

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: February 8, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: Town Hall

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

Others Present:
Tammy Miller
Michael C. Kastler
Allison J. Nelson, Esq.
Brittany M. Washburn
Margaret Kastler
Dustin J. Clark
George Kalkowsky
Shirley Rice
Pat McCullough
Norma Newman
Wayne Miller
Cheryl Yerdon
Jessica Godfrey
Peggy Rice
Janelle Bettinger
Diane Sanderson
Michael R. Jennings
Susan Ferguson
Jim Holden
Paul & Jennifer Edick
Chris Masuicca
Bruce & Jennine Johnson
Mary Wind
Mike Kline
William E. Eastman
George & Teresa White
Marty Sliva
Jerome Forcione
John Howland @ 7:15 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Highway Superintendent Michael Kastler explained that the towns of Sandy Creek, Richland, Redfield, Boylston, Orwell and Williamstown requested sealed bids for a used double drum roller. The bids were opened at 12:30 pm on February 7th at the Sandy Creek Town Hall. Highway Superintendents from Boylston, Redfield, Sandy Creek, and Williamstown were present. Three bids were received from Milton Cat

for \$94,800, Tracey Road Equipment for \$47,824, and Vantage Equipment for \$49,888. The Superintendents are recommending each town accept the low bid from Tracey Road Equipment. The six towns will share the cost of this equipment and an inter-municipal agreement will be drafted regarding its shared use by the towns.

RESOLUTION 10-17

On motion by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Wood, Warner
0 No

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the bid from Tracey Road Equipment for \$47,824 for one used 2011 Sakai Asphalt Roller, Model SW800-2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 11-17

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of the January 11th and 24th meetings are approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The December monthly financial report of the Supervisor was filed and made available to the Town Board members today. It is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

REPORTS:

Assessor- Rhonda Weigand's report has been filed in the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Ridgeway summarized it for the public. On March 1st all exemption applications and renewals are due. On February 7th Rhonda and Julie were out surveying property damage from the snowstorm.

Dog Control Officer – Elisa Dunn was absent tonight. Her report was filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Historian – Charlene Cole's monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Ridgeway summarized it for the public. Total volunteer hours for January 2017 were 131 with some days closed due to bad weather. Many of our local history books are selling well. A historian in St Lawrence County found some pictures of Sandy Creek and hopes to visit and share them soon.

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

Legislator – Margaret Kastler reported that the next meeting of the Oswego County Legislature will be on Thursday, February 9th at 2 pm on the 4th floor of the county building in Oswego. She attended the county conference in Albany the end of January. She is on two committees, Health and Public Safety. Oswego County has a serious drug problem, ranking #1 in the state. More foster homes are needed in the county. A larger jail is also needed. E-911 will be getting a new director. Kevin Poole has been temporarily appointed to train for the job. On February 11th we will need to dial all 10 digits to make a telephone call.

Library – Library Director Jessica Godfrey gave a copy of the February “Check It Out” event flyer to the Town Board. She reported that a wine tasting event will be held on February 11th from 6 to 8 pm. A wine basket raffle will also be held. The library will host a snowman building party on February 23rd and a former pilot will talk about emergencies and wilderness survival. She requested a diaper changing station be installed in the basement bathroom. Superintendent Kastler advised against it as the lower bathroom has an up-flush toilet and the risk of someone attempting to flush baby wipes or diapers would be too great. There is a changing station in the main restroom on the ground floor. New floor tile for the main restroom needs to be selected.

Planning Board – Chairman Shirley Rice read the report from the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board’s meeting on February 7th.

RESOLUTION 12-17

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek reappoints Thomas Ready as member of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board for a term beginning March 1, 2017 and ending February 29, 2020.

Highway/Water Superintendent – Michael C. Kastler read his highway report. He had placed the 2008 Ford F350 Super Duty Utility Truck on the Auctions International, Inc website and it has a bid of \$12,600.00.

RESOLUTION 13-17

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the on-line bid of \$12,600.00 for the 2008 Ford F350 Super Duty Utility Truck on Auctions International, Inc.

He also reported that there are 8 outstanding water bills. There are 86 fire hydrants in Water District #1. Help in keeping them shoveled out is greatly appreciated. A letter has been sent to the Town of Richland requesting permission for outside water users and for an automatic water salesman in Water District #1. The Richland and Sandy Creek water operators will be doing PESH confined space training on February 9th at the Sandy Creek Town Hall.

Water Advisory Committee- Chairman Norma Newman reported that the minutes from the January 30th meeting have been filed. Work continues to define the map of the proposed Water District #3.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland reported that there were no building permits issued in January. He plans to attend code school in Liverpool April 3rd-6th. He is working with the Planning Board on the solar law. He has spoken to Taylor Kline regarding Verizon cell service at the Water Tower site. A Coast Guard antenna has also been suggested for this site.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of January totaled \$1,889.25. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection. Information on the 2017 Training School and Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns is available in the Town Clerk’s office. Over 2,700 tax bills have been collected and the town budget for 2017 was fully funded on January 31st. The standardized notice form for renewal of an on-premises alcoholic beverage license was received from Brewsters.

RESOLUTION 14-17

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the Polling Site Agreement with the Oswego County Board of Elections for the State/Local Primary on September 12th and General Election Day on November 7, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway is changing the town’s natural gas supplier to Hudson Energy.

RESOLUTION 15-17

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the following EDU changes as recommended by the Water Advisory Committee:

<u>Tax ID number</u>	<u>EDU</u>	<u>Property Location</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
027.00-03-03.05	0.50	Off Albro Tract	Louise Franklin
027.00-03-03.07	0.50	Off Albro Tract	Louise Franklin
027.00-03-03.08	0.50	Off Albro Tract	Louise Franklin
028.00-01-02.09	0.50	St Rt 3	Timothy Hathway
028.00-01-02.10	0.50	St Rt 3	Timothy Hathway
027.18-01-59	1.0	131 Albro Tract	Gary Holmes

RESOLUTION 16-17

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the annual software support contract for the Highway Superintendent program from Williamson Law Book Company for 2/1/17 through 1/31/18.

Dustin Clark reported that the CDBG funding of Water District #2 has been closed out.

RESOLUTION 17-17

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek de-obligates the remaining balance of the Water District #2 Rural Development project budget.

Mr. Clark led the Town Board through a review of Part 1 of the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form for the Sandy Creek – Richland Joint Water Project located in the Towns of Richland and Sandy Creek.

RESOLUTION 18-17

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek declares itself lead agency for the Sandy Creek – Richland Joint Water Project.

Mr. Clark explained the next steps after the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) process leading to district formation. First, the proposed map must be finalized. The Map, Plan and Report should be completed in April or May. A Public Hearing must also be held. Mr. Clark recommends this be done at a special meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Martin Sliva** had questions about the Sandy Pond Sportsman’s Association fishing grant being administered by the town. **Jim Holden** is interested in seeing the final draft of the map for Water District #3. **Sue Ferguson** wants and needs water at her property on St Rt 3. She also complimented the Highway Department on plowing this season. **Chris Masucca** questioned the process of obtaining the survey results of those that want and do not want public water. He asked when the deadline is for yes/no opinions. Water Advisory Committee Chairman Norma Newman responded by explaining why the committee conducted the recent door to door canvass. **Mike Jennings** wanted to be included in Water District #1 and still wants public water. **George White** of Hilton Road wants to be included in the next water district. **Bruce Johnson** also complimented the town on snow plowing this winter. He asked when the final Water District #3 map will be available.

Water Committee Alternate Cheryl Yerdon spoke about what the town learned through the formation of Water District #1 and asked Town Clerk Miller to explain the advantages and disadvantages of formation through a special election process.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 19-17

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Wood

0 No

1 Absent Warner

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #2 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 273.86

Trust & Agency \$ 23,685.72

And on Abstract #3 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 109,746.09

Trust & Agency \$ 485.19

Highway Fund \$ 29,059.63

Water District #1-H \$ 268.70

Water District #3-H \$ 945.00

Water District #1-SW \$464,442.72

Water District #2-SW \$ 476.01

On motion by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held March 8th at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC
Town Clerk