**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:** March 21, 2023

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

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

John W. Wood, Jr. Tammy L. Miller

Nola J. Gove Brittany M. Washburn

Ruth E. Scheppard Michael C. Kastler

Eric Pappa @ 7:12 pm

**Absent:** Dave Warner Jim & Michele Forsyth-out@7:23pm

Frank Manchester-out @ 7:23pm

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. This special meeting was called to discuss water rates and water IMAs with the Town of Richland, the union contract, building repairs, and ARPA funds.

The draft union contract still has an area regarding CDL licenses and classes that needs to be written more clearly as the Town Board does not intend to pay for CDL classes for employees. The town does intend to pay for CDL license renewals for union employees in the future. Therefore, the vote on the union contract was tabled.

The draft Procurement Policy written by Attorney Hills and naming the town’s purchasing agents was discussed.

**RESOLUTION 31-23**

On motion by Timothy D. Ridgeway, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Wood

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1 Absent Warner

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the updated Town of Sandy Creek, New York Procurement Policy, which includes the designation of purchasing agents.

The American Rescue Plan Act funding was discussed. Dylan J. Kimball, President of the Lacona Fire Department sent a written request to the town asking for $10,000 to complete a training facility and pole barn. Harold Smith, President of the Oswego County Fair Board of Directors sent a written request for funding to purchase two AEDs for a total of $1,050.95 each. If approved Mrs. Forsyth will assist in the procurement of the AEDs. The Fair Association also requested ARPA funds from Oswego County. Frank Manchester sent a written request to the town on March 8th for $13,160.95 for repairs to VFW Cable Trail Post #8534 in Lacona. He also requested $30,000 from Oswego County for the VFW’s kitchen renovation among other annual expenses. The Forsyths and Mr. Manchester spoke on behalf of the VFW Post. Gregg Evans, CPA and partner of The Bonadio Group sent written guidance to the Town Board regarding the ARPA funding. Town Supervisor Tim Ridgeway is a member of all 3 of the organizations requesting ARPA funds and will abstain from voting on their requests for funds. The Town Board made no decision at this time.

No one from the Town of Richland’s Town Board attended this meeting, although they were invited. The water rate increase by the Town of Richland was discussed. Attorney Hills has been in contact with Richland’s Attorney Seiter. Richland has requested a voluminous quantity of paperwork to perform their own audit of our two joint water projects.

Craig Sternberg is now working with CEHA property owners on South Sandy Pond Inlet Road. He has several ideas for getting the camps public water. He has contacted Oswego County Health Department and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation with his ideas.

Supervisor Ridgeway wants to set up committees. Councilman Gove agreed to work on updating the Employee Handbook. All councilmen should send her their comments and thoughts after they review the current handbook.

Mary Theresa Turo is interested in buying some property from the town at the water storage facility in the village behind her home.

Superintendent Kastler would like the Town Board to review the list of repairs he compiled that are needed on town property.

**On motion** by Nola J. Gove, and seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk