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: July 13, 2022
Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting
Place: Town Hall

Board Members Present:	**Others Present:**
Timothy D. Ridgeway	Michael C. Kastler
Ruth E. Scheppard	Tammy L. Miller
Nola J. Gove	Brett McVoy
Dave Warner	Michael G. Yerdon
John W. Wood, Jr.	Meg Sprague
	Jessica Godfrey
	Ron Fisher
	Nancy Dingman
	Peggy Rice
	Bill Joyce
	Tom Williams
	Pat McDougal @ 7:10 pm

CALL TO ORDER:
Town Supervisor Tim Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
RESOLUTION 53-22
On motion by John W. Wood, Jr, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was
ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Warner, Wood
0 No
Resolved that the minutes of the June 8th meeting are approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT
The monthly financial report of the Supervisor for June was filed in the Town Clerk's office and copies were delivered to Town Board members' mailboxes.

REPORTS:
Highway/Water Superintendent – Michael C. Kastler read his highway and water department reports. In Water District #3 all water main is in the ground. Three new sections are ready for service installations. After the Sunset Lane project is complete, services in WD#3 will be completed and then restoration work will be done. Two members from the Ellisburg Town Board and their engineers met with officials from Richland, Sandy Creek, and Barton & Loguidice to discuss the possibility of a water transmission line running through Sandy Creek. The line would serve Town of Ellisburg residents in the Renshaw Bay and Montario Point areas with water from the Town of Richland. The Town of Sandy Creek would need to set a transmission fee for this service. The Town of Richland may need to raise the cost of water for the 2023 budget.
RESOLUTION 54-22
On motion by Tim Ridgeway, 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 approves the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds for the sum of $320,000 for general repairs on 3.6 miles of town highways for 2022.

Sole Assessor- Rebecca Trudell's Town Board report for June has been filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Dog Control Officer – Anne Derr prepared a report for the Town Board. It is filed in the Town Clerk's office.
Historian – Peggy Rice's monthly report was filed in the Town Clerk's office. She asked Superintendent Kastler about the mowing schedule for the abandoned cemeteries. They are mowed every one to two weeks.
Town Justice- The monthly reports of the Town Justices have been received by the Town Supervisor.
Legislator – County Legislator Michael G. Yerdon reported that the County Legislature approved two projects in Sandy Creek funded with ARPA monies. One is for the dredging project and the other is for water testing of the North Pond tributaries. Contracts for these projects are being executed. Oswego County plans to use 20% of their ARPA funds for a county-wide broadband program. Councilman Scheppard attended the Shared Services meeting in May. She noted that the waterfront area of the town was not surveyed. She reported that the county is asking for 10% of all the towns and villages ARPA funds to add to the broadband project. Legislator Yerdon attended a meeting with the NYS DEC and DOT regarding the YMCA bridge project. The state has not looked at the site. He is meeting them onsite next week and hopes to finalize the plans in August. The County gave Northern Oswego County Ambulance $139,000 of their ARPA funds.
Library – Library Director Jessica Godfrey distributed copies of the library's newsletter to Town Board members. The theme for the summer reading program is "Oceans of Possibilities". Activities are held two times per week. The Bubble Man is coming to the library for an activity on July 30th. There are more activities planned for August. All 11 of the libraries in the North Country Library System are donating toward a booth for the Oswego County Fair. A story hour will be held there.

RESOLUTION 55-22

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, 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 approves giving up to $35,000 of the town's ARPA funds to the Annie Porter Ainsworth Memorial Library to purchase new furniture for the teen and adult room.

NOCA – Nancy Dingman reported that Northern Oswego County Ambulance is getting fill for free from the health center project. This saved both organizations money by only moving the fill next door. NOCA may be asking the town for a share of the ARPA money soon.
Planning Board – Bill Joyce reported that the minutes from the July 6th meeting have been filed. Training has been completed and documentation filed for the year. They have learned that a seven-year term is suggested for a seven-member board and that the purpose of an alternate member is not for an absence, but for conflicts of interest. A public hearing for the Village of Sandy Creek's one-year moratorium on solar farms is scheduled for August 1st at 7 pm. They may begin review of the Comprehensive Plan. The August meeting may be canceled if there is no new business to discuss.
Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland's report of permits and violation notices for June is filed in the Town Clerk's office.
Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of June totaled $2,345.25 of which $2,110.39 was town revenue. The report is on file in her office and available for public inspection. Another Primary will be held on August 23rd.
Engineers – Brett McVoy, I.E., of Barton & Loguidice was present to update the Town Board on the water projects. WD Malone has approximately one day of work left to complete Sunset Lane. The same crew is working in WD#3. All the water main has been installed and sections are ready for service in Sandy Creek. There is one small section of main left to install in the Town of Richland. There is no contractor payment application and no Form E this month. The hearing for the CEHA variance is tentatively set for August 29th and 30th.

RESOLUTION 56-22

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, 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 approves the Updated Legal Services Agreement with Joseph W. Russell, P. C., Attorneys at Law to represent the Richland- Sandy Creek Joint Water Project retroactive to February 1, 2022.

RESOLUTION 57-22
On motion by Dave Warner, 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 will bill the CEHA group from July 14, 2022 forward for all expenses related to the CEHA variance hearing proceedings with the NYS DEC. The expenses are to be paid from an escrow fund set up with the Town of Sandy Creek for this purpose.

RESOLUTION 58-22
On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, 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 appoints Michael A. Fogel, Esq. as special counsel to represent the Town of Sandy Creek regarding the town's application to the NYS DEC for an Article 34 Coastal Erosion Management Permit (DEC ID No. 7-3599-00040/003) for Water District #3and authorizes Town Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway to sign an engagement letter for legal services for this purpose.

Mr. McVoy reported that a second mailing was sent to potential Water District #4 property owners. Only 45% have been returned. Of those returned, 50% are in favor of public water, but only 35% at the projected cost. B&L staff will take a closer look at the roads and parcels of those responding.

Ron Fisher was present to share an update on the water quality monitoring agreement the town has with Upstate Freshwater Institute to address the HAB issue on North Sandy Pond. Three samples have been taken. Results of the first sample from June are back. The results are quite good with minimal algae and almost no blue-green algae found. Further study of 5 tributaries emptying into North Pond is being planned. They are Lindsey Creek, Skinner Creek, Little Sandy Creek, Blind Creek, and Mud Creek.

OLD BUSINESS:
RESOLUTION 59-22
On motion by Tim Ridgeway, seconded by Nola J. Gove, 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 will hire Armory Associates, LLC for actuarial services including Other Post Employment Benefits liabilities (OPEB) under the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

RESOLUTION 60-22
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 will accept the estimate from Locy's Hardwood Floors to completely sand and finish (3 coats) the hardwood floors in the Town Hall for $5,775.00.

Supervisor Ridgeway has applied with the NYS DOT to install welcome signs.

NEW BUSINESS:
RESOLUTION 61-22

On motion by Tim Ridgeway, 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 will give the Boylston & Sandy Creek Cemetery Association $3,000 to help with the cost of removing trees in the Boylston Wesleyan Cemetery in the Town of Sandy Creek.

Superintendent Kastler reported that the FEMA monies the town received in 2018 were audited and he was told administrative costs were not supposed to be covered. The town must pay back some of the money. This will be further investigated, and the payments processed next month.

RESOLUTION 62-22

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., 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 will renew the apartment lease for another year with Michael C. Kastler, Jr.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS
RESOLUTION 63-22

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes the following transfer of funds:

From	Description	To	Description	Amount
DA5130.2	Machinery Equipment	DA5130.4	Machinery Contractual	$7,643.82
SF1-2401	Fire Protection #1 SCFD	A 5031	Interfund transfer of interest	$ 156.84
SF2-2401	Fire Protection #2 LFD	A 5031	Interfund transfer of interest	$ 77.48

APPROVAL OF BILLS
RESOLUTION 64-22

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

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #12 in the following amounts:

General Fund	$	706.36
Water District #1-SW	$	5.15
Trust & Agency	$	18,486.03

And on Abstract #13 in the following amounts:

General Fund	$	26,529.07
Highway Fund	$	57,091.89
Water District #3- H3	$	38,862.43
Water District #1-SW	$	26,505.53
Water District #2-SW	$	568.73
Water District #3-SW	$	11,980.51
Water District #4- SW	$	2,500.00
Trust & Agency	$	6,799.30

The next regular monthly meeting will be held August 10th at 7 pm.

On motion by Tim Ridgeway, and seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm. Respectfully submitted, Tammy L. Miller, Town Clerk