

TOWN OF SAND LAKE
Town Board Workshop
August 31, 2022

Supervisor Gallerie opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the salute to the flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

- Councilman Glasser
- Councilman Nippes
- Councilman Gendron
- Councilman Clemens
- Supervisor Gallerie
- Town Attorney Danaher
- Deputy Town Clerk Christina Luther

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Hunt, Kevin Rifenburg, William Glasser, Pete Finn, Carl Ricci, Gary Favro, Garett Degraff, William Film

RESOLUTION #2022-08-139

Appointing Paul Glasser Jr. To Fill the Position on the Town Board Vacated by William Film

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie
Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, William Film resigned from his position as Town Board Member in the Town of Sand Lake effective August 30th, 2022; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board considered several candidate's resumes and expressions of interest to fill the vacancy; and
WHEREAS, Paul Glasser Jr. has been determined to be the most qualified candidate for this position based on his many years of operational experience as the Chief of the Averill Park Fire Department, Chief of the Sand Lake Ambulance, Dispatcher for Rensselaer County Emergency Services, Equipment Operator for the Rensselaer County Highway Department, and currently the Deputy Director of Rensselaer County Bureau of Public Safety; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby appoints Paul Glasser Jr. as a Town Board Member effective August 31, 2022 for a term ending December 31, 2023.

AYES 4 - NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

The Oath of Office was read, and the book was signed by Paul Glasser Jr.

**Presentation of Resolutions to the Averill Park Baseball Team and Coaching Staff
Resolution #2022-07-127**

Congratulating the Averill Park Varsity Baseball Team Upon Winning the 2022 New York State Class A Championship

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, the sports programs at Averill Park High School contribute to the learning

experiences of the athletes who participate, teaching important lessons in teamwork, discipline

and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the sports programs at Averill Park High School bring excitement, pride, and a

sense of community for the residents of the Town of Sand Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Averill Park High School Varsity Baseball Team capped an outstanding season by winning the New York State Class A Championship by defeating Hamburg on Saturday, July 11th, 2022 by a score of 3-0; and

WHEREAS, the Baseball team is led by Head Coach George Brooks, Assistant Coaches Eric Rouleau, Dickie Hughto, and Matt Duff, Athletic Trainer Rachel Brown, and Director of Athletics Mark Bubniak; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2022 Varsity Baseball Team are:

Aiden Bailey	Lucas Ferguson	Brady Mazzeo	Charlie Ratigan
Jack Behan	Nicholas Galuski	Aidan McCue	Tyler Strock
Joe Blizinski	Jacob Kellar	Gavin Moore	Wyatt Thorsen
Mason Brown	Blake Kilgallon	Ethan Nardacci	Hunter Willett
Evan Coon	Steve Koval	Max O'Connor	Michael Mormuth
Matt DeJulio	Tim Koval	Joe Parrottino	Alex Yash

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby congratulates the Averill Park High School Varsity Baseball Team on winning the 2022 New York State Class A Championship.

Presentation by the Sand Lake Historical Society

A brief summary of what the society does and who they are, and description of their events was given by Pete Finn, President of the Sand Lake Historical Society.

Supervisor's Report:

There was an open discussion on the Seniors of Sand Lake and the location of their pickleball games which was previously held at the Averill Park High School but due to security concerns can no longer be. Gary Favro spoke on what pickleball is and possible options on where the games could be held. A motion was made by Supervisor Gallerie to create a resolution.

Resolution #2022-08-142

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

Authorizing the Pickleball League to Utilize the Basketball Court at Butler Park

WHEREAS, a group of pickleball players have been using the Averill Park High School tennis courts for daily play of pickleball; and

WHEREAS, effective September 1st, the pickleball league will not be allowed to use the Averill Park High School tennis courts due to a change in school policy ; and

WHEREAS, the pickleball league has asked the Town of Sand Lake to allow them to utilize the small basketball court at Butler Park to play pickleball; and

WHEREAS, the pickleball league has requested to have the basketball court striped as a multi-purpose basketball and pickleball court; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Sand Lake Town Board hereby waives the fees in 2022 for the Pickle Ball League use the basketball court at Butler Park for games; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, prior to the start of usage, the Pickleball League is required to schedule the usage of Butler Park with, and submit proof of liability insurance to the Office of the Town Clerk; and be it further

RESOLVED; that the Town of Sand Lake will appropriate a sum of not more than \$500.00 for the striping of the surface of the basketball court to add lines for two pickleball courts to be paid from budget line 7140.4, Playground and Recreational Center contractual.

AYES 5 - NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

2nd Dyke Road Culvert: Bid is in the newspaper, due Friday September 9th.

Construction to start Monday October 17th per DEC.

Sidewalk Project in Sand Lake Hamlet: The funding has been approved by NYSDOT meaning they will fund 100% of the project. Waiting for contractor to get back to us on when to start the project.

Stop 13 Road Bridge: Project started on August 15st and as of today the new footings have been installed and the project is on schedule.

Water district: Still waiting to meet with the engineer to review the plans to create the districts.

Supervisor Nippes' Report: make up Music in the Park is next Thursday, weather permitting, Beating the Odds. Many thanks to the highway department for getting Gettle Road paved.

Councilman Gendron: Town Beach is closed for the season, many thanks to our head lifeguard, Samantha Germano. Overdose awareness day.

Councilman Clemens' Report: There are lights out but may take some time to get them back up as we are upgrading them, if it is a safety concern, we can put portable lights in the meantime. Please continue to report outages.

Councilman Glasser Jr. Report: Thank you for the opportunity and looking forward to working on the Town Board.

Update from Kevin Rifenburg, Commissioner of Public Works: Projects completed this month: Sidewalks in West Sand Lake have been weeded. Stop 13 bridge is underway. Town has a brand-new backhoe that is in use. Drainage on Oriole and Cardinal roads is complete and then paving will start shortly. Gettle road repaving has been completed.

There being no public comment Supervisor Gallerie moved on to Business.

BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2022-08-140

Adopting Schreiner Way Road as a Highway by Use

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie
Seconded by: Councilman Clemens

WHEREAS, a highway, commonly known as "Shreiner Way Road", located in the Town of Sand Lake, has been utilized and maintained by the Town of Sand Lake since before 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake has maintained this roadway in accordance with the provisions of Section 189 of the New York State Highway Law in that it has been in use as a

public highway and maintained by the town for a continuous period of ten years or more;
and

WHEREAS, incorporating this roadway officially in the Town's highway system will increase the yearly funding from the State through the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS); and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this roadway has been recommended by the Commissioner of Public Works; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake, County Of

Rensselaer, State of New York, does hereby adopt Schreiner Way Road as a Town of Sand Lake Highway.

AYES 5 - NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-08-141

Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Initiate Action to Subdivide Town Owned Property at 100 Eastern Union Turnpike

Moved by: Councilman Gendron
Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, the Town-owned property at 100 Eastern Union Turnpike is the site of the former Sand Lake Town Highway Garage; and

WHEREAS, the property containing the former Highway Garage has been identified as excess to the Town of Sand Lake's needs and should be made available for sale through a public auction as required by NYS Town Law; and

WHEREAS, it would be advantageous to the Town of Sand Lake to retain ownership of the solar panels that are located on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, it would be necessary to subdivide the parcel of property containing the solar panels from the parcel containing the former garage; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares the subject property excess to the Town's needs, and be it further

RESOLVED; that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to initiate action to subdivide the property, and to solicit bids for Lot 2 as identified in a Survey dated April 16, 2019, Plat #N201914-1, containing the former Town Highway Garage; and be it further

RESOLVED that to the extent this Resolution involves an agreement for the conveyance of real property by the Town, pursuant to Town Law §64(2), this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

AYES 5 - NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

Supervisor Gallerie moved to appoint Councilman Gendron as the Deputy Town Supervisor replacing William Film. Supervisor Gallerie hereby appoints Wayne Gendron as Deputy Supervisor for term ending December 31st, 2022.

There being no further business and hearing no objections, Supervisor Gallerie made a motion to adjourn the August 31, 2022 Town Board Workshop and it was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gendron at 8:00pm. All in favor. Unanimous.

The Oath of Office was read, and the book was signed by Wayne Gendron.

Minutes by:

Christina A. Luther

Deputy Town Clerk