

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: December 10, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: Town Hall

Board Members Present: Nancy Ridgeway
Ruth E. Scheppard
Nola J. Gove
John W. Wood, Jr.
Kevin Halsey

Others Present:
Tammy L. Miller
Dustin Clark- left @ 7:59
Michael Kastler-left @7:59
Shirley Rice
Patricia McCullough
Wayne Miller-left @ 7:59
Becky Rudd

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 123-14

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 minutes of the October 15, 22, 29 and November 5 and 12th meetings are approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

REPORTS:

Assessor- Rhonda Weigand's report has been filed in the Town Clerk's office. She writes that agricultural exemption renewals will be mailed in early January. Sale of property is average and prices are remaining steady.

Dog Control Officer- Marjorie O'Grady McCann was absent this evening and no expense report was received.

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

Town Justice- The monthly reports of the Town Justices have been received by the Town Supervisor and filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Legislator – Margaret Kastler was excused due to the weather this evening.

Library – No one was present to report this evening. Their minutes have been filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

Planning Board – The Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board’s report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Chairman Shirley Rice reported on their December 2nd meeting. The former Hotel Martin is waiting for a liquor license. The Site Plan was approved with conditions. Three handicap parking spots will be located in front of the building parallel to Harwood Drive. There is a wind power application coming soon.

Highway/Water Superintendent – Superintendent Mike Kastler read his report for November. It is on file in the Town Clerk’s office.

Water Advisory Committee – Only Norma, Wayne, and Karen attended the November 24th meeting. The next meeting will be held January 25th.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland’s report for November is on file in the Town Clerk’s office. He is excused from tonight’s meeting due to vacation.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of November totaled \$2,036.75. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection.

Barton & Loguidice – Dustin J. Clark, P.E., Senior Project Engineer was present to give an update on the water projects. He explained that when only 1% of project value remains, a project is considered substantially complete. Contracts 1, 2, and 3 are all substantially complete. Contract #3 is actually 100% complete. Contract #4 is going well. Approvals should be received soon. Two easements still remain on South Rainbow Shores Road. Contractors will need an extension due to the 2 easements and the remaining restoration work.

RESOLUTION 124-14

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 approves Change Order #1 of Contract #4.

Contract #5 is underway and construction will begin in the spring of 2015. Water District #2 is also on schedule for spring. On January 26th the Water Advisory Committee will discuss the areas to include in proposed water district #3. Supervisor Ridgeway showed the photo board, plaque, and program from the American Public Works Association, New York Chapter, Central Branch. The Eastern Shore Water System won a 2014 Environmental Project of the Year award.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors have proposed preventative maintenance agreements for HVAC equipment at the Town Hall, Town Barn and Library. Superintendent Kastler is not interested in the Town Barn agreement. The library’s equipment was discussed. It is relatively new and there are multiple heating systems in that building.

RESOLUTION 125-14

On motion by John W. Wood, Jr., seconded by Kevin Halsey, 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 approves a one year preventative maintenance agreement with Hyde-Stone for the Town Hall equipment only to begin in December 2014.

Supervisor Ridgeway reported that on November 12th she accompanied Superintendent Kastler and Deputy Supervisor Scheppard to Canastota, NY to the Rusty Rail restaurant where the Eastern Shore Water System Project won a 2014 Environmental Project of the Year Award. The project was selected by the Central New York Branch of the American Works Association (APWA). They were joined by Eric Pond, Dustin Clark and Manasseh Burt from Barton & Loguidice.

The board discussed hiring a new Dog Control Officer. All five constables are interested in reappointment for 2015. Paperwork has been submitted to Empire State Development. We are waiting for more instruction on the \$10,000 grant for promoting fishing at Sandy Pond.

Supervisor Ridgeway sent a letter requesting the resignation of the current library trustees. The Town Board will recommend an audit of the library finances and requests that all employees are paid properly by payroll.

The board was in agreement that no water usage bills will be sent until the spring cycle.

NEW BUSINESS

The possibility of an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the two villages was discussed. This would enable the town’s Water Operator to provide back-up services to the villages’ joint waterworks system. The water truck and plow were recently vandalized. It is being repaired.

RESOLUTION 126-14

On motion by Kevin Halsey, 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 approves offering to sell a radiator to the Town of Redfield for a price of \$500.00.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 127-14

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

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

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

General Fund \$ 669.01
Trust & Agency \$ 11,495.53

And on Abstract #23 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 39,386.62
Trust & Agency \$ 10,027.58
Highway Fund \$ 21,054.97
Water District #1-H \$ 596,622.85
Water District #2-H \$ 17,500.00
Water District#1-SW \$ 18,431.21

The DANC grant application was discussed. The Town Board agreed to meet on Monday, December 29th at noon for the year-end meeting to pay bills. The organizational meeting for 2015 will be on January 14th at 7 pm.

Library issues were discussed. Supervisor Ridgeway has consulted with the North Country Library System. They can train new library trustees. The finances and payroll at the library were discussed. The library currently has many activities scheduled.

On motion by Kevin Halsey, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr. and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC
Town Clerk