

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK
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Date: November 4, 2015	Kind of Meeting: Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Place: Town Hall	Absent: Kevin Halsey
Board Members Present:	Others Present:
Nancy Ridgeway	Tammy L. Miller
Ruth E. Scheppard	Dave Warner
John W. Wood, Jr.	Allison J. Nelson, Esq.
Nola J. Gove	Michael C. Kastler
	Margaret Kastler
	Shirley Rice
	Pat McCullough
	Jessica Godfrey- left @ 7:30
	Giannina Cangemi-Binotto-left 7:30
	Norma Newman
	John Howland
	Manasseh M. Burt, I.E. - at 7:10 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. She opened the public hearing on the 2016 fire protection contracts and the 2016 preliminary budget at 7:01 pm. Norma Newman asked for the percentage increase in the 2016 budget. Supervisor Ridgeway answered that it is actually decreased to \$6.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Tammy Miller stood away from the head table and commented as a taxpayer of the town. She stated that in her opinion some of the salary increases in the budget are unfair and unjustified and suggest favoritism by the Town Board. Legislator Kastler requested a copy of the preliminary budget as none were available at the meeting. The hearing was closed at 7:03 pm and the regular monthly meeting was opened.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 118-15

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes	Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove
0 No	
1 Absent	Halsey

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the minutes of the October 7th, 14th, 15th and 21st meetings as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Town Board received a copy of the monthly financial report of the Supervisor. It is filed in the Town Clerk's office.

REPORTS:

Assessor- Rhonda Weigand's report for October is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Fall data collection for building permits has been completed.

Dog Control Officer- Elisa Dunn's written report for October has been filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Historian – Charlene Cole's monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for public inspection. She will be working with Girl Scouts again this year on the annual Christmas tree decorating project.

Town Justice- Judge Crast's report for October has been received by Supervisor Ridgeway.

Library- Minutes have been received and filed in the Town Clerk's office. Library Director Jessica Godfrey presented the Town Board with the library's latest events calendar. They will be doing a scarf project and continuing the after-school homework help, Lego club and monthly movie night. They will be doing more outreach programming. Ms. Godfrey will be joining the Fulton and Oswego libraries to help with a literacy event at the Hannibal middle school. Gina Cangemi-Binotto stated that the Board of Trustees is grateful for the Town Board's support in the library's progress.

Legislator – Margaret Kastler reported that the nuclear energy plant will close leaving many more residents without jobs. Committees will be formed to help these people find schooling and training for new jobs. It is feared that many will leave the county to seek employment elsewhere. The Land Bank Committee has been formed. The legislature is still working on keeping the county budget at a zero increase for 2016.

SCRPB – The meeting of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board will be held on November 10th due to Election Day. Each member has completed annual training. A property owner has asked about installing solar panels on agricultural property. She was familiar with the town's Comprehensive Plan. CEO Howland also spoke with her. He has issued approximately 6 to 8 permits for solar panels. Currently they are considered an appliance. Attorney Nelson stated that solar energy is a popular topic throughout the county right now.

Highway/Water Superintendent – Superintendent Mike Kastler filed his reports in the Town Clerk's office. He read his highway report first. The new 2016 John Deere 624K Wheel Loader will be delivered in December and was purchased on the lease buyback program. The condition of some of the roads in Water District #1 was discussed. Runner crush was added on Albro Tract. Rainbow Shores and Weaver Roads were also discussed. Water bills have been mailed out and are due November 30th without penalty. A resolution is needed to increase the Operation and Maintenance fee to \$75 for the 2016 budget for Water District #1. The first water bills for Water District #2 will be due in May 2016. Funds from the Water District #2 project are available for tool and equipment purchases. A pipe thawing machine has been purchased. Superintendent Kastler explained how it operates. Substantial completion of Water District #2 is expected within the next few weeks.

Water Advisory Committee – There was not a quorum present at the October meeting. There will be some EDU adjustments for approval at the December meeting of the Town Board.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland's reports of permits and violations for October is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for public inspection.

Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway introduced Dave Warner, who will be taking the Councilman seat vacated by Kevin Halsey on January 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION 122-15

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Wood
 0 No
 1 Absent Halsey

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #20 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 40.01
Trust & Agency \$ 8,952.80

And on Abstract #21 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 30,207.90
Trust & Agency \$ 1,945.36
Highway Fund \$ 39,394.68
Water District #1-H \$ 296,523.69
Water District#1-SW \$ 23,692.31
Water District #2-H \$ 240,033.10
Water District #2-SW \$ 245.00

RESOLUTION 123-15

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

ADOPTED – 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove
 0 No
 1 Absent Halsey

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 7:54 pm to discuss collective negotiations of the Teamsters Local #317 contract.

Attorney-for-the-Town Allison Nelson and Town Councilman-elect Dave Warner were invited in. Everyone else left the meeting, except Town Clerk Miller waited in her office for the open meeting to resume.

RESOLUTION 124-15

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

ADOPTED – 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove
 0 No
 1 Absent Halsey

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 8:42 pm.

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr. and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy L. Miller, RMC, Town Clerk