**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:** June 12, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Timothy D. Ridgeway  **Others Present:**

Dave Warner Tammy L. Miller

John W. Wood, Jr. Michael G. Yerdon-left @6:36 pm

Nola J. Gove Jessica Godfrey

Ruth E. Scheppard Bill Joyce

Ron Fisher

Pat McDougal @6:01 pm

Matt McGregor-left @ 7:11 pm

Andrew VanDoorn-left @ 7:11 pm

David Bottar

Gerhardt Brosch @ 7:15 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Two bids for the paving of Kehoe and Miller Roads were opened by Town Clerk Miller and read aloud as follows: Barrett Paving Materials Inc. of Liverpool, NY $361,157.10

Northern Asphalt, LLC of North Syracuse, NY $225,400.00

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 57-24**

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

ADOPTED - 5Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Warner, Wood, Gove

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**Resolved** that the minutes of the May 8th meeting are approved as written.

**REPORTS:**

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland’s report for May is on file in the Town Clerk’s office.

Highway/Water Superintendent – Michael C. Kastler filed his highway department and water department reports with the Town Clerk and supplied copies to the Town Board. Supervisor Ridgeway reported that Dustin Green will be taking the water operator grade B & C certification examination on July 14th. Barton & Loguidice sent a request for determination of just compensation of property for two parcels near the Skinner Road Culvert Project and an engineering services proposal for the water storage tank shutdown and restart procedures required for tank maintenance and repair work.

**RESOLUTION 58-24**

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Warner, Gove

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1 Abstain Wood

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the just compensation amounts for the acquisition of the real property interests for tax parcel ID #8.00-2-8 owned by Steven Snedeker for $200 and for tax parcel ID #18.00-3-18 owned by Erwin J. Wood for $100.

**RESOLUTION 59-24**

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

ADOPTED - 5Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Warner, Wood, Gove

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to proceed with the services and terms and conditions described in their Engineering Services Proposal for Water Storage Tank Repair File 702.5975 for an amount not to exceed $3,000.00.

Sole Assessor- Rebecca Trudell’s monthly report has been filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

Dog Control Officer – Anne Derr prepared a report for the Town Board, and it is filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

Historian - Peggy Rice prepared a written report and it is filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Town Justice- The monthly report of the Town Justice Stoker was received by the Town Supervisor. Town Justice Crast submitted a check only.

Legislator – County Legislator Michael G. Yerdon reported that the Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary has been designated after seven years of waiting. It is the only one in NYS and stretches 1,745 square miles from west of Oswego to the Saint Lawrence River. They will be working this summer to locate the sites of 41 shipwrecks and two airplane crashes. A ceremony will be held in September. The federal government will establish an office nearby. This will draw tourism and be a positive benefit to the area. Camp Zerbe’s new bathhouse is done, and the entire renovation, including frisbee golf and new trails, will be done by the end of July. A seven-week youth summer camp will be held there. The county blacktop plant is opening after $2 million dollars was invested in it. They are now testing to begin operation. The towns should be able to get a better deal for paving projects now. Councilman Wood asked about the status of the transfer station in Pulaski. Legislator Yerdon explained that the building has rusted through and will be repaired this year. He also reported that the Tug Hill Commission will be researching the history of the Blount Lumber Company.

Library – Director Jessica Godfrey reported that the library is applying for a NYS library construction grant. The exterior of the building will be the focus. They want to replace the sidewalk, front steps and sign. A tree needs to be removed from the lawn to make room for the sign. Pat McDougal asked about purchasing mulch for the flower beds.

**RESOLUTION 60-24**

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Timothy Ridgeway, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Warner, Wood, Gove,

0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes the removal of one tree on the library’s front lawn.

**RESOLUTION 61-24**

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by John Wood, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Warner, Wood, Gove,

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek agrees to reimburse the local garden club for the purchase of mulch to maintain flower gardens at the library.

NOCA – There was no report from Northern Oswego County Ambulance this month.

Planning Board – Bill Joyce reported that the there was no meeting on June 5th due to no quorum, but those present did discuss the proposed solar project with Matt McGregor and Andrew VanDoorn. It would be great to know what is buried at the town dump site. The 300-foot setback requirement is not ideal for the developer but can be done.

Legislator Michael G. Yerdon left the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Councilman Warner asked questions about section E on page 7 of the solar lease agreement. The developers will stay ten feet away from any monitoring wells. They normally can dig down about two feet in the topsoil. There will be no battery energy storage system on this site. Dave Bottar of the Central New York Regional Planning Board spoke highly of these developers, stating they have been doing good work in the area for several years. Ron Fisher joined the conversation regarding the DEC, the development period, and about breaking the lease if necessary. A decision on the two leases was tabled until more questions are asked and answered. Mr. McGregor and Mr. VanDoorn left the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of May totaled $2,547.75 of which $2,292.66 was town income. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection. Notice of a new alcoholic beverage license was received from The Golf Dreams Incorporated dba The Elms Golf Club. Julie Cronk filed her resignation for retirement purposes effective June 26th. The office will be closed for Juneteenth. A Republican primary election will be held at the Town Hall on June 25th from 6 AM to 9 PM.

Ron Fisher reported that the water level on Sandy Pond didn’t rise and is now six inches below normal. The Piping Plovers did not come back. Cathy Goodnough plans to resign as the President of the Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance Association. They received all three years of ARPA funding and have spent it. Gerhardt Brosch commented that the channel depth is fine, but the lake is too shallow.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was none at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was a virtual discussion with the DEC and the CEHA area representatives.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 62-24**

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

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Warner, Wood, Gove

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes the bookkeeper to pay new full-time hire Joe Mintonye the highway department clothing allowance.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

**RESOLUTION 63-24**

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

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove, Warner

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes the following transfers:

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| FROM Line # | Description | TO Line # | Description | $ Amount |
| H3-200 | H3 Checking | SW3-200 | SW3 Checking | $ 62,800.00 |

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**RESOLUTION 64-24**

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

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove, Warner

0 No

**Resolved** that the bills be paid on Abstract #10 in the following amounts:

General Fund $ 47,802.63

Highway Fund $ 81,345.86

Water Project-H3 $ 20,596.25

SF1-SCFD $ 157,000.00

SF2-LFD $ 80,000.00

Water District #1 $ 53,485.73

Water District #2 $ 475.96

Water District #3 $ 25,892.29

Trust & Agency $ 34,147.93

**On motion** by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk