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

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

**Date:** October 16, 2019

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Meeting

**Place:** Sandy Creek Town Hall

**Town Board Members Present:** Ruth E. Scheppard **Others Present:**

John W. Wood, Jr. Tammy L. Miller

Dave Warner Jill Mattison

Nancy Ridgeway Brittany M. Washburn

Michael C. Kastler

Pete Backus

**Absent :** Nola J. Gove

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. This special meeting was scheduled to continue discussion of the 2020 budget. Supervisor Ridgeway asked Budget Officer Jill Mattison to lead the discussion.

Mrs. Mattison asked the Town Board if they wanted to drop the tax rate for the A and DA funds by 50¢ per thousand or keep the tax rate the same as the 2019 rate. The D and DB funds will increase by 1¢ per thousand dollars of assessed value using the current numbers in the preliminary budget. With the increase that Lacona requested for fire protection, the fire protection district rate will increase by 1¢ as well.

The highway funds were discussed. The board needs to decide if the town is leasing the new highway truck or if they will just pay it off. Superintendent Kastler said the DA fund numbers look good. However, he thinks the DB fund balance projection looks high and not realistic. He would like to buy a shoulder machine this year. It will be shared with several other towns and used according to an IMA with those towns. Most of the DB expenses have been paid for 2019 as most of the highway claims change over to DA in November.

The water budgets were reviewed. Water District #1 should be receiving income from the Verizon cell tower sometime in 2020. However, there are some questions regarding the contract, so we won’t be budgeting for that income until it is built and the contract is set.

The budget for highway employees’ salaries and insurance was discussed. Actual numbers will not be known until contract negotiations are final. Supervisor Ridgeway noted that the seasonal workers have not had salary increases in years and that the Town Board fixes the rate of compensation under town law. Superintendent Kastler explained that he starts the seasonal help at $12 per hour and gives raises up to $14 per hour. He believes that there should be a gap in hourly rates between the seasonal and full-time employees.

Pete Backus left the meeting at 8:14 pm.

It is possible that two highway employees may retire in 2020. One is very likely and the second is uncertain.

**RESOLUTION 87-19**

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

**ADOPTED** – 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood

0 No

1 Absent Gove

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek agrees to pay each Town Constable to cover the Town of Sandy Creek’s Justice Court for $20.00 per hour with a 3 hour minimum per night or event beginning January 1, 2020.

**RESOLUTION 88-19**

**On motion** made by Ruth E. Scheppard, and seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood

0 No

1 Absent Gove

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek agrees to modify the owner-engineer agreement for the Richland/Sandy Creek Joint Water Project to complete the pump test on Well B-21 for a proposed fee allowance of $50,000.00.

The walk-thru of the Cazenovia building and the Town Barn was discussed. A report from B&L is forthcoming.

Councilman Scheppard gave an update on the North Pond Resiliency Project. The possible need for repairs to the private road were discussed.

**RESOLUTION 89-19**

**On motion** made by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood

0 No

1 Absent Gove

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 8:32 pm to discuss collective negotiations of the Teamsters Local #317 contract. Everyone else left the meeting, except Town Clerk Miller waited in her office for the open meeting to resume.

**RESOLUTION 90-19**

**On motion** made by Ruth E. Scheppard, and seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Wood

0 No

1 Absent Gove

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 8:55 pm.

**On motion** by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk