**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 23, 2022

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

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

 Ruth E. Scheppard Brittany M. Washburn

 Nola J. Gove Tammy L. Miller

 Dave Warner Anthony Young

 John W. Wood, Jr. Dustin Clark

 Brett McVoy

 Meg Sprague

 John Horth, Jr.

 Ken & Janet Creech

 Irving Beauregard

 Kelly O’Grady

 Sandy Besaw

 Lynn Miller

 Eric Pappa @7:24 pm

Town 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 a possible Water District #4. Barton & Loguidice Engineer Anthony Young began the discussion. He passed out 3 possible maps of the proposed water service area #4. **John Horth, Jr**. of US Rt 11 stated that he wants public drinking water. **Ken Creech** of Co Rt 15 also stated that he wants water. B&L is willing to send a survey by mail to those without public water asking for their opinion on the need and desire for water at their individual properties. A 40% response rate on surveys is usually good as unfortunately the majority of people usually fail to respond. **Kelly O’Grady** and **Irving Beauregard** want water on Volcko Tract. Water districts in NYS take an average of 5 years to construct and it may be longer in today’s market. **Lynn H. Miller, Mayor of the Village of Sandy Creek** is interested in the possibility of the village connecting to the town’s water districts in the future. This would allow the village to receive water from the Town of Richland if necessary.

Water Operator Eric Pappa entered the meeting at 7:24 pm.

The Town Board agreed that B&L should send surveys to property owners on US Rt 11 and west and on some roads east of the village of Lacona as listed on the draft map labeled “Alternative 2- Proposed Water Service Area No. 4”. A meeting with the two mayors that form the villages’ joint waterworks board will be needed to see if the Village of Lacona is at all interested in the proposal.

**Sandy Besaw** of US Rt 11 stated that she wants public water at the last home before the county line. **Mr. Creech** also stated that he had his well water tested recently and it was undrinkable. Supervisor Ridgeway will set up a meeting with the two mayors and then the town can set up a joint special meeting with the two village boards.

The Town Board discussed at length the need for a second water operator to train under Mr. Pappa. It was suggested that ARPA money could be used to fund the first year of salary for the new water operator. Councilman Wood would like to see the funding used toward one of the larger projects that the town needs, such as updates to or the construction of a new town barn. He stated that he is also not interested in handing out money to other organizations when the town has its own needs. Councilman Scheppard reminded the board that the Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance Association is asking the town for of some of its ARPA funding toward dredging. SPCMA has also asked the county for $500,000. The Town of Ellisburg may be giving them $5,000. The Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek needs to decide on how much additional funding to give them. Replacing the sign on the library lawn is one possible use of some of the ARPA funds. Also the CPA that was hired to assist us with the ARPA funds will be paid from the funding.

The town board was in general agreement that the town should hire its own water operator to work under our current operator for one year.

**On motion** by Nola J. Gove, and seconded by Dave Warner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk