

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SANDYCREEK
1992 HARWOOD DRIVE, POBOX 52
SANDYCREEK, NEW YORK 13145-0052

Date: April 11, 2018

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: Town Hall

Board Members Present: Nancy Ridgeway
Dave Warner
Nola J. Gove
John W. Wood, Jr.

Others Present:
Tammy Miller
Brittany M. Washburn
Allison J. Nelson, Esq.
Michael C. Kastler left @ 7:30 pm
George Kalkowsky, I.E. left @ 7:06
Margaret A. Kastler
Wayne Miller
Sharon L. Turo
Shirley Rice
Pat McCullough
Jessica Godfrey
John Howland
Kevin Bailey
Norma Newman
Peggy Rice
Mary Lou Mills
Glenn Weinberg
Donna Scanlon

Absent: Ruth E Scheppard

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 36-18

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., the following resolution was

ADOPTED- 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Gove, Wood, Warner

0 No

1 Absent Scheppard

Resolved that the minutes of the March 14th meeting are approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The March monthly financial report of the Supervisor was made available to the Town Board members today and was filed in the Town Clerk's office.

REPORTS:

Engineers – George Kalkowsky, I. E. of Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. was present to update the board on the Richland/Sandy Creek Joint Water Project, Sandy Creek’s Water District #3 and Richland’s Water District #5. Sub-contractors are lined up to do the field work this spring. The aerial imagery survey will begin this week or next depending on the weather. The process of obtaining easements will begin this summer. Archaeological shovel testing and over 200 soil borings must be completed. B&L will be conducting the environmental site reviews. B&L is also updating the town’s financial information for short term financing and will reapply for a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant this year. If successful, the project could receive up to a \$3 million grant. If everything goes as planned the target date for beginning construction is in the summer of 2019.

Highway/Water Superintendent– Superintendent Kastler read his highway report. The agreement to spend highway funds needs to be voted on. There is a very small, unbuildable piece of property on the north side of Stanley Drive along the existing roadway. The owner has offered it to the town. It is not needed by the town in Mike’s opinion. He has two written quotes for re-shingling the salt shed roof as follows:

- Northern Roofing of Sacketts Harbor, NY \$7,600.00
- Paro Construction of Pulaski, NY \$8,500.00

Superintendent Kastler has one written quote to hang a used door at the cold storage building from Overhead Door Company of Watertown for \$1,016.00. He also has one written quote for the installation of 2 new doors at the Town Barn from the same company for \$6,845.00.

RESOLUTION 37-18

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the quote from Northern Roofing for \$7,600.00

There are two overdue bills in each water district. The bill amount will be added to the May water bill. If these are not paid by November they will be re-levied to the January tax bill. The Water Advisory Committee discussed several EDU changes at their last meeting. The Jacobson’s have split their property. Superintendent Kastler recommends this split be discussed at the next WAC meeting. The Town’s EDU schedule needs to be reviewed. The WAC has several EDU changes that they have recommended to the Town Board.

RESOLUTION 38-18

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek assigns the following

EDUs:	Tax ID Number	EDU	Property Location	Property Owner
	018.13-02-23	1.00	36 Windswept Ln	K. Krebs
	027.12-02-07	1.00	92 Zahler Tract	R&C Warner
	027.10-04-07.1	1.00	36 Marion Ave	M&K Pecha
	027.00-04-13.04	1.00	76 Ouderkirk Rd	S. Forcione
	027.00-04-13.05	1.00	68 Ouderkirk Rd	A. Forcione
	027.00-04-13.06	0.50	Ouderkirk Rd	L. Forcione

Assessor- Supervisor Ridgeway summarized Rhonda Weigand’s report and it has been filed in the Town Clerk’s office. Change of Assessment notices are being printed for mailing. Grievance Day is June 5th this year.

Dog Control Officer –Elisa Dunn was absent tonight. Her report is filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Historian – Charlene Cole’s monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk’s office. Mrs. Cole is writing a book documenting the Blount Lumber Company. She has posted pictures on Facebook requesting help identifying the workers. There is a large one displayed in the meeting room that needs people identified.

Town Justice- The monthly reports of the Town Justices have been received by the Town Supervisor.

Legislator – Margaret Kastler reported that the Oswego County Tax Delinquent Auction is July 14th at Oswego High School. NYS has mandated that District Attorneys’ salaries must be equal to County Justices’ salaries. DA Greg Oakes’s salary must be increased to \$197,600. On April 12th the county legislature will vote on a resolution requesting the delinking of the DA and judicial salaries.

Library– Library Director Jessica Godfrey reported that she has been busy moving furniture so the library can be painted. The 3rd Annual Lego Building Contest will be held on April 28th. They need more teenagers to register for this competition. The Thursday hours have changed to 10 to 6 pm. They are also conducting a survey for long range planning. It can be completed online or on paper. They want to know what they are doing well and what improvements need to be made.

NOCA – Northern Oswego County Ambulance’s quarterly report has been received and filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

Planning Board –Chairman Shirley Rice read the report of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board’s meeting on April 3rd.

Water Advisory Committee- Wayne Miller reported that the committee reviewed EDU’s at their last meeting and will continue at the next meeting on April 30th at 6 pm.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland’s report for the month of March is filed in the Town Clerk’s office. He will be attending code school this week. He suggested that the town do a Request for Proposals for a cell phone antenna to be placed on the Water Tower. Attorney Nelson will work on this for next month’s meeting.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of March totaled \$1,941.25. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection. She will cash up tax collection with the Oswego County Treasurer’s office on April 16th. On April 3rd the Oswego County Town Clerk’s Association met with County

Treasurer Kevin Gardner regarding better procedures and communication during tax collection. The standardized notice form for an on-premises alcoholic beverage license renewal was received from Two Clubs Inc. doing business as The Elms Golf Club at 21 County Club Lane.

Donna Scanlon, Program Coordinator for the **Oswego County Office of Community Development Programs** was present to explain the septic system replacement grant program. NYS has awarded Oswego County \$150,000 to disperse to private homeowners and their contractors for septic system replacement. Several areas in NYS were selected. In Oswego County the lakeshore and Salmon River areas will be eligible. Homeowners must hire an engineer, get bids and apply to the program. A successful applicant will be awarded 50% of the cost of the entire project up to \$10,000 if their application is complete and correct. The county will be sending a letter and application to homeowners in the selected areas. However, the program is for primary residents only. There is another program that may become available. It will be county-wide and based on income for the connection to sewer. Oswego County also has a mobile home replacement program for veterans. The home will be replaced based on its age and deficiencies. Six units will be replaced in the county. A maximum of approximately \$90,000 will be spent at each site. The old unit will be demolished and a new unit placed on a concrete slab. The electric service, well, and septic system will be brought up to current code. The county has received 3 completed applications so far. The homeowners must take a homeowner's course.

High Peaks Solar was one of the companies to respond to the town's RFP for a Power Purchase Agreement for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities. Owner **Kevin Bailey** was present to explain the process for developing solar facilities. His company does the engineering and takes on the risk. It takes about 8 months from the time the land is committed until the power is turned on. The solar construction company and National Grid work on the development. In a community solar model a company will then come in and do the marketing to sell solar power to homes. Homeowners will have the opportunity to save 10 to 20% on their electric bill. The PSC regulates this and there is a guaranteed savings on the bills. The PSC caps large system size projects to 5MW. He introduced **Glenn Weinberg**, Director of Smart Community Choice Programs for **Joule Assets**. He explained that his company works with cities, towns, and villages to capture value keeping energy dollars and savings in the local community. Municipalities may enact an enabling local law to take over energy sourcing and implement a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) policy. The municipality may select a new default energy supplier, but residents still have a choice in their individual supplier. The supply of power is a competitive market. The delivery charge on the bill is for the poles and wires. NYS is the 7th state to authorize CCA's. Approximately \$10,000 has been saved in the last two years. Joule Assets is working with communities all over NYS.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 39-18

On motion by Dave Warner, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was **ADOPTED** - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Gove, Wood, Warner

0 No
1 Absent Scheppard

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the 2018 Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds with the County of Oswego.

RESOLUTION 40-18

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the annual audits of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Water Clerk for 2017 as completed on March 21, 2018 by Ruth E. Scheppard.

Village of Sandy Creek Trustee **Sharon Turo** was present. She set up a field trip to The Village of Minoa's Wastewater Treatment Facility for May 2nd at 10 am for all Town and Village Board members that are interested. Several Town officials attended the Local Government Day at JCC on March 29th.

RESOLUTION 41-18

On motion by Dave Warner, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the quote from American Painting Co. of \$1,600.00 for labor only to paint the interior of the Annie Porter Ainsworth Memorial Library.

Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors Inc. has completed routine maintenance on the HVAC units at the Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 42-18

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the Agreement for Legal Services with Nelson Law Firm for the Town of Sandy Creek Water Service Area No. 3 and Town of Richland Water Service Area No. 5.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 43-18

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek agrees to partner with the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center for free technical assistance on existing Town of Sandy Creek projects, assistance in developing implementation strategies for existing and future projects, in identifying appropriate funding programs for future projects, and building community support for all Town of Sandy Creek projects.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS
 RESOLUTION 44-18**

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes the following transfer of funds:

FROM	Line #	Description	TO	Line #	Description	\$ Amount
From A962		Other Budgetary Purposes	To A230		Building Property Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000.00

**APPROVAL OF BILLS
 RESOLUTION 45-18**

On motion by Nola J. Gove, seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #6 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 279.91
 Trust & Agency \$ 11,581.07

And on Abstract #7 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$ 21,284.81
 Trust & Agency \$ 7,823.93
 Highway Fund \$ 23,775.83
 Water District #1-SW \$ 3,022.69
 Water District #2-SW \$ 2,662.44
 Water District #3-H3 \$ 738.30

On motion by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Nola J. Gove and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held May 9th at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk