**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 9, 2019

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Nancy Ridgeway  **Others Present:**

Dave Warner Rebekah Prosachik, Esq.

Ruth E. Scheppard Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Nola J. Gove Anthony Young, P.E.

John W. Wood, Jr Brett McVoy, I.E.

Shirley Rice

Jessica Godfrey

Norma Newman

Wayne Miller

Peggy Rice

Mary Lou C. Mills

Bonnie Reid

Stanley Miller

Marianne Sherman

John Howland @ 7:22 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 79-19**

On motion by John Wood, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Scheppard, Warner, Gove, Ridgeway, Wood

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**Resolved** that the minutes of the September 11th meeting are approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Monthly Report of the Supervisor was received by the Town Board tonight and is on file in the Town Clerk’s office.

**REPORTS:**

Assessor- Rebecca Trudell’s monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk’s office. Supervisor Ridgeway stated that she is considering a revaluation of real property in 2021.

Dog Control Officer – Anne Derr prepared a report for the Town Board and it is on file in the Town Clerk’s office.

Highway/Water Superintendent – Mike Kastler was absent tonight. Supervisor Ridgeway summarized his monthly report. Four trucks have been repaired. The highway department has finished chip sealing roads and filling potholes. They assisted Redfield and Richland with hauling sand and assisted Redfield and Boylston with chip sealing their roads. A copy of the fully executed contract with Oswego County for snow and ice removal has been received and filed. We are studying water meter reader options for the future. There are areas in our water districts where cellular meter reading currently will not work. The Town Board discussed the purchase of the Cazenovia building. They have questions for the owner. Some highway employees are not sure that buying this property is the right thing to do. Supervisor Ridgeway will ask Phil Widrick to attend one of the budget meetings. Attorney Prosachik and our engineers agreed that both the current building and the Cazenovia building should have a structural analysis before a decision can be made.

Historian – Charlene Cole’s monthly report was e-mailed to the Town Board and is on file in the Town Clerk’s office. She is on her way home from vacation in Montana. She is holding an open house at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 19th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Judges – Supervisor Ridgeway reported that the Town Justices have filed their monthly financial reports with her.

Legislator – Margaret Kastler is excused tonight because she is attending county meetings in Oswego.

Library – Library Director Jessica Godfrey presented the board with her monthly newsletter. She reported that the Board of Trustees will be working on the library budget on October 14th. On October 19th from 10 AM to 1 PM the library will be collecting winter coats for the Great Give Back Coat Drive. The gently used coats will be distributed October 21st - 26th. On October 26th at 11 AM kids can make two kinds of Halloween slime. On October 29th at 6 PM the Paranormal Investigation Team Central Region of Upstate New York (PIT CRU NY) will travel from Elmira for a ghost hunting presentation and investigation. This is a free adult event. Registration is required as it is limited to 20 people.

NOCA – The third quarter financial report from Northern Oswego County Ambulance, Inc. was received and filed.

Planning Board – Chairman Shirley Rice read the report from the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board’s meeting on October 2nd. The solar array at 5933 S. Main St. will be renamed Salmon River Solar, LLC. The southern lot line is being moved 40 feet to the south. The site plan application for “Ontario Sun” by Solar Generation Projects, LLC is still pending approval.

Water Advisory Committee- Minutes from the September 30th meeting have been filed. Chairman Newman reported that the committee discussed the 0.25 EDU assignment for camping trailers being consistently used on parcels in the water districts.

**RESOLUTION 80-19**

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

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Scheppard, Warner, Gove, Ridgeway, Wood

0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the following EDU changes:

**Tax ID EDU EDU Property Location Property Owner**

029.00-03-12 from 1.00 to 0.50 197 Miller Rd Miller Living Trust

027.11-03-03 from 1.00 to 1.50 5 King Rd R. Bachar

027.00-04-23 from 1.00 to 1.25 344 Ouderkirk Rd M. Nobert

027.00-04-18 from 1.00 to 1.25 286 Ouderkirk Rd S. Wilson

027.19-02-10 from 1.50 to 1.00 40 South Ave D. Dowd

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland’s report for September is on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for public inspection. One property owner in violation of the town’s junk law was in court last week and received a $150 fine and was given two more weeks to comply. There are many unlicensed vehicles on the Snyder property on Co Rt 15. CEO Howland will site them again and have Attorney Prosachik send a letter if necessary.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of September totaled $8,209.75. Of this total, $2,805.43 was paid to Supervisor Ridgeway for town revenue. $5,254.32 was paid to the NYS DEC for DECALS. This report is on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for public inspection. Harassment and Discrimination Training feedback quizzes and policy receipts were due in the Town Clerk’s office on October 1st. Six officials missed the deadline. Reminders have been sent to them.

Engineers – Antony Young and Brett McVoy of Barton & Loguidice were present to update the Town Board on current projects. Mr. McVoy stated that there is nothing to update on the sewer study. B&L drafted a response to the DEC in regard to their concerns with the Richland/Sandy Creek Joint Water Project and they are setting up a meeting with the DEC and the towns. The contract documents are being reviewed by NYSDOH, NYSDEC, and USDA-RD. We are still working on obtaining easements. Coordination of project financing continues with EFC, RD and Fiscal Advisors. Mr. Young spoke about the issue with the meters and the new cellular reading technology. The Town Board would like to look at buying the meters direct from the manufacturing company if possible. An amendment to the engineering contract will be needed for well water testing. Up front water testing is required for the new well. B&L is obtaining quotes for this. Testing is likely to cost approximately $5,000. A $5.5 million dollar grant was discussed. The monetary cap on the water project has been removed. It may be possible to add the optional areas to the project. The bond resolution would need to be increased. Attorney Prosachik will look into beginning this process.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Bonnie Reid** of **S Sandy Pond Inlet** asked about the progress of Water District #3 as she has no drinking water at her home. We cannot go out to bid until we receive DEC approval for the project. B&L is hopeful that we will receive approval soon. If certain roads have to be removed from the project, refunds would be issued. However, we are not at that point. It is the worst case scenario.

**OLD BUSINESS –** Two written quotes were received for tree work at the Boylston Wesleyan Cemetery on Co. Rt. 15 in the Town of Sandy Creek as follows:

Blue Line Tree Service take down 6 trees and remove brush $ 500 each $ 3,000 total

TCR Tree Service take down 13 Maples, chip brush, grind stumps $1,000 each $13,000 total

Blue Line Tree Service does not grind stumps and that is needed at the cemetery.

**RESOLUTION 81-19**

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

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Scheppard, Warner, Gove, Ridgeway, Wood

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will pay TCR Tree Service of Altmar, NY to take down three maple trees, chip the brush and grind the stumps at the Boylston Wesleyan Cemetery for a total cost of $3,000.

It is believed that some property owners are still waiting for FEMA money from the 2017 flooding event. The town needs to know who these individuals are in order for US Congressman Anthony J. Brindisi’s office to help.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 82-19**

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

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Scheppard, Warner, Gove, Ridgeway, Wood

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek appoints Jennifer Casler as Trustee of the Annie Porter Ainsworth Memorial Library with a term to expire December 31, 2021 and appoints Paula K. Moyer as Trustee of the Annie Porter Ainsworth Memorial Library with a term to expire December 31, 2023.

Councilman Scheppard reported on the North Sandy Pond Resiliency Project – Beach and Dune Restoration. It has been decided that geotextile tubes will not be used. All of the downed trees will have to be removed.

**RESOLUTION 83-19**

On motion by John W. Wood, Jr, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Scheppard, Warner, Gove, Ridgeway, Wood

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek rejects all bids for geotextile tubes that were opened at the regular meeting on September 11, 2019.

The bid for labor on the project remains tabled at this time.

Today Governor Cuomo announced that New York State will be suing the International Joint Commission for damages caused by the flooding of Lake Ontario and the St Lawrence River.

**APROVAL OF BILLS**

**RESOLUTION 84-19**

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

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes Scheppard, Wood, Gove, Ridgeway, Warner

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

General Fund $ 284.30

Trust & Agency $ 9,649.25

**And** on Abstract #19 in the following amounts:

General Fund $ 44,703.81

Trust & Agency $ 6,212.08

Highway Fund $ 19,922.01

Sewer Study- H1 $ 4,000.00

Water Project #3- H3 $ 33,712.32

N Pond Shoreline-H4 $ 168.56

Water District #1-SW $ 6,085.00

Water District #2-SW $ 8,396.04

Water District #3-SW $ 1,010.74

**RESOLUTION 85-19**

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

**ADOPTED** – 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Gove, Warner, Scheppard, Wood

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 8:26 pm to discuss collective negotiations of the Teamsters Local #317 contract. Attorney Prosachik was invited in. Everyone else left the meeting, except Town Clerk Miller waited in her office for the open meeting to resume.

**RESOLUTION 86-19**

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

**ADOPTED** – 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Gove, Warner, Scheppard, Wood

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 8:59 pm.

All Town Board members need a copy of the current union contract.

The next meeting of the Water Advisory Committee will be October 28th at 6 pm and the next regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be November 13th at 7 pm.

**On motion** by Ruth E. Scheppard, and seconded by Nola J. Gove, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk