

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK  
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**Date:** June 11, 2025

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** Sandy Creek Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Timothy D. Ridgeway, Town Supervisor  
John W. Wood Jr., Town Council Member  
Nola J. Gove, Town Council Member  
Ruth E. Scheppard, Town Council Member  
A. Dave Warner, Town Council Member

**Others Present:** Katrina McDougal, Ron Fisher, Bill Joyce, Mike Kastler, James McGuire, Mary McGuire, Michael Yerdon, Meg Sprague, Jessica Godfrey, Gerhardt Brosch, Pat McDougal, Todd Bristol, and Brittany Washburn.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Town Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution #57-25** Motion made by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was **Adopted** with **5 Ayes** Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Wood, Warner

**0 No**

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> meetings as written.

## **REPORTS:**

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Todd Bristol – There were 19 permits and 3 violation for May. Todd has been busy completing inspections. No news on the Kent matter. Todd will reach out to the Attorney for an update.

**Dog Control Officer** – Reports for April and May have been filed with the Town Clerk's office.

**Sole Assessor** - Rebecca Trudell's monthly report has been filed with the Town Clerk's office. Grievance day was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. They had one scheduled appointment and one walk-in that night. The Board of Assessment Review made determinations on 15 grievances. Determination letters have been mailed.

**Highway/Water Superintendent** – Michael Kastler read his Highway and Water Reports for May. Both reports are on file with the Town Clerk's office. Next month, the Town Board will need to make a resolution to use the highway equipment reserve to purchase the new plow truck that we ordered last year. This action will be subject to permissive referendum. Mike reached out to the Attorney regarding this matter. She will be calling in the morning to talk with Mike and the Town Clerk regarding the details.

**Historian** – Peggy Rice's monthly report has been filed with the Town Clerk's office. Peggy has been organizing a float for the fair parade to celebrate the Town's 200<sup>th</sup> year. Bookkeeper Meg Sprague, Town Clerk Brittany Washburn, Deputy Clerk Amber Waters and her son Caleb, will be involved in the parade. Peggy would like to have a lock installed on the storage room door in the downstairs lobby. Peggy would also like to see if the Town would consider enclosing the open space next to the back stair well to make into an office or storage space.

**Judges** – Reports are filed with the Town Supervisor.

**Legislator** – Legislator Michael Yerdon was present tonight. It was his first meeting back after his illness. He is slowly getting back to his normal routine.

**Library** – Jessica Godfrey – Read a few highlights from the June newsletter for the library. There is a \$5,000 grant available that Jessica would like the library to apply for. The deadline for the grant is July 18<sup>th</sup>. They are planning to purchase a new storage shed as their current one is in rough shape. The fee for removal is a bit expensive. Highway Superintendent Kastler volunteered to remove the old shed. Mike suggested that the new shed be put in a new spot or pushed back from its current spot. It can be a little tricky to plow snow around in the winter at its current location. The library will have a table at the Oswego County Fair.

**NOCA** – No report was received.

**Planning Board** – Bill Joyce – Minutes from the last meeting are on file with the Town Clerk's office. No new items on the town side of things. In the Village of Sandy Creek, the Planning Board has requested that S&R Automotive install a six foot privacy fence. Mr. Joyce would like to use the Town of Granby's subdivision local law for Sandy Creek.

**Town Clerk** – Brittany Washburn – Monthly reports for the Town Clerk and Water Clerk are on file and available for inspection. The Routine Maintenance, Annual QEI & 5 Year Full Load Agreement for the lift needs to be approved, signed, and returned to Northstar Lifts LLC.

#### **RESOLUTION 58-25**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the agreement with Northstar Lifts LLC for the Routine Maintenance, Annual QEI & 5 Year Full Load Agreement.

**Ron Fisher** was present and gave a brief update on the pond sampling. The coliform testing from May 21<sup>st</sup> came back with a low level of coliform present. Water temperatures are still on the cooler side so not much has grown. HAB sampling is planned for July.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Spider spraying for the Town Hall will be done on June 14<sup>th</sup> as long as the weather cooperates.

**TRANSFERS:** None

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**RESOLUTION #59-25** Motion made by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was **Adopted** with **5 Ayes** Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Wood, and Warner  
**0 No**

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

General Fund	\$	16,102.84
Highway Fund	\$	37,418.38
Sandy Creek Fire District	\$	157,000.00

Lacona Fire District	\$	80,000.00
Water District #1	\$	4,603.78
Water District #2	\$	597.85
Water District #3	\$	374,282.04
Trust & Agency	\$	21,772.66
<b>Total Bills:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>691,777.55</b>

**OLD BUSINESS:** Town Supervisor Ridgeway spoke with Tim Stahl this morning regarding the dredging of Sandy Pond. He had no news to share. Mr. Ridgeway also spoke with Pete Backus regarding CEHA. Mr. Backus had no updates but hoped to hear something by October.

Pat McDougal inquired about a White's Lumber invoice for mulch. The invoice was applied to the Town's account and should have been put on the Village account. Town Clerk Washburn had not yet received any new invoices from White's. Mrs. McDougal also inquired about the two solar farms within the Town. The town has not received any new information regarding the two solar farms. Mike Kastler let Pat know that the sign is back up for the garden area near 81.

**RESOLUTION #60-25** Motion made by John W. Wood Jr., and seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was **Adopted** with **5 Ayes** Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Wood, and Warner  
**0 No**

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 6:23pm to discuss the collective bargaining agreement. Everyone left the meeting, the Town Clerk waited in her office for the open meeting to resume.

**RESOLUTION #61-25** Motion made by John W. Wood Jr., and seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was **Adopted** with **5 Ayes** Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove, and Warner  
**0 No**

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 6:49 pm.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**On motion** made by Nola J. Gove, and seconded by Timothy D. Ridgeway, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brittany M. Washburn  
Town Clerk