

Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Sandy Creek Town Hall**

Members present: Larry Rice, Bill Joyce, Richard Machemer, Pat Machemer, Sybil Cummins and Shirley Rice. Absent: Frank Dixon

Chair Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pat Machemer made a motion to accept the minutes of 7/6/22 as presented, seconded by Shirley Rice. All voted in the affirmative and the motion was passed.

There was no treasurer's report as Bill did not collect the information from the Village office.*

Correspondence included the minutes of the Town Board meetings dated 6/8/22 and 7/13/22, two reports from the Sandy Creek History Center dated June 2022 and July 2022, copies of the Tug Hill Times publication from July and August 2022 and the "et-cetera" newsletter from the Association of Towns.

The Moratorium for Solar Farms in the Village of Sandy Creek has been accepted by the New York State Department of State and is now in effect as a local law.

Bill presented the Board with a proposed annual budget for both the Town (Jan. 1, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2023) and the Village (June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024). The breakdown of payment has slightly changed to 91% for the Town and 9% for the Village (previously 92% and 8%). The budget request total is \$14,737.60 with the Town portion at \$11,641.45 and the Village portion at \$3,096.15. The total amount reflects a decrease from the 2022 request by a total of \$1,428.05.

A discussion followed concerning a review of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town and Villages. This is a 199 page document. Therefore, making copies is a substantial effort. Bill has had the document uploaded to the Planning Board page of the Town website. It was agreed that a limited number of copies should be made for distribution to Board members at the October meeting. Use of a digital copy during any future open meetings will be available as well.

The agenda had called for a discussion to continue regarding an update to the Solar Law for the Village. However, the entire Board agreed that the conditions in the room were becoming difficult to cope with. The floors of the meeting room, having very recently been refinished, gave off such a powerful scent that individuals were becoming noticeably uncomfortable. It was agreed to table further discussion to the October meeting.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Larry Rice and seconded by Rich Machemer to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the Board adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary - Sybil Cummins

* [Subsequent to the meeting, the information was collected as follows: the account currently shows a balance of \$11,077.32 and expenses of \$346.31 for Bill's Salary and \$28.69 to the IRS. As there was no meeting in August 2022, no other checks were issued.]