**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:** October 16, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

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

 John W. Wood, Jr. Tammy L. Miller

 Ruth E. Scheppard Brittany M. Washburn

 Dave Warner Michael C. Kastler

 Nola J. Gove Meg Sprague

 Ron Fisher

 Charles Skellen @ 5:37 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. This special meeting was called to begin discussion of the 2025 budget. Supervisor Ridgeway turned the meeting over to Budget Officer Meg Sprague. She began discussing salaries. A 5% raise has been added to the salaries in the 2025 budget except for the Town Clerk’s and Deputy Clerk’s salary line items. They are asking for an 11% raise across all their salary lines. Councilman Scheppard recommended reducing those lines so that raises are 5% across all salary lines, apart from Town Justice Stoker’s salary. We have become aware that the two justices should receive the same compensation for the same duties. Judge Crast doesn’t agree with this section of Town Law.

The A fund was reviewed next. Mrs. Sprague anticipates a fund balance of approximately $80,700.00 at year end that can be used toward the 2025 tax levy. The tax levy will increase, but the tax rate should stay about the same.

The bookkeeper’s equipment line A1430.2 should be raised to $1,500.00 in case any computer or printer equipment needs replacing in the coming year. Revenue fees were discussed. Town Clerk Miller can run a report to review many of the fees received this year.

Review continued of the B fund. There will be approximately $62,646.00 left to use toward next year’s budget. The Public Safety contractual line B3620.4 should go to $1,500.00. The public boat launch line B5710.43 can be reduced to $1,500.00. The North Pond Waterways Navigation line B5710.4 was raised to $40,000.00 and the South Pond Waterways Navigation line B5710.44 was removed from the budget as there are no plans to dredge between the two ponds and the permit was not renewed. The HAB testing and data were discussed. The Clearance, Demolition, and Rehabilitation line B8686.4 was reduced to zero.

**On motion** by Nola J. Gove, and seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6 :15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk