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

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

**Date:** June 14, 2023

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** Sandy Creek Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Timothy D. Ridgeway  **Others Present:**

 Dave Warner Michael G. Yerdon, Legislator

 Nola J. Gove Tammy L. Miller

 John W. Wood, Jr. Brittany M. Washburn

 Ruth E. Scheppard Meg Sprague

 Peggy Rice

Pat McDougal

 Bill Joyce

 Ron Fisher

 Daniel Yerdon

 Julie Cronk

 Wayne Miller

 Jessica Godfrey

 John Howland – in @ 7:05 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 63-23**

On motion by Dave Warner, seconded by Ruth Scheppard, the following resolution was

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

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**Resolved** that the minutes of the May 10th and 24th meetings are approved as written.

**REPORTS:**

**Highway/Water Superintendent** - Michael C. Kastler was excused from the meeting due to recent surgery. He filed highway department and water department reports. He received two written estimates for sealcoating and striping the parking lots at the Town Hall. Liberty Sealcoat, LLC of Camden, NY quoted $3,368.46. RJ Green Pavement Sealing & Striping, LLC of Pulaski quoted $4,950.00. Superintendent Kastler could not find a third vendor to submit a quote.

**RESOLUTION 64-23**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will hire Liberty Sealcoat, LLC to seal and stripe the parking lots at the Town Hall for $3,368.46.

**Sole Assessor** - Rebecca Trudell’s monthly report has been filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

**Dog Control Officer** - Anne Derr’s monthly report has been filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

**Historian** - Peggy Rice filed a written report for May. Mrs. Rice reported that the cemetery fence has been ordered. Supervisor Ridgeway thanked her for decorating the gazebo with flowers.

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

**Legislator** - County Legislator Michael Yerdon reported that the county legislature is working on a new law regarding farm exemptions. He also shared an informational flyer and pamphlet on ACCESS Oswego County and Curb to Curb transportation services for the public.

**Library** - Library Director Jessica Godfrey was present to update the board on various activities at the Annie Porter Ainsworth Memorial Library. The re-opening ceremony was held on June 10th with a ribbon-cutting, food, bubbles, and a story walk. About 45 people attended this event. NYS Senator Mark Walczyk sent a certificate to the library. The event was like a small Sally Edick family reunion. Planning the Summer Reading program for July and August is underway. There will be a prize give-away for readers. Summer programs will include Zoo New York from Watertown, Twin Magicians, and the Mega Bubble Man. Oswego County Libraries plan to participate in the Fall Fest at the fairgrounds but have no plans for the Oswego County Fair. Ms. Godfrey can put together a story walk for the Fair.

**Planning Board** – Bill Joyce reported on the June 7th meeting of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board. A doggie daycare and boarding facility is proposed on Edwards Road. It must go through 239 review with Oswego County as it is in an agricultural district. Ron Fisher volunteered to assist the planning board with the Comprehensive Plan, specifically on the Sandy Pond sections. The Village of Sandy Creek will hold a public hearing on July 5th at 7 pm regarding the proposed solar local law. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm the same night on the Site Plan for the doggie daycare facility. There were several questions raised regarding possible noise/barking, the number of dogs allowed, and the disposal of waste.

**Code Enforcement Officer** – John Howland’s list of permits and violations for May has been filed. CEO Howland met with a FEMA representative of the National Flood Insurance Program on May 24th. Thirteen properties were reviewed in the Town of Sandy Creek. Ten were not in a flood zone. Those in a flood zone had to meet extra requirements to build. There are three different flood zone levels in the pond area. A building permit is not required for the replacement of siding or roofing. The cost of the Comprehensive Plan was discussed. With Micron coming to CNY Oswego County is receiving $400,000. Clean-up of the Kent property was discussed. The owners were first cited in 2019 and the final compliance date was May 31, 2023. They can be fined $500 per day.

**RESOLUTION 65-23**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes Town Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway to sign the certification page of the litigation papers for the Kent property.

Bill Joyce left the meeting.

**Town Clerk** – Town Clerk Tammy L Miller reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the month of May totaled $3,243.00 of which $2,675.78 was town revenue. Tax collection for 2023 as been certified by the Oswego County Treasurer and all fees collected have been paid to the town zeroing out the tax collection account.

Legislator Yerdon said that the Oswego County tax foreclosed property auction closed on June 9th and he should have results on the 16th of June. The county may give money to the town to assist in updating the Comprehensive Plan. It is the first step toward zoning. All towns along Interstate 81 will be affected by the Micron plant construction and opening.

**Upstate Freshwater Institute**- Ron Fisher was present to give an update on the data collected for the Sandy Pond Tributary study. There is no new data. We are still waiting on the results of the tributary study. There is no known algal blooms in Sandy Pond at this time. The channel access is good currently. NYS will not put buoys in the channel as the depth often changes and they aren’t willing to take on the liability. The rock pile will be marked, however.

Supervisor Ridgeway spoke to Anthony Young of B&L today. We need to get the easement paperwork and a final bill from Prosachik Law. WD Malone is doing final restoration work now.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –** There was none at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Town Board needs another special meeting to discuss updates to the employee handbook. Salary versus hourly employees were discussed. The hiring and salary of a new court clerk was discussed as Mrs. Walker may not take the position.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**RESOLUTION 66-23**

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

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

 0 No

**Resolved** that the bills be paid on Abstract #10 in the following amounts:

General Fund $ 9,504.89

Trust & Agency $ 18,764.60

**And** on Abstract #11 in the following amounts:

General Fund $ 47,732.25

Highway Fund $ 189,219.95

Water District #3- H3 $ 118,429.28

SC Fire District- SF1 $ 157,000.00

Lacona Fire District- SF2 $ 80,000.00

Water District #1-SW $ 71,621.25

Water District #2-SW $ 468.42

Water District #3-SW $ 44,044.67

Trust & Agency $ 7,785.25

The next regular monthly meeting will be held July 12th at 7 pm

**On motion** by Nola J. Gove, and seconded by Ruth Scheppard, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk