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

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK  
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SANDY CREEK, NEW YORK 13145-0052

**Date:** March 6, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Joint Meeting with the Town of Richland

**Place:** Sandy Creek Town Hall

**Sandy Creek Councilmen Present:** Timothy D. Ridgeway  **Others Present:**

Ruth E. Scheppard Michael C. Kastler

Nola J. Gove Tammy L. Miller

John W. Wood, Jr. Anthony Young

**Absent:** Dave Warner Meg Sprague

Brittany M. Washburn

**Richland Councilmen Present**: Robert North Mike Brennan left at 6:06 pm

Larry Atkinson Martha Lawrence

Donna Gilson Laird Petrie

Eric Pappa Herbert G. Yerdon

**Absent:** Sue E. Haynes Kern Yerdon

Robert Jeffery

Tim Crouch

Town of Sandy Creek Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway opened the special joint meeting at 6 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The purpose of the meeting was for the two town boards to discuss, review and update the two intermunicipal agreements (IMAs) in place from the joint water projects.

First, Supervisor Ridgeway introduced Mike Brennan of Brennan’s Bay RV Park and Campground. Mr. Brennan spoke about his desire to get public water for his park. His shoreline is next to Greene Point Marina and Campground, but is in the Town of Ellisburg in Jefferson County. Ellisburg considered forming a water district, but the cost per EDU was expected to be approximately $1,000, which is too expensive for most people. He would like to purchase water from the Town of Sandy Creek through Greene Point Marina. He asked the Sandy Creek Town Board to consider his request since Ellisburg is not proceeding with a water district. He contacted the Village of Mannsville and it is also too expensive to get water from them. It was noted that the Town of Sandy Creek would need permission from Richland to resell their water. Richland said that wouldn’t be a problem. Also, Jefferson County would need to approve a private water system for his park before this could happen. Mr. Brennan left the meeting at 6:06 pm.

The boards began review of the two IMAs both dated June 14, 2017. Superintendent Kastler led the discussion. Actual dollar amounts should not be stated in the IMA. However, there should be some language regarding increasing the cost of water going forward.

The process of Sandy Creek selling water to Brennan’s park was discussed at length. Herb Yerdon spoke about the liability of selling the water outside our county. Mr. Petrie noted that the town cannot re-levy unpaid water bills for a property outside its boundary. It was asked why a private business should benefit from a water district when they had zero cost for the formation of the district and are not paying an EDU on their tax bill like the rest of property owners receiving public water.

On page 10 F the word “flushing” should be added. The EDU section is confusing and needs revision. The water clerks keep the EDUs updated according to the EDU schedules and the towns share the totals at budget time. The EDU schedules are satisfactory. Restaurant EDUs are based on seating capacity. All parcels in a district must have an EDU assigned. The only exception is vacant parcels in an agricultural district can be at 0 EDU. The minimum on all others should be 0.10 EDU. The references to “project” costs and debt need to be changed to “district” costs/debt.

**On motion** by John W. Wood, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the joint special meeting was closed at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk