**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:** March 10, 2021

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

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

Ruth E. Scheppard Michael C. Kastler

Nola J. Gove Tammy L. Miller

John W. Wood, Jr. Anthony Young -in @ 7:08 pm

Dave Warner Brittany M. Washburn

Michael G. Yerdon

Wayne Miller

Bill Joyce –left @ 7:57 pm

Shirley Rice

Carol Rohrmoser

Norma Newman

Tim Ridgeway

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 13-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the minutes of the February 10th meeting are approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The monthly financial report of the Supervisor for February 2021 has been filed in the Town Clerk’s office. The Town Board received a copy tonight.

**REPORTS:**

Sole Assessor- Rebecca Trudell’s report has been filed in the Town Clerk’s office. Supervisor Ridgeway reported that all exemption applications were due March 1st. Some field work was done today.

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

Highway/Water Superintendent – Michael C. Kastler read his highway and water department reports. He is interested in purchasing a new plow truck for $230,000 for the complete truck on state bid. The truck would be built in November with a May or June 2022 delivery date. He would like to sell the 2005 International truck so that the proceeds can go toward the new truck. The 2012 truck would become the spare. A letter of commitment is needed to place the order for this truck. The 2008 truck would then be the oldest in the garage.

**RESOLUTION 14-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town of Sandy Creek agrees to purchase a 2022 Mack Granite 64FR/ 8LL/ IWIAPD truck for a total delivered price not to exceed $230,000 from Beam Mack Sales Service, Inc. of E. Syracuse, NY on Onondaga County Heavy Truck Class 8 Statewide Contract #8996.

Water connections are still being installed to homes in Water District #1. There are three water bills in each water district that remain unpaid. The Water District #3 project shutdown for winter, but should be starting back up in April. There are approximately 75 water meter pits in stock. The contractor will be responsible for maintenance on the project roads. Restoration work on these roads will begin after the frost leaves. He suggested that we meet with Richland sometime this year to review the IMA.

Historian – Peggy Rice filed a written report. Mrs. Rice created a Black History display. Three volunteers regularly assist in her work.

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

Legislator – County Legislator Michael G. Yerdon reported that Sheriff Don Hilton will attend one of our meetings in the near future to introduce himself and talk about his programs. The meeting of the county legislature will be held on March 11th at 2 pm in Oswego and will be broadcast on the county’s website. They are hoping to receive information on federal funding. It is needed to help the state budget and the county hopes to be paid the money it is owed. Legislator Yerdon is trying to get a Covid vaccine clinic scheduled for the northern part of the county. Supervisor Ridgeway suggested the Sandy Creek United Methodist Church as a possible site. Councilman Warner asked why the County DMV offices are not answering the phones. People are calling, being placed on hold, and getting cut off.

Library – No report this evening.

NOCA – No report this evening.

Planning Board – The Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board filed a report in the office of the Town Clerk. They are in the process of reviewing our local laws.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland’s report for February 2021 is on file in the Town Clerk’s office. Mr. Howland was excused from tonight’s meeting due to other obligations.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of February totaled $1,361.50. Of this total, $1,144.62 was town revenue. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection. The town’s total tax levy for 2021 was paid to Supervisor Ridgeway on Friday, January 29th. Eighty-seven percent of all of the taxes have been collected for 2021. Approximately 400 second notices for unpaid tax bills will be mailed in the next few days.

At this point in the meeting Town Supervisor called Paul McMenemy, CEO and President of Solar Generation and placed him on speakerphone. The decommissioning agreement was discussed for Ontario Sun at 8659 St Rt 3. Solar Generation owns this property. Bill Joyce, Vice President of the planning board asked questions. The entrance will not be on Seber Shores road now. The DOT is allowing the entrance to be on St Rt 3 and is requiring a bond. Another Site Plan amendment and signature will be required. The process with the IDA for the PILOT agreement was finalized last week. The decommissioning agreement was discussed. Councilman Wood is concerned that the bond amount of $89,216.07 is not enough. A discussion followed.

**RESOLUTION 15-21**

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

ADOPTED – 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Warner

1 No Wood

**Resolved** that the Town of Sandy Creek approves the Decommissioning Agreement with SG Ontario Sun PV, LLC and authorizes Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town of Sandy Creek.

Bill Joyce left the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Engineers – Anthony Young, P.E. of Barton & Loguidice was present to update the Town Board on current projects. The B&L agreement amendment on the sewer project was approved by NYS DEC. The final reimbursement from the REDI funds should be received in the next 3 to 4 weeks. On April 5th WD Malone

Plans to return to work. The Office of the State Comptroller sent an e-mail to Attorney Prosachik asking for several additional items. Mr. Young and Supervisor Ridgeway will ask Attorney Prosachik for the list of needed items tomorrow.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The NYS DEC had 15 days to deem the CEHA variance application complete. They requested an 11 day extension which Supervisor Ridgeway granted. Councilman Warner reported on the reference check he did on Conboy, McKay, Bachman & Kendall, LLP. He spoke with a total of 20 Town Supervisors and Village Mayors that this firm represents. All were happy with the service, especially Mr. Burrows expertise. The only complaint was the cost of $195 per hour for attorney work and $135 per hour for paralegal work.

**RESOLUTION 16-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town of Sandy Creek appoints Conboy, McKay, Bachman & Kendall, LLP to represent the Town of Sandy Creek as the Town Attorney.

**RESOLUTION 17-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the annual audits of Town Justice Crast and Town Justice Stoker for 2020 as completed on March 6, 2021 by Nola J. Gove.

The Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds was discussed. Superintendent Kastler explained his planned road work to the Town Board. He does not understand why Oswego County does not pass along the savings from their plant to the towns.

**RESOLUTION 18-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the 2021 Agreement To Spend Town Highway Funds on Hilton Road, Cove Road, and Wood Road.

**RESOLUTION 19-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the Cooperative Service Agreement for Fuel with the Sandy Creek Central School District that will expire on April 11, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 20-21**

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

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

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the annual software support contract for the Building & Codes Enforcement software program from Williamson Law Book Company for March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 for $432.00.

**RESOLUTION 21-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway to sign the agreement with Sandy Bonanno for spring beach grass planting services for a total of $6,000 and agrees to order 15,000 beach grass plants.

**RESOLUTION 22-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek sets the water rate for customers in Water Districts #1 and #3 at $2.50 per thousand gallons of water for 2021.

There will be a webinar on March 11th at 4:30pm with Senator Schumer regarding federal funding updates. Supervisor Ridgeway asked the Town Board to review the Frontier Mitel telephone lease option paperwork. She and Town Clerk Miller are scheduled for a telephone call tomorrow at 2 pm. Information was received from Sydney Maurer about a support program for veterans. A variance application has been received regarding the minimum lot size law. Supervisor Ridgeway also asked the Town Board to review the unappropriated fund balances from 12/31/2020 before the April meeting. Attorney Burrows will be contacted to let him know we have appointed his firm to represent the town.

**APROVAL OF BILLS**

**RESOLUTION 23-21**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the bills be paid on Abstract #4 in the following amounts:

General Fund $ 290.67

Trust & Agency $ 15,275.39

**And** on Abstract #5 in the following amounts:

General Fund $ 56,149.95

Highway Fund $ 38,952.53

Water District #3- H3 $ 17,451.35

Water District #1-SW $ 1,977.75

Water District #2-SW $ 2,286.40

Water District #3-SW $ 36,092.11

Trust & Agency $ 8,677.78

The next regular monthly meeting will be held April 14th at 7 pm

**On motion** by Nola J. Gove, and seconded by Dave Warner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk