

TOWN OF SAND LAKE
Town Board Meeting
April 12, 2023

A Meeting of the Town of Sand Lake Town Board was held on April 12, 2023 at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

PRESENT: Supervisor Gallerie
Deputy Supervisor S. Clemens
Councilman Nippes
Councilman Glasser
Town Attorney Danaher

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Glasser, Kevin Rifenburgh and Brian Hunt

Deputy Supervisor Clemens made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 29, 2023 Town Board Workshop meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Glasser. All in favor – Motion carried.

Town Clerk's Report:

Total Revenue for March \$ 10, 171.50

NYS Ag & Mkts dog licenses \$ 55.00

NYS DEC Fishing Licenses \$ 183.30

Paid to TOSL \$ 9,933.20

1. Passports completed since January 1, 2023 to date are more than double from last year. I want to thank Deputy Christina Luther, who is doing a great job with passports and also Deputies Shirley Neiss and Tami Thibeault.
2. The Town is holding another Electronics Recycling Saturday April 22nd from 9:00 – 3:00 pm. No TVs will be accepted then but you can call Jon at 518-948-4235 to make other arrangements.
3. Town Wide Cleanup Day is April 29th at Butler Park. The Planning Oversight Committee oversees this event. The POC, Open Spaces & Recreation, Parks and Beach and Community Marketing Committees are actively looking for volunteers.
4. A Rabies Clinic is scheduled for May 13th at the Schodack Highway Garage on Route 20. Information and sign up links are on our website. If you need assistance signing up please contact us and we will help.

Supervisor Gallerie's Report: Reported that since Mohawk Hudson Humane Society dropped Sand Lake and most other Towns we had to find another facility to house stray dogs picked up by our Animal Control Officer. We have partnered with Capital Agway and it seems to be working well. Two dogs were picked up this month and the process went smoothly. We have a contract in place with them and it has been approved by NYS Agriculture and Markets.

We are working with Poestenkill Supervisor Hammond to retrofit the facility at Waste Management to Agriculture and Markets standards and get contracts finalized.

2nd Dyke Road Project: We have received full grant reimbursement for this project and Commissioner Rifenburgh will have more details on work in progress.

Walking Trail Project: We met last week with Hudson Valley Greenway who offered us a planning grant to hire a professional engineering company to explore various options. This is a key step in the process. He thanked Garrett DeGraff for his hard work on this project.

Veterans: Veterans of Sand Lake will hold their bi-monthly meeting tomorrow 7:00 at Veterans Hall. They will be holding a Chicken BBQ Saturday.

Deputy Supervisor Clemens' Report: Nopiates is holding a “take back” event at the WSL Fire House where you can bring any drugs that need to be disposed of. Also on Tuesday, May 3rd Nopiates will have a meeting “Hidden Dangers” at SHAC informing parents of various, clever hiding places where teens might hide drugs and alcohol.

The Library has a painting exhibit on display, so please take a look.

Town Wide Clean Up Day April 22nd (rain date May 6) at Butler Park 9:00 – 12:00. Volunteers are needed so please sign up. There will be a meeting Tuesday, April 18th 6:00 pm at Town Hall to organize the event. Please attend if you are interested in getting involved.

Beach: We plan to open June 24th. We’re in the process of getting Lifeguards and Beach Aides screened. We are still looking for additional staff. The Application is on the Town website, and also, available at Town Hall. The more Lifeguard and Beach Aides we get, the longer we can keep the beach open. No closing is set yet since it depends on how long staff will be available.

Butler Park: Fresh mulch will be laid down at the Playground in the Park. Thank you to our highway department for helping with this.

Street Lights: This project is almost coming to a close. Supervisor Gallerie and I finally got a copy of the Contract for our attorney to peruse. We have been able to enjoy a savings of \$42,000 on this project. He said that not only will we have new infrastructure, we will also be saving significantly. We’re aware there are lights out at Veterans Park and replacements are on order. .

Councilman Nippes' Report: Seniors meet 2nd Thursday at Averill Park Fire House and they have several exciting trips coming up.

Building Permits and Construction are picking up. Estimated cost of construction for the month is \$761,500.

Animal control: Had 13 calls and 2 dogs were taken to Capital Agway because they were not licensed. Please license your dog.

Butler Park: If you walk your dog at the park please pick up after your dog. We hope to clean up debris, brush and branches left by the recent snowstorm. There will be sand coming for the volleyball court soon.

Music in the Park will kick off July 6th and flyers will be distributed soon. We are also looking for food trucks for concert nights. We hope to get the parking area chip sealed and I will be working with Commissioner Rifenburgh to get that project going. He thanked highway for the wonderful job they do.

Councilman Glasser's Report: April 22nd and 23rd FASNY is holding a statewide recruitment event. Please stop by any of the firehouses and talk with the firefighters to see what kind of help

is needed. There are other positions other than firefighting where volunteers are needed, such as fund raising and social events.

Commissioner Rifenburg: 2nd Dyke Guardrail is currently being installed and we hope to re-grade the road. Sweepers are ready to go in spite of some problems. Blacktop plants are open and we will be out with hot patch to make road repairs. Trucks that were in repair shops have been repaired and are back in service. We will be over at Butler Park to do some preliminary work before the chip seal begins.

There being no Public Comment the Board moved into Business.

RESOLUTION #2023-04-66

Approving the Agreement with Elan Planning, Landscape Architecture and Engineering Firm for Design, Engineering, and Construction Phase Services for the Beach Enhancement Project

Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake would like to procure the professional services of Elan Planning, Landscape Architecture & Engineering DPC, per the attached professional services agreement, relative to the Town's Waterfront Park, and good cause appearing therefore; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby authorizes and approves the attached professional services agreement with Elan Planning, Landscape Architecture & Engineering DPC per the terms and conditions contained therein.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2023-04-67

Approving the Application for a Trails Planning Grant to the Hudson River Valley Greenway

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, the Sand Lake Community Trails Taskforce (Trails Taskforce) has been working on the development of a plan to expand the Town's trail network and create safe bicycle and pedestrian options for both travel and recreation within the community and, ultimately, connect to regional trail networks; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway (HRVG) has a program for providing grant funding for trail planning within HRVG area communities, which include Rensselaer County and the Town of Sand Lake; and

WHEREAS, the HRVG has specified that applications for HRVG trail planning grants must be sponsored and submitted by a local government unit within the HRVG area or a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization serving a community within the HRVG area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake believes that assistance from the HRVG staff and professional consultation services that could be funded with an HRVG trail study grant would support the Trails Taskforce efforts and benefit future implementation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to approve and submit an application to the HRVG for a trail study grant, according to the HRVG's eligibility requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Sand Lake hereby authorizes the submission of all documents required to participate in the planning grant program if a funding award is provided to the Town. **AYES 4 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS**

RESOLUTION #2023-04-68

Approval of Local Law #1 of the Year 2023 Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers

Moved by: Councilman Glasser

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, the Sand Lake Town Board met on February 22nd, 2023 to introduce proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 and to schedule a Public Hearing for March 29th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held at the Sand Lake Town Hall at 6:45 pm on March 29th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the only comment from the public was in favor of the proposed law, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake, hereby approves Local Law #1 of 2023 entitled "A Local Law of the Town of Sand Lake Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions For Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law".

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2023-04-69

Approval of the 2023 Sand Lake Summer Concert Series

Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, the Summer Concert Series has become an anticipated and welcome town-wide event over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, monies were budgeted in the 2023 Town Budget for scheduling the Summer Concert Series with the following being the bands and the dates they are scheduled to play:

<u>Band Name</u>	<u>Date of Event</u>
Whiskey Highway	July 6, 2023
Lustre Kings	July 13, 2023

Diva & The Dirty Boys	July 20, 2023
A Blast	July 27, 2023
Joe Adee & the Lug Nuts	August 3, 2023
10.01	August 10, 2023
Beatin' the Odds	August 17, 2023
The Refrigerators	August 24, 2023

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby authorizes the expenditure of not more than \$9,100.00 to hold these eight concerts for 2023.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2023-04-70

Requesting the Reduction of the Speed Limit on Old Best Road (County Route 53) in the Town of Sand Lake

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake has received a written request to have the speed limit on Old Best Road reduced due to safety and public health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the previous Traffic Study conducted to determine if a speed limit reduction is necessary in the Town of Sand Lake was done in 2013; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Town Board, the increased traffic volume and safety concerns due to development along Old Best Road since 2013 warrants another analysis of this highway; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Sand Lake, pursuant to Section 1622.1, New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, hereby requests the New York State Department of Transportation and the Rensselaer County Superintendent of Highways to evaluate the speed limit on that portion of Old Best Road in the Town of Sand Lake; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor and the Commissioner of Public Works to take whatever steps are reasonably necessary to carry out this resolution and authorizes the Town Clerk to send a certified copy of this resolution along with the required forms to the Rensselaer County Superintendent of Highways for review and approval and submittal to the New York State Department of Transportation.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2023-04-71

Amending the Highway Machinery Budget- Department of Public Works

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works signed a letter of intent to purchase a Boss V-Plow in November 2022 out of the Highways 2022 Budget line DA 5130.2000; and

WHEREAS, The Boss V-Plow was not received in 2022 but received by the Department of Public Works at the end of the month of March 2023 and was subsequently invoiced to the Town; now therefore be it

RESOLVED; that the following amendments are made to the 2023 Budget:
Increase appropriation DA 5130.2000 Machinery Equipment in the amount of \$9,899 by appropriating the Highway Fund Balance DA 599 in the amount of \$9,899 for the purchase of the Boss V-Plow.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2023-04-72

Budget Transfers/Amendments

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

Be It Resolved the following transfers are made to the 2023 Budget:

From	To	Amount
A 1990.4000	A 1410.2000	\$260.00
Contingency Contractual	Town Clerk Equipment	
<u>Budget Amendments</u>		

Increase Appropriation A 6510.4955 Veterans Banners in the amount of \$3,825.00 by increasing Revenue A 2770.9955 Unclassified Revenue in the amount of \$3,825.00 for the Military Banners Program.

Increase Appropriation A 522.9950.9999 General Fund Transfer to Capital Project in the amount of \$1,527.00 by Appropriating A599 General Fund- Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,527.00. Funds are then transferred from the General Fund to Capital Project H023 LED Street Lighting by increasing Appropriation H023 522.5182.2101- LED Street Lighting Capital Outlay in the amount of 1,527.00 and Increase Revenue H023 980.5031.9999 Interfund Transfer in the amount of \$1,527.00 for the Letter of Credit Processing Fee.

Increase Appropriation A 522.9950.9999 General Fund Transfer to Capital Project in the amount of \$50,000.00 by Appropriating A599 General Fund- Fund Balance in the amount of \$50,000.00. Funds are then transferred from the General Fund to Capital Project H008 2nd Dyke Culvert by increasing Appropriation H008 522.5110.4000- 2nd Dyke Culvert Contractual in the amount of \$50,000.00 and Increase Revenue H008 980.5031.9999 Interfund Transfer in the amount of \$50,000.00 to pay for the increased cost of reinstalling the culvert at the corrected elevations.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

Councilman Nippes thanked Mike and Jen Slavin for helping him get the concert series finalized.

Councilman Nippes then made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm, it was seconded by Councilman Glasser. All in favor – Motion Carried