

**TOWN OF SAND LAKE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2022**

A Meeting of the Sand Lake Town Board was held on January 12, 2022 at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

PRESENT: Supervisor Gallerie
Deputy Supervisor Film
Councilman Nippes
Councilman Gendron
Councilman Clemens
Town Attorney Danaher

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Glasser, Kevin Rifenburg, David Post, Garrett DeGraff and Brian Hunt.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Gallerie opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Town Clerk's Report:

Total Revenue for December 2021	-	\$10,069.00
DOH Marriage Licenses	-	22.50
DEC – Hunting	-	124.63
NYS Ag & Mkts	-	43.00
Balance paid to TOSL	-	\$ 9,878.87

Happy New Year to all and here's hoping our world gets back to something resembling normal soon. Welcome to our new elected officials. So far our transition has been seamless and I'm sure it will continue.

KN95 Masks are available 2 per person. Contrary to the news reports to date we have not received any test kits. I will put a Notice on website when we receive them.

Military Banner Program is now open. I have the Application posted on the Clerk's page on the Town's website. The deadline to submit your order is March 31st so that I have enough time to get the order in and the production to begin. You must supply an email address. A proof will be sent to the email and you must approve it for the order to be completed. The cost for the banners is \$225.00. You must submit the completed application, a check payable to Sand Lake Military Banner and a photo. I can scan photos here at Town Hall, or you can email it to me, in jpeg, to bhansen@sand-lake.us. I believe they will be up by Memorial Day. Call with any questions.

Convenience Facility – 2022 Permits are available only at Town Hall or call us to if you can't make it in. We can do business by mail. Also, Trash bags and punch cards are always available at Town Hall and they are also has bags and punch cards available at the site. You can pay by check only, no cash please. If you don't have a check with you please leave your name, address, phone number and amount you owe on the clipboard that Dave Martin has in his office. You can then mail a check to me at PO Box 273, Sand Lake, NY 12153.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Film made a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2021 and it was seconded by Councilman Nippes. **MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**

Supervisor Gallerie made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 29th 2021 meeting and it was seconded by Councilman Film. **MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS**

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: The 2nd Dyke Road Culvert grant was approved and the Town will be meeting with Wayne Bonesteel, Town Engineer to start the bidding and construction process. I will have more information in the near future.

MUNICIPAL WATER: We are considering joining with the Town of Poestenkill and Laberge Engineering to explore the possibility of applying for a grant to bring municipal water to the Hamlets of Sand Lake and Averill Park. Hopefully, there will be significant Federal monies available for this project and that by partnering with Poestenkill the Town can apply up to 10 million dollars as opposed to 3 million if we apply on our own. Again, more details will follow as we get more information.

VETERANS: I attended the American Legions Committee Meeting on January 3rd and Bill Glasser did a dynamic job. Applications to add a name to the Memorial Wall at the Veterans’ Park should be submitted by April 1, 2022. Applications are on the Town’s website or at the Town Clerk’s office.

Since we are approaching our coldest months are, I ask that you check in with your neighbors as this is shaping up to be a tough winter.

There is salt and sand mix available at the Town Highway garage. 25 Springer Road, West Sand Lake. Also, there is no parking allowed on public town roads which hampers plow trucks effectiveness and exposes the vehicle to unnecessary liability. Please be safe.

Deputy Supervisor Film: Tax & Assessment \$996,000 in new building permits in December which brings us to 9.2 million for 2021 for improvements to our Town and this goes a long way in increasing our tax base.

Transfer Station: We are proposing a Resolution to increase the cost of disposing of tires since our cost has increased to have them removed.

Councilman Nippes: Thank you to our highway department for keeping our roads cleared during this inclement weather.

Seniors are meeting tomorrow at the Averill Park Fire Department. They are now asking all participants to be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times, except when speaking or eating. They do not accept cash, so please bring your checkbook.

Animal Control – Cathy Crawmer had 10 calls last month. Please keep your dogs are restrained and on a lease, and please renew licenses.

Councilman Gendron: Beach: I’m working on the list of lifeguards from last year to see how many will be returning so we can hit the ground running. We’re trying to plan an ice skating day and I will have more information at a later date.

SLCA: A meeting has been planned with Brian Sheldon, Director of SLCA.

Nopiates: I am on the agenda for their next meeting to discuss if the Town can assist them in any way.

Buildings: Supervisor Gallerie and I will be inspecting Town owned buildings to get a handle on what has to be maintained.

Sand Lake Historical Society: I've emailed Jackie Tremont, President of SLHS and I plan to attend some of their meetings and get acquainted with their program.

Also, a reminder the Sand Lake Kiwanis is hosting their 3rd Annual Ice Fishing Contest on Burden Lake on Saturday, February 12th from 6:00am to 2:00pm. Registration will be in Kay's Parking Lot starting at 5:00 am. Prizes and 50/50, etc. will take place in Kay's Parking Lot around 2:45 pm. Contact me with any questions: wgendron@sand-lake.us

Councilman Clemens: There were 4 street lights out and they were all reported to NYSEG.

Broadband: Any residents without access to broadband or poor service please contact Town Hall at 518-674-2026, Ext. 122 as we are compiling a list to try to get upgraded broadband and internet to all residents.

David Post: Planning Oversight Committee: Welcome to the new Board and we look forward to working with you. We have been meeting and reviewing our goals and objectives to be sure we are still on track. We hope to grow in size and welcome all to get involved. If interested, please contact us by email: slpoc@sand-lake.us. Please include your contact information and a brief explanation of why you would like to be involved. Spring Town Wide cleanup is tentatively scheduled for May 7th. It was a very successful event last year and we hope all who participated will return again. Jim Snack, current Chair of the Community & Marketing and Community Involvement Committee was unable to make tonight's meeting but asked that we reach out to everyone as they are looking for additional members to work with various community groups.

Brian Hunt, Highway: So far this year our snow and ice storms have been relatively small and we have been able to get the roads treated properly before the storms. Because there has been so much sleet and ice our salt usage is up. We have some new trucks and equipment coming in. We will do an inventory of equipment and road conditions and give Supervisor Gallerie an up to date list. The flood in July has stretched our budget for last year and we still need to replace some culverts.

Councilman Film noted that another member of the Biittig family has passed. Jeff Biittig, son of Barbara & Richard Biittig, passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael Biittig and his extended family.

BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2022-01-47

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase Road Salt from New York State OGS

Contract Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie Seconded by: Councilman Gendron

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department requires Road Salt (mineral crushed rock) for winter road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York has extended the award for one additional year (September 1st, 2021 to August 31st, 2022), a contract for the purchase of road salt, treated salt,

and emergency standby road salt – (Group Number 01800, Contract Number PC 68228) from Apalachee , LLC at a cost of \$58.25 per ton, subject to fuel price adjustment; and

WHEREAS, an essential component of the contracts entered into by the State of New York provides that said materials and respective bid prices received by the State shall be available to local governments of New York State;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to purchase Road Salt from the above contract as required for treating snow and ice on Town Highways and Town Owned Facilities subject to the limits of DPW Budget Line DA 5142.4.

AYES 5 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-01-48

Authorizing Purchase of Diesel Fuel and Unleaded Gasoline from Rensselaer County Contract

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department requires Diesel Fuel and Gasoline to operate its trucks and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County has awarded the bid for Diesel Fuel, and Unleaded Gasoline (RFB 21-17) for one year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) with two, one-year extensions available, to Mirabito Energy Products; and

WHEREAS, An essential component of the contracts entered into by Rensselaer County provides that said commodities and respective bid prices received by the Office shall be available to local governments and political subdivisions of New York State; and

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to purchase Diesel Fuel and Gasoline from the above contract as required for operating trucks and equipment subject to the limits of DPW Budget.

AYES 5 – NAYS -0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-01-49

Resolution Honoring C. Michael Deutsch III for Fifty Years of Service to the West Sand Lake Fire Department

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Whereas, C. Michael Deutsch III joined the West Sand Lake Fire Department as a Fire Fighter in 1971; and

Whereas, Michael has actively served in the West Sand Lake Fire Company as a Line Officer including assignments as Fire Lieutenant, and Fire Captain; and

Whereas, Michael has held Fire Company Civil Offices of increasing responsibility including Trustee, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President; and

Whereas, Michael has also held Fire District Offices including Treasurer, and Fire Commissioner; and

Whereas, Michael Deutsch III has devoted countless hours of time and his talents to ensure the safety and well being of members of his community; now therefore

Be it Resolved, the Sand Lake Town Board wishes to recognize and sincerely thank Michael Deutsch III for fifty years of dedicated service to the West Sand Lake Fire Department and Fire District, and wishes to honor his service to this community.

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RESOLUTION #2022-01-50

Resolution to correct the Town Employee Handbook Policy with regards to the Family Medical Leave Act

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Whereas, The Family Medical and Leave Act was adopted into federal labor law in 1993, requiring covered employers to provide employees with job-protected, unpaid leave for qualified medical and family reasons; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Labor defines the term “covered employers” as a public agency including a local, state or federal government agency, regardless of the number of employees it employs; and

Whereas, Paragraph 606, Statement of Compliance, of the Town of Sand Lake Employee Handbook erroneously adopted language that states that Town Employees are not currently eligible for the Family Medical and Leave Act; now therefore

Be it Resolved, Paragraph 606, Statement of Compliance, of the Town of Sand Lake Employee Handbook will be amended to read as follows: The Town of Sand Lake Complies with the provisions of Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Employees that are eligible under the terms of the law will be afforded leave in accordance with the FMLA.

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RESOLUTION #2022-01-51

Resolution to increase the prices for Disposal of Passenger Tires at the Convenience Facility

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

Whereas, New York State requires Transfer Stations to operate on a fee basis with costs of operation being borne by the Transfer Station users and not as an expense to town taxpayers ; and

Whereas, during the 2021 operating year, the price of disposing of passenger car tires has increased requiring an increase of \$1 for passenger tires in the price charged to Transfer Station users disposing of said tires; now therefore

Be it Resolved, That the Town Board hereby adopts the 2022 Convenience Facility Guidelines as shown on the attached document. This change is to be made effective March 1st, 2022.

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RESOLUTION # 2022-01-52

Budget Transfers/Amendments

At the Town Board meeting of the Town of Sand Lake, New York held in the Town Hall on the 12th day of January, 2022 the following resolution was:

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Be It Resolved the following transfers are made to the 2022 Budget:

From	To	Amount
A 9060.8000 Hospital Insurance	A 1110.1000 Town Justice Personal	\$1,200.00
A 9060.8000 Hospital Insurance	A 1315.1000 Comptroller Personal	\$1,500.00
A 9060.8000 Hospital Insurance	A 1410.1000 Town Clerk Personal	\$1,000.00
A 1420.1000 Attorney Personal	A 1420.4000 Attorney Contractual	\$25,000.00
DA 9060.8000 Hospital Insurance	DA 5110.1000 Street Maintenance Personal	\$2,900.00
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There being no further business Deputy Supervisor Film made a motion to adjourn the January 12th, 2022 Town of Sand Lake Town Board meeting at 7:33 p.m. It was seconded by Councilman Nippes.

Motion Carried: UNANIMOUS