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

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

**Date:** October 7, 2020

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Meeting

**Place:** Sandy Creek Town Hall

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

 Ruth E. Scheppard Michael C. Kastler

 Dave Warner Jill Mattison

 John W. Wood, J Brittany M. Washburn

 Tammy L. Miller

**Absent:** Nola J. Gove

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. This special meeting was scheduled to begin discussion of the 2021 budget. She said that there are two transfers of funds needed tonight due to unemployment insurance.

Councilman Warner asked the Town Board to look over the report from Syracuse University EFC. He wants to discuss this at the October 14th regular meeting. The SU group would like to speak to the board at a later date, possibly November 4th.

The Tentative Budget was distributed to the Town Clerk and Town Board Members today. Budget Officer Jill Mattison passed out a revised Summary of Funds page and revised SW2 & SW3 budgets.

Supervisor Ridgeway turned the discussion over to Budget Officer Jill Mattison. The total assessment of the town has increased. The board began by reviewing the A fund. The court clerk’s salary increase was requested at 26.57%. The board denied this request and was in agreement that salary increases will be set at 3% for most officials that have been here over a year. Superintendent Kastler would like to replace the hanging heater in the barn. He would also like to repoint the Town Barn in the near future and believes it will cost approximately $6,000. The A1640.4 line item for Town Barn Contractual was raised to $20,000. The overhead door line item A1640.45 will be removed from the 2021 budget. Adding additional technology to the board room was discussed. The central communication contractual line item A1650.4 was increased to $6,500. The library budget was discussed. Nothing was received from the Library’s Board of Trustees for the budget. The property transfer has not occurred yet. A line item should be added for mowing expenses. The fishing derby state grant revenue line item A3889 will be removed.

There were no changes in the B fund except wages. The highway department’s DA and DB funds were reviewed. Superintendent Kastler spoke about his equipment reserve fund and future purchases.

**RESOLUTION 107-20**

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

ADOPTED - 4 Ayes Ridgeway, Scheppard, Warner, Wood

 0 No

 1 Absent Gove

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the EDU assignment for tax id #018.00-01-11.2 at 15 Beaver Lane owned by C. Weston to be increased from 0.5 to 1.0 EDU due to the addition of a new home on a former vacant parcel.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

**RESOLUTION 108-20**

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

**ADOPTED** - 4 Ayes Warner, Scheppard, Ridgeway, Wood

 0 No

1 Absent Gove

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

**From Description To Description Amount**

DA5142.1 Snow Removal Personal Ser DA9050.8 Unemployment Insurance $ 2,016.00

DB5110.1 General Repairs Pers ServicesDB9050.8 Unemployment Insurance $ 1,807.00

Neither village is asking for an increase for the 2021 fire protection contract. Mayor Manchester sent a letter.

Supervisor Ridgeway reported that our equalization rate is at 91%. Equalization rates across NYS are awful this year according to the Sole Assessor.

The Water District #3 EDU tax rate for the tax bill was discussed. The Town of Richland has informed us that they plan to increase the water rate for next year and hope to hold it for three years. The rates at the water salesman were discussed. We currently charge 25¢ for 5 gallons of water and $1.00 for 125 gallons of water. Per our agreement, we cannot charge less than Richland does at their salesman.

Supervisor Ridgeway will gets quotes for garbage pickup from some new companies.

**On motion** by Ruth Scheppard, seconded by Dave Warner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk