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

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

**Date:** October 30, 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

 Nola J. Gove Michael C. Kastler

 Meg Sprague

**Absent:** Dave Warner Ron Fisher

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. This special meeting was called to continue discussion of the 2025 budget. Supervisor Ridgeway turned the meeting over to Budget Officer Meg Sprague. She prepared the Water District #1 and Water District #3 budgets for this evening’s meeting. Water Superintendent Kastler reviewed the line items in the water budgets with the board.

**RESOLUTION 103-24**

On motion by John W. Wood, Jr., seconded by Timothy Ridgeway, the following resolution was

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

 1 Absent Warner

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will increase the water usage rate in Water District #1 and Water District #3 to $5.00 per thousand gallons of water.

Councilman Wood presented data on the Town of Richland’s EDU rates in each of their water districts from tax bills going back five years. Supervisor Ridgeway did speak to Attorney Hills about sending a letter to Richland regarding the situation with the rate.

The public hearing on the 2025 budget will be held November 6th at 6 pm. Drafting a fund balance policy was discussed. Funding reserves each spring has been discussed in the past. Mrs. Sprague will email updated budgets before the public hearing. Councilwoman Gove and Town Clerk Miller discussed the proper reasons to go into executive session.

**RESOLUTION 104-24**

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was

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

 1 Absent Warner

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session to discuss the employment histories of multiple people at 6:49 pm.

**RESOLUTION 105-24**

On motion by Timothy D. Ridgeway, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

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

 1 Absent Warner

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 7:13 pm.

**RESOLUTION 106-24**

On motion by Timothy D. Ridgeway, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

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

 1 Absent Warner

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will not take raises in salary for themselves in 2025.

**On motion** by Ruth E. Scheppard, and seconded by Nola J. Gove, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk