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

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

**Date:** November 6, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Public Hearing and special meeting on the 2025 budget

**Place:** Town Hall

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

 Dave Warner Tammy L. Miller

 Ruth E. Scheppard Brittany M. Washburn

 Michael C. Kastler

 Meg Sprague

**Absent**: Nola J. Gove and John W. Wood, Jr. Ron Fisher

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway opened the public hearing on the 2025 preliminary budget and fire protection contracts at 6:02 pm. **Ron Fisher** of Ross Park Drive thanked the Town Board for addressing the needs of the taxpayers and keeping the tax rate low. He appreciates the town officials for trying to keep rates reasonable while balancing the needs of the town. Supervisor Ridgeway closed the hearing at 6:04 pm.

It was noted that the $5,000 needs to remain on line B5710.45 for permitting and planning of the SPCMA dredging project for 2025.

Councilman Warner stated that he agrees with the Deputy Town Clerk receiving a raise of 8% due to her increased workload but does not agree that the Town Clerk should receive a raise over 5%. When Town Clerk Miller attempted to explain that the Town Clerk department as a whole has an increased workload, Councilman Warner stated “I don’t want to hear you talk!”. Mrs. Miller asked if he was taking her first amendment rights away.

Superintendent Kastler said that the Town of Richland passed their budget, so they apparently are not moving on their water rate for Sandy Creek. He also explained that the water EDU rates will change slightly. One reason is that we are paying for two water operators in 2025 before Mr. Pappa retires. He also said that this budget process went more smoothly than in past years.

Councilwoman Scheppard thanked Mrs. Sprague for her work on the budget.

**On motion** by Ruth E. Scheppard, and seconded by Timothy D. Ridgeway, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk