

Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Sandy Creek Town Hall

Members Present: Larry Rice, Frank Dixon, Richard Machemer, Pat Machemer, Bill Joyce, Sybil Cummins

Absent: Shirley Rice (illness)

Larry Rice opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

A brief discussion of the minutes of the meeting August 7, 2024 found no changes were necessary. A motion was made by Larry Rice to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Pat Machemer and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Correspondence included: A report by John Howland of Building Permits issued dated 7/1/24 to 8/28/24, the minutes of the meeting by the Town Board dated July 10, 2024, and a payment due notice from the Post Office for the rental of a Post Office Box for the year.

Bill provided a treasurer's report with monthly expenditures for salaries of \$92.35 per Board member and a check to Bill Joyce for \$438.66 as Secretary/Treasurer and a payment to EFTPS for \$164.48. A remaining balance totals \$6,395.78. A deposit from the Village of Sandy Creek towards the Planning Board annual budget has not yet been made.

Bill provided the Board with an update on the proposed Abundant Solar Farm situation. Essentially, we have not had any communication concerning this project other than that the Town had forwarded the proposed leases to its insurer for review.

Bill then presented an annual budget proposal for 2025 to be reviewed by the Board. In essence, there will be a \$30.00 increase overall in this proposed budget from the 2024 budget. Taxable Assessed Valuation for the Village of Sandy Creek and the Town of Sandy Creek comes to \$287,010,942.00, with \$263,473,689 for the Town and \$23,537,253.00 for the Village. Therefore, the Town will be responsible for 92% of our budget with the Village responsible for 8% of the budget. The combined total request will be for \$14,867.60 with the Town responsible for \$11,790.40 and the Village responsible for \$3,077.20. The Board approved of the proposed Budget and Bill will provide it to the Town Board at their next meeting on September 11, 2024.

A discussion of member re-appointments followed. Both Bill and Richard are due to be reappointed in October. Sybil needs to be reappointed at the next meeting of the Town Board. In a discussion with Tammy Miller, it was decided that a good strategy for the future would be to appoint all three to a term lasting up to 12/31/24, then to have all three members appointed to three year terms beginning 01/01/25. This will be in line with Town Law that all appointments be based upon the calendar year. As future re-appointments are made, this same strategy will be employed to streamline the entire situation. All agreed that this would be good policy.

There followed a discussion concerning the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Bill suggested that inquiries be made to the Regional Planning Board in Syracuse to see if they would be interested in putting together this update. Bill will look into this over the coming month to discern if there will be grants available in order to pay for this update.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Larry Rice to adjourn, seconded by Richard Machemer. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried. The Planning Board adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sybil Cummins, Recording Secretary