

**TOWN OF SAND LAKE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
February 10, 2021**

A meeting of the Sand Lake Town Board was held on February 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

**PRESENT:** Councilman Bulmer  
Deputy Supervisor Erickson  
Councilman Film  
Councilman Nippes  
Supervisor Perry  
Town Attorney Ely - Absent

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Perry opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Perry made a motion to approve the December 9, 2020 minutes of the Town Board Meeting. It was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Erickson. Motion carried Unanimous.  
Supervisor Perry made a motion to approve the December 30, 2020 minutes of the Town Board Workshop Meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Bulmer. Motion carried Unanimous.  
Supervisor Perry made a motion to approve the January 27, 2021 minutes. It was seconded by Councilman Film. Motion carried Unanimous.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT February 10, 2021**

Total Revenue for January, 2021	-	\$8,764.50
NYS Ag & Mkts for Spay/neuter	-	43.00
DEC – Hunting & Fishing	-	80.75

As everyone knows our doors have been closed since January 19<sup>th</sup> and we want to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation. We are planning on re-opening the doors at Town Hall on Tuesday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Perry will have more to say on this. We are here 9-4 M-F, and by appointment if you can't make it in during those hours. Please call and we will work something out. If your business can be done by mail, send us a check and a note with your name, phone number and what you need and we will do our best to fill your requests. Handicap permits, convenience facility permits and punch cards, dog licenses, can all be done by mail. Obviously, we can't mail trash bags so if you call ahead we will try to have items ready for you to pick up and you won't have to wait as long.

Again, we have 1 Notary in the building. She is here M-W-F 11-4. Please call ahead to be sure she will be here before you come down. We are working on trying to get others certified. A rigorous test is required to become a Notary in NYS and the Department of State suspended

testing for a while because of Covid. It has now resumed testing but is limiting the number of people allowed to sit for the test. They are requiring appointments and I've contacted them but have not heard back to see when we can get an appointment. So I don't see any of us being able to get our Notary Certification in the near future.

The Governor has declared this weekend Saturday & Sunday, February 13 & 14 "Free Fishing Weekend" in the state. So put on your woolies get out and enjoy the brisk winter weather. Also, this Saturday is the Annual Kiwanis Fishing contest on the Burden Lakes. Councilman Nippes will have more information on this in his report.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Happy Valentine's Day to all Sand Lakers. Our Covid numbers are dropping in the Town but we must remain vigilant. The Town does not schedule any vaccinations and does not have any participation in the network of providers. If you are over 65 years of age you can contact the Rensselaer County Department of Aging at 518-270-2730 and they should be able to help.

Military Banners Program is in full swing so please submit your applications as soon as possible. We've had great response to the program and this is a great way to honor your service member.

We are introducing the first Local Law of 2021 which proposes an additional eligibility requirement to hold an elected office (not an appointed office) here in the Town of Sand Lake. The additional requirement is that a person holding an elected Town position cannot hold another elected office in Rensselaer County or New York State. The City of Rensselaer recently enacted a similar law and the Town of Schodack is considering the same. We hope this new Local Law will avoid conflicts of interest. We will be holding a Public Hearing on March 10, 2021 at the next Town Board Business Meeting to solicit public input.

The next Town Board Workshop Meeting will be dedicated to the Open Spaces Committee and the future of our Town lands. The Trail Systems are very popular and we are working on expanding the sites, constructing the pump track and working with the Open Spaces Committee to discuss the future of the trails and surrounding lands. Everyone is welcome to this meeting to share their thoughts.

**COUNCILMAN BULMER'S REPORT:** Animal Control – Cathy Crawmer had 17 calls this month. Street lights – 5 lights were reported out. As temperatures drop, more street lights fail. Any questions please email me: [abulmer@sand-lake.us](mailto:abulmer@sand-lake.us)

**DEPUTY SUPERVISOR ERICKSON:** SLHS, in honor of Black History Month, hosted a program last night about Adam Blake, Jr., the adopted son of a former slave who went on to become a prominent businessman in Averill Park and owner of the Kenmore Hotel in Albany. SLCA – The Gallery is open Saturdays 12:00 – 3:00. They will also sponsoring a silent auction fundraiser for handcrafted, decorative birdhouses beginning in early March.

SL Library – The Library is currently open so check out their website for more specific information. The Library has 1040 tax forms and the State forms should be coming soon. The computers are available for use by the public.

**COUNCILMAN FILM'S REPORT:** The Ambulance vote is scheduled for March and we expect much discussion on this.

Building permits revenue was up this month.

The Assessor has declared a 91% Equalization Rate which means values in the Town have gone up about 3%. This does affect how much we pay in County and School taxes.

Town Beach: I'm going to try to start to clean off the ice at the Town Beach this weekend for ice skating, so if you see the gate is open, skating is available.

Solar: There has been some new legislation regarding commercial solar farms and we should look into passing some Local Laws regulating the way these will be taxed.

Councilman Film wished his wife a Happy "Milestone" Birthday.

**COUNCILMAN NIPPES' REPORT:** Seniors have not been meeting monthly, but hopefully, will be back next month.

Doors of Hope: Store is open 9-12 and please call ahead for donations 518-674-4048. The Food Pantry is always open.

Transfer Station: Open regular hours, please get your permits, bags and punch cards at the Clerk's Office.

Kiwanis will be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fishing Contest this Saturday. There will be raffles, prizes and give aways. Registration is 5:00 am in Kay's parking lot and fishing is 6:00 am to 2:00 pm. Nopiates will have a concession with coffee, hot chocolate and food items.

Councilman Film mention that Mess Hall has re-located over the border to Poestenkill and is open for business. We wish them the best.

**BRIAN HUNT - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** The snow has been steady and we've been busy plowing, salting and sanding. Please do not put garbage cans in the road. This creates a big problem for the guys plowing. We hope to get moving on the bridge project and sidewalks so work can start when weather permits. Supervisor Perry noted she has been working on approvals for these. Brian noted the department's fleet of trucks is getting older and we're working on getting some new trucks. This is an on-going endeavor.

**DAVID POST: PLANNING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** We have a very energetic team that has been diving deep into the Town's Comprehensive Plan. We are formalizing priorities and have formed sub-committees based on areas of expertise. We hope to bring action items to the Town Board in the near future and are working with other town committees and organizations to ensure we are all working in the same direction.

### **BUSINESS:**

**Introduction of Local Law #1 of 2021 and Establishment of Public Hearing on March 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom:** Establishing an Additional Qualification for Eligibility to Hold an Elective Office in the Town of Sand Lake, New York

1. No person shall be eligible to hold an elective office in the Town of Sand Lake while at the same time holding any elective office in the County of Rensselaer, New York and the State of New York.
2. This qualification shall be in addition to, but not in substitution of, any other qualification to hold a Town of Sand Lake elective office required by any State or Local law.
3. This local law shall become effective immediately upon filing the same with the Secretary of State of New York.

**RESOLUTION #2021-02-10**

**Budget Transfer and Amendments**

**Moved by: Supervisor Perry**

**Seconded by: Councilman Film**

**Be It Resolved** the following transfers are made to the 2021 Town of Sand Lake Budget:

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A 9060.8000 Hospital Insurance	A 1110.1000 Town Justice Personal	\$1200.00
A 9060.8000 Hospital Insurance	A 1315.1000 Comptroller Personal	\$1500.00
A 9060.8000 Hospital Insurance	A 1410.1000 Town Clerk Personal	\$1000.00
DA 9060.8000 Hospital Insurance	DA 5110.1000 Street Maintenance Personal	\$3500.00
A 1990.4000 Contingency Contractual	A 1650.4400 Central Communications Technical Services	\$225.00

**Budget Amendments** None at this time.

**MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUS**

There were no other questions or comments and Supervisor Perry made a motion to adjourn the February 10, 2021 Town Board Workshop Meeting at 7:26 PM. Seconded by Councilman Bulmer

**MOTION CARRIED: UNANIMOUS**