

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 8, 2014

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: Town Hall

Board Members Present: Nancy Ridgeway
Ruth E. Scheppard
Nola J. Gove
Kevin Halsey

Others Present:
Tammy L. Miller
Dustin Clark
Michael C. Kastler
Allison J. Nelson, Esq.
Manasseh Burt
Shirley Rice
Patricia McCullough
John Howland @ 7:15 pm
Scott McKenzie
James & Deborah Palmitese-left 7:44
Barbarajean Wydner
Wayne Miller
Karen Adams
Harvey R. Adams
Carol Flournoy
Giannina Cangemi-Binotto
Angela Newman (left @ 7:57pm)

Absent: John W. Wood, Jr

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 97-14

On motion by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by Nancy Ridgeway, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the minutes of the August 20th and September 10th meetings are approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

REPORTS:

Assessor- Rhonda Weigand's report has been filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Dog Control Officer- Marjorie O'Grady McCann was absent this evening and no expense report was received.

Historian – Charlene Cole's monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for public inspection.

Town Justice- The monthly reports of the Town Justices have been received by the Town Supervisor and filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Legislator – Margaret Kastler is attending a county budget meeting this evening.

Library – Barbarajean Wydner reported that Kidz Klub has begun every Saturday from 10 am to noon. They have submitted their budget for 2015 to the town. The library's winter hours have begun. The closing hour varies each day. The Sandy Creek Fire Department held an in-service with library staff and a program for children at the library. They have bookshelves to get rid of. A changing table is being installed in the downstairs bathroom. Heather Cornell is interested in the vacancy on the library board. Additional vacancies are anticipated in the near future. North Country Library System can advertise the vacancies on their website.

Planning Board – The Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board's report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Chairman Shirley Rice summarized the meeting held on October 7th. They are working on four Site Plan Reviews. Their November 4th meeting has been rescheduled for November 11th.

Highway Superintendent – Superintendent Mike Kastler read his report for September. It is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Water Superintendent – Mike Kastler reported that all residents of water district #1 now have water available. The Town of Richland and our water operator will be doing meter readings tomorrow. Sandy Creek will need to decide how and when to bill customers for the first time. Some residents had water as early as August 5th and some as of today. Hydrants are not turned over for fire flow yet. Some work needs to be done on them, such as greasing caps, etc. Karen Adams commented that the restoration work on Co Rt 15 looks very good.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland's report for September is on file in the Town Clerk's office. It was a busy month. He received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Palmitese. There was discussion regarding their concerns. Most of the issues are civil matters. There are no code violations and no health department or DEC issues. The town does not have a noise ordinance. There was no variance request from the owners of Eddie's Cove, LLC. The issue of using the children's park as a parking lot is also a private matter as this particular piece of land has no owner on record. It is understood that the community has used it as a park for many years, however the town does not own it. It is a private park. Mrs. Palmitese also asked why individuals are allowed to build houses across right-of-ways to the water. Attorney Nelson explained that the town does not have the ability to enforce private deeded right-of-ways. There has been no communication from Mr. Catania or his attorney regarding the dock/deck.

RESOLUTION 98-14

On motion by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by Nancy Ridgeway, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will rebid the removal of the deck at Sandy Pond Pizzeria.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of September totaled \$9,199.75. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection.

OLD BUSINESS

The rate of pay for the constables will be discussed during the 2015 budget meetings to be held on October 15th, 22nd, and 29th with the public hearing on November 5th at 7 pm. Members are needed on the library board. Advanced Business Systems installed the back-up computer system today.

RESOLUTION 99-14

On motion by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by Kevin Halsey, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will lease a color copier for the history department from Advanced Business Systems for \$139.89 per month.

RESOLUTION 100-14

On motion by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by Kevin Halsey, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will reimburse the South Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance Association up to \$10,000 in dredging expenses in 2014.

Supervisor Ridgeway is still waiting for paperwork from Empire State Development regarding the \$10,000 grant that Senator Ritchie secured for the Town of Sandy Creek. Attorney Nelson sent a follow-up letter to the Dog Control Officer.

Engineers – Dustin J. Clark, P.E., Senior Project Engineer with Barton & Loguidice was present to give an update on the water districts. Water main has been installed on Bishop Road and is currently being installed on St Rt 3. Restoration work is in progress and will likely continue for several weeks. The water tank system is online and operating automatically. Electrical work at the well site is complete and start-up is likely the week of October 20th. Change orders for contracts 1 and 2 have been prepared consisting of various minor additional work items as well as the inclusion of Bishop Road back into contract #1. Notice to Proceed on contract #4 was issued on October 7th. Work should begin in the next two weeks. B&L has prepared a proposal for contract #5.

RESOLUTION 101-14

On motion by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by Nancy Ridgeway, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves Change Order No. 1 of Contract No. 2- North Water Mains and Change Order No. 2 of Contract No.1- South Water Mains and Well Site Improvements.

RESOLUTION 102-14

On motion by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by Kevin Halsey, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes the additional services as described in Amendment No. 8 to Engineering Services – Additional Engineering Services for Contract No. 5.

In Water District #2 Water Operator Eric Pappa has done a good job with the home inspections. They are near completion. The Bond Anticipation Note closing is scheduled for October 16th at 11 am. The interest rate is 1.75%. B&L has prepared a proposal to complete a preliminary engineering evaluation of a potential water district #3.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott MacKenzie, President of Ontario Bay Water Association spoke about their deeded water system. Members of this system pay \$50 per year and ten members want to stay on this system. Most of them are senior citizens. He wants to keep the system running for approximately two more years. He presented the Town Board with photographs. He believes the water line down the road may need to be replaced at the water district’s expense.

Gianinna Cangemi-Binotto of Boylston spoke about her interest in serving on the library board. She is disappointed that members must live in the Town of Sandy Creek to be appointed to the library’s board of trustees.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 103-14

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the Agreement of Municipal Cooperation with the Town of Richland for shared highway services.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 104-14

On motion by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by Kevin Halsey, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Halsey

0 No

1 Absent Wood

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #18 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 454.75

Highway Fund \$ 101.78

Trust & Agency \$ 13,528.99

And on Abstract #19 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 47,516.06

Trust & Agency \$ 1,856.73

Highway Fund \$ 18,709.23

Water District #1-H \$ 215,900.72

Water District #2-H \$ 8,956.77

Water District#1-SW \$ 82,041.64

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Kevin Halsey and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC
Town Clerk