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

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK  
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**Date:** June 26, 2019

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Meeting

**Place:** Cazenovia Equipment/Widrick Building & Sandy Creek Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Ruth E. Scheppard **Others Present:**

Nola J. Gove Tammy L. Miller

Dave Warner Michael C. Kastler

Nancy Ridgeway Brittany M. Washburn

John Wood Mike Boland left @ 6:52

Mike Haverlock left @ 6:52

Jay Widrick left @ 6:52

Wade Brown left @ 6:52

**The following joined at 7:05 pm:**

Rebekah Prosachik, Esq.

Lynn Miller

Diane & Gerhart Brosch

Pat McDougal

The Town Board and Highway Department met at 6 pm at Cazenovia Equipment, 6224 US Rt 11, Sandy Creek to tour the buildings and grounds for the possible future location of the Town of Sandy Creek Highway Department. The business is moving out by June 2020 and the owner, Jay Widrick of Oswego SC Properties, LLC is looking to rent or sell the property. At 6:52 pm the Town Board left the site to continue their meeting at the Town Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called this special meeting to order at the Town Hall at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. This special meeting was called to review the current intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Sandy Creek and their recent request to connect 5 homes to WD#2’s transmission line. The Village Board of Trustees was given ample notice about the meeting this evening. Their attorney could not attend and the village trustees also opted not to attend.

On February 28, 2017 a letter requesting information was sent to the village and remains unanswered. On May 1, 2017 the village increased its water rate for the Town of Sandy Creek Water District #2.

Attorney Prosachik has reviewed the IMA and stated that the town has a right to inspect and audit the books. This needs to be done to calculate a proper water rate. The rate calculation formula listed in the IMA is confusing. It appears that the rate should be $7.90. The Town Board negotiated a reduction to $8.23. The Town Board needs to know what this water rate is based on.

The Joint Waterworks is a separate entity from the two villages and is the source of the water. The Village of Lacona is able to sell the same water to a private water hauler for $4.50 per thousand gallons of water. It is believed each village can set their own rates according to the Joint Waterworks formation documents. The villages act in similar fashion with the money the town pays each village for fire protection. The fire departments only get a percentage of the money collected for fire protection.

Attorney Prosachik will request financial information regarding Water District #2 from the Village of Sandy Creek. The Freedom of Information Law process was discussed. The town wants a better formula for water rate calculation using appropriate numbers and an updated IMA. The Mayor doesn’t hold office hours. The next meeting of the Joint Water Works is July 8th at 10 am at the Village Office.

**RESOLUTION 53-19**

**RESOLUTION TO REVOKE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION PLAN 2014**

**WHEREAS,** Lake Ontario is a valuable regional, national and international resource; and

**WHEREAS,** federal governments of the United States and Canada and the International Joint Commission have, in partnership with the States and Provinces, a joint interest in the management of Lake Ontario; and

**WHEREAS,** the management of the lake levels falls within this joint interest, and

**WHEREAS,** the flooding experienced by shoreline residents, by shoreline businesses and within public waterfront spaces has threatened life and safety while causing severe property damage, significant environmental damage, substantial economic loss and protracted mental health trauma; and

**WHEREAS,** municipalities across Ontario have expanded significant staffing and financial resources in flooding mitigation, flood protections and emergency responses; and

**WHEREAS,** the flooding experienced threatens regional and municipal infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS,** it is conceivable and reasonable to anticipate future flooding as was experienced in the spring of 2017 and is being experienced now in 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Canadian representatives of the International Joint Commission (IJC) and the Federal Government immediately suspend Plan 2014 and establish a plan that better protects the interests of municipalities, emergency responders and riparians;
2. The Provincial government review and increase the funding provided to municipalities as the first line in flood prevention, preparation, mitigation, response and recovery commensurate to the anticipated increases in flooding, erosion and damages;
3. The Canadian Provincial and Federal governments be requested to create a committee to review mitigation and safety plans for the communities fronting the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway, and that our municipality be invited to participate.

On motion made by John W. Wood, Jr. and seconded by Dave Warner, the resolution was approved in accordance with the following vote:

Nancy Ridgeway, Supervisor Aye

Ruth E. Scheppard, Councilman Aye

Nola J. Gove, Councilman Aye

Dave Warner, Councilman Aye

John W. Wood, Jr., Councilman Aye

Attorney Prosachik and Councilman Wood have been e-mailing regarding possible revision to the EDU schedule and local water law.

The Town Board will discuss their thoughts regarding the Widrick property at the July regular meeting.

**On motion** by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Nola J. Gove, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk