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

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

**Date:** October 12, 2022

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

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

Ruth E. Scheppard Michael C. Kastler

Nola J. Gove Tammy L. Miller

Dave Warner Brett McVoy

John W. Wood, Jr. Meg Sprague

Eric Pappa

Ron Fisher

James Bremm

Dustin Green

Brad Taylor

Kelsey Austin

Peggy Rice

Norma Newman

Pat McDougal @ 7:27 pm

John Howland @ 7:27 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 88-22**

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

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The monthly financial report of the Supervisor for September was filed in the Town Clerk’s office and copies were delivered to Town Board members’ mailboxes.

**REPORTS:**

Highway/Water Superintendent – Michael C. Kastler read his highway and water department reports. Supervisor Ridgeway received an e-mail from the county administrator stating that in a public session October 4th the Infrastructure Committee passed a resolution for the Oswego County Legislature to consider at its meeting October 13th for a one-year extension to the snow and ice contract. All terms will stay the same, with a rate set at $9,000 per mile. Superintendent Kastler had a verbal quote of $275,000 on municipal bid for a 2023 plow truck and $176,000 for a loader. He plans to keep the old loader with the screen. It will take 4 to 6 months to receive the loader.

**RESOLUTION 89-22**

On motion by Timothy Ridgeway, 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 Board of the Town of Sandy Creek agrees to proceed with the purchase of a 2023 plow truck for $275,000 on municipal bid.

**RESOLUTION 90-22**

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

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

0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek asked Superintendent Kastler to get more quotes for the loader.

The Water Operator has been working with Zenner to improve communication of the water meters to the Town Hall system. In Water District #3 restoration has begun and a punch list will be completed soon. The CEHA hearing is scheduled for December 6th and 7th. The Town of Richland intends to increase the cost of water to the Town of Sandy Creek by 125%.

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

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

Historian – Peggy Rice’s monthly report was filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

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

Legislator – County Legislator Michael G. Yerdon was excused tonight.

Library – Library Director Jessica Godfrey emailed the library’s newsletter to the Town Clerk, who distributed it to the Town Board.

NOCA – Nancy Dingman was excused tonight.

Planning Board – Minutes from the meeting that was held on October 5th have been filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of September totaled $4,494.00 of which 1,432.95 was town revenue. The report is on file in her office and available for public inspection.

Upstate Freshwater Institute - Ron Fisher was present to share an update on the water quality monitoring agreement the town has with Upstate Freshwater Institute to address the HAB issue on North Sandy Pond. He shared the report from September 20, 2022 with the Town Board. They hope to have a mitigation plan by next summer.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland’s report of permits and violation notices for September is filed in the Town Clerk’s office. The NYS fire code gets updated every 5 or 6 years. We will need to update our Local Law by January 1st.

Engineers – Brett McVoy of Barton & Loguidice was present to update the Town Board on the water projects.

Restoration is underway in Water District #3. The CEHA hearing on December 6th and 7th will be held via WebEx. Anthony Young, Brett McVoy and John Wood attended the village water meeting today. Information about their system was requested and will be used for more detailed information regarding the proposed Water District #4.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Norma Newman** and **Ron Fisher** commented about the algal blooms on North and South Ponds. They believe that monitoring is necessary for the health of residents, renters, children and pets. They also believe this issue could force property values down.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Ridgeway is still waiting for Department of Transportation permits to install the welcome signs. He will reach out to Town of Richland Supervisor Kern Yerdon concerning the increase in the water rate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Town Board is interested in looking for a new Town Attorney for 2023.

**RESOLUTION 91-22**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek agrees to match the Oswego County sliding scale exemptions for senior citizens.

**RESOLUTION 92-22**

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

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

0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes Town Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway to sign the agreement with Northern Oswego County Ambulance, Inc. for emergency ambulance services for 2023 for a total cost of $112,702.47.

**RESOLUTION 93-22**

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Warner

0 No

1 Abstain Wood

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek authorizes the payment of $3,270.40 to Hart Environmental out of the WQIP project fund H4 knowing that if the account is short a transfer of funds will be needed from the B Fund contingency line.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**RESOLUTION 94-22**

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

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

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

General Fund $ 721.65

Trust & Agency $ 6,601.49

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

General Fund $ 18,034.71

Highway Fund $ 58,863.69

Water District #3- H3 $ 202,264.23

N Sandy Pond Shore $ 3,270.40

Water District #1-SW $ 2,145.72

Water District #2-SW $ 395.83

Water District #3-SW $ 1,973.91

Trust & Agency $ 6,749.15

**RESOLUTION 95-22**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 8:09 pm for the purposes of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. Everyone left the meeting, except Town Clerk Miller waited in her office for the open meeting to resume.

**RESOLUTION 96-22**

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

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

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 9:11 pm.

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

**On motion** by Timothy Ridgeway, and seconded by Nola J. Gove, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk