek with CAFOs. This law would require that review by the town be completed within 45 days maximum and could be completed in just one meeting.

Most of the public left the meeting and the Town Board stayed to conduct other business. Michele Forsyth has agreed to work two hours per day, two days per week as a court clerk for the Town of Sandy Creek. She is willing to volunteer her time. However, Attorney Nelson recommends hiring her as an employee for a small salary.

RESOLUTION 92-16

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek hires Michele Forsyth as court clerk with an annual salary of \$480, paid at a rate of \$40 monthly beginning September 2016.

RESOLUTION 93-16

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nancy Ridgeway, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts a verbal quote from Artisan Engraving for \$5,000 to clean 250 stones in Stevens Cemetery.

RESOLUTION 94-16

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts a quote from Stanley Steamer for carpet cleaning at the library for \$550 and for \$110 for carpet cleaning with protective coating and the cleaning of one chair in the CEO's office at the Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 95-16

On motion made by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 7:06 pm to discuss collective negotiations of the Teamsters Local #317 contract. Attorney Allison Nelson was invited in. Everyone else left the meeting, except Town Clerk Miller and Deputy Washburn waited in their office for the open meeting to resume.

RESOLUTION 96-16

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 7:45 pm.

The Town Board will review the highway-by-use resolution from the June 8th meeting for vote at the September regular meeting.

On motion by Dave Warner, seconded by Nola J. Gove, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC
Town Clerk