

TOWN OF SAND LAKE
Town Board Meeting
July 12, 2023

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

PRESENT: Supervisor Gallerie
 Deputy Supervisor Clemens
 Councilman Nippes - Absent
 Councilman Glasser
 Town Attorney Danaher
 Town Clerk Barbara Hansen

Supervisor Galleries's Report: I have not had an update on the County replacement of Taborton Road bridge. They are supposed to start work on it later this month. When work commences it will require Taborton Road to be closed. I will pass on updates as I receive them. Good news – the Bridge NY Grant request for replacement of the Thais Road Bridge and the Loon Creek culvert were both approved. We were awarded 1.9 million dollars for Thais Road bridge and an additional \$745,000 to replace the culvert on Loon Creek Lane. These were both critical projects that would not have been possible for the Town to take on without external funding.

Deputy Supervisor Clemens' Report: Town Beach has been open for several weeks now and all is running smoothly. We have a good group of lifeguards and beach aides resulting in the beach staying open 7 days a week. I've been by several times and the parking lot has been full. LED lighting project is underway. The work should take 4 – 5 weeks to complete. Concerts in the Park had a good turnout last week in spite of spotty weather and everyone enjoyed the music.

Councilman Glasser's Report: Emergency Services: Taborton FD had 2 calls this month; Averill Park 18 calls and WSL had 45 calls. SL Ambulance had 84 calls in June and I'm happy to report they were able to cover 100% of their shifts this month. AP FD will have their drive through breakfast starting at 8:00 am July 23rd. WSL FD has a chicken and rib BBQ July 29th, 4:00-6:00. SLCA: the defibrillator has been approved and can now be ordered. They have several camps going on this summer. The Art Gallery is open every Saturday from 12-3:00. Check out their website for more details. Convenience Facility: We accept paint cans free of charge as part of the New York State paint care recycling program. You do not need a permit to participate.

Commissioner Kevin Rifenburg, DPW: We started the Crystal Lake shoreline project today and hopefully will have it completed tomorrow. The mower is still out for repairs and we'll make a second pass around town after we mow the Convenience Facility.

Blue Heron, 2nd Dyke and Lilly Lane have been paved and look great. We finished the guardrail on 2nd Dyke and painted everything with galvanized paint. We hope to get back there to finish up grading on the shoulders of the road. Supervisor Gallerie said he had been over 2nd Dyke Road and all the work done looked great.

Public Comment: Comments following are from New York Citizens Audit, a group focusing on voter registration inaccuracies.

Kevin Rose, Sand Lake resident, with the New York Citizens Audit addressed the Board. He passed out information and a proposed Resolution to all Board members describing the issues NYCAudit is addressing. The Resolution calls for an end to end audit of the NYS 2022 General Election. He stated the group is not trying to invalidate any previous elections, but rather make any future elections better, and hopefully, have the State and Federal Election Laws followed correctly. The NYCAudit is a volunteer, non-partisan, non-profit (501 C-3) group that has conducted an open audit and uncovered massive inaccuracies that violate State and Federal laws. The literature distributed contains the Election Law along with a summary sheet showing the deficits. They used the FOIL to obtain the information from the State and County Board of Elections. After careful examination they uncovered that the State and County Board of Elections rolls are not in line with each other, and therefore believe an audit is necessary to make them more accurate.

Anthony, also a Sand Lake resident, spoke about “clone votes”. He explained that is a situation where one voter has more than one voter identification number, which can result from any number of failures to follow the voter registration laws accurately. This voter ID number is assigned at the State level and is not visible to local and county boards. False registration numbers open up the possibility of false votes. We have found that these false registration numbers have voted more than once.

Anna Brouker, a Wynantskill resident, shared a finding by this group’s Director of Research, a PHd Data Scientist, who recently published an article in a peer review scientific journal, “The Journal of Information Warfare”. He claims to have uncovered a well- hidden, complex mathematical algorithm in the NYS voter rolls with no known legitimate purpose. We believe some of the previously mentioned fictitious records exist, have voted and then have been deleted. None of this is visible at the County BOE level. We believe this leaves open the possibility to inject any number of illegally generated State BOE ID numbers, which we firmly believe has been done, assign votes to them, which we believe has been done, and delete the evidence by deleting the State BOE ID numbers associated with the excess votes after the election. Election Law states that “adding, changing, canceling or removing voter registration records shall be conducted only by local Boards of Elections at the County level.” NYCAudit believes extensive, unauthorized changes are being made. We believe NYS voter rolls have been breached. There is no way to know if election results would have been different. We have prepared and distributed to the Board a Resolution requesting an end to end audit of the NYS data base by an impartial third party of the 2022 general election. We are not asking for a recount.

The Board thanked the group for bringing this to their attention and agreed to thoroughly examine the materials they supplied.

Other Public Comments: Joe Edick of 78 Bauer Road, who purchased this property last year as a vacant piece of property spoke of his experience with the building permit process. He is

trying to develop it to build on but is having issues with the Building Department. Some confusion arose from inspection of the driveway which should have been done by DPW, not by the Building Department. An apparent misunderstanding resulted in his having to renew his driveway permit. He also questioned why he was told he could not have a camper on the property when the next property has a camper on site. Supervisor Gallerie asked for Mr. Edick's contact information and promised to get back to him.

Wayne Gendron, Rensselaer County Legislator: President of Sand Lake Kiwanis and a County Legislator said Kiwanis had installed 2 free libraries at SLCA and Butler Park, which were previously approved by the Town Board. He said they hope to have them stocked with books by Friday. The books are mainly focused on children but there will be some adult literature as well.

He said he is very interested in the presentation from the NYCAudit and he plans to investigate their findings more deeply and check out their website. He told them Kiwanis has an open forum the first Wednesday of each month and encouraged the group to sign up to give a presentation.

Legislator Gendron complimented Commissioner Rifenburgh on how good the road work around town is.

There being no other Public Comment the Board moved on to the Business portion of the meeting.

BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2023-07-113

Adopting Local Law #2 of 2023 After the Public Hearing – Office of the Supervisor

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake has reviewed the attached proposed Local Law No. of 2023 updating the Parking Provisions of Article I, Sections 243-1 to 243-6 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Sand Lake, and believes same is appropriate as to form and substance, and a Public Hearing having been had thereon to get input from members of the Sand Lake Community, and good cause appearing therefore, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2023 is hereby approved as to form and substance and is duly adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of such adopted Local Law with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

AYES 3 – NAYS 0 Unanimous

RESOLUTION #2023-07-114

Supporting the Town of Berlin's Certificate of Need for Town Provided Ambulance Service

Moved by: Councilman Glasser

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, The Town of Berlin is seeking a letter of support from the Town of Sand Lake to

transition to a permanent operating certificate for Town Provided ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Berlin has been providing ambulance service since September of 2021 and has meet or exceeded all applicable training, staffing and equipment standards, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake is in support of Berlin's transition to a permanent operating certificate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the letter of support for the permanent operating certificate upon approval as to form by the Town Attorney.

AYES 3 - NAYS 0 Unanimous

RESOLUTION #2023-07-115

Authorizing the Repayment In Full of the Sidewalk Project Bond Anticipation Notice (BAN)

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Glasser

WHEREAS, The Town Supervisor's Office has received a Redemption Payment Summary in the amount of \$1,017,621.00 on a Bond Anticipation Notice (BAN) for the Sand Lake Sidewalk Improvement Project in the amount of \$990,000.00 in principle, and \$27,621.00 in interest; and

WHEREAS, this BAN must be repaid or extended for an additional year no later than July 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town is currently awaiting payment of reimbursement requests #27 & #28 from New York State Department of Transportation in a total amount of \$981,282.89; and

WHEREAS, the extension of this BAN past the July 19, 2023 due date would result in the Town of Sand Lake incurring an additional interest obligation of over \$27,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the most fiscally responsible course of action is to repay the BAN prior to July 19, 2023 from the Sidewalk Improvement Capital Project Account to be funded by transferring monies from the General Fund Balance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake authorizes the transfer of \$1,017,621.00 from General Fund Balance, budget code A599 to the Sidewalk Improvement Capital Project Account budget code H007; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such transfer shall be repaid upon receipt of reimbursement from the New York State Department of Transportation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake authorizes the Town Supervisor to

execute all required documents to pay the full principal and interest balance of this BAN subject to approval as to form by the Town Attorney.

AYES 3 – NAYS 0 Unanimous

RESOLUTION #2023-07-116

Appointing an Additional Lifeguard for the 2023 Beach Season

Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

Seconded by: Councilman Glasser

WHEREAS, Lifeguards and Beach Aides are appointed annually by the Town Board in accordance with New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Supervisor Clemens solicited applications to fill these positions; and

WHEREAS, applications were received and reviewed, and interviews conducted by Deputy Supervisor Clemens; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake appoints the following additional Lifeguard for the 2023 Beach Season subject to receipt of her Lifeguard and CPR Certification as applicable:

NAME	POSITION	HOURLY RATE
Chris Pageau	Lifeguard	\$15.00

AYES 3 – NAYS 0 Unanimous

RESOLUTION #2023-07-117

Authorizing Budget Transfers and Amendments to the 2023 Budget

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie moved as written

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

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

From	To	Amount
A 1990.4000 Contingency Contractual	A 1220.4000 Supervisor Contractual	\$296.00
A 1990.4000 Contingency Contractual	A 1910.4300 Unallocated Insurance	\$500.00

Budget Amendments

None at this time

AYES 3 – NAYS 0 Unanimous

There being no further business to come before the Board Councilman Glasser made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm. It was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Clemens. All in favor – motion carried.