

TOWN OF SAND LAKE
June 26, 2024
Town Workshop Meeting

A Town Workshop Meeting of the Town of Sand Lake was held on June 26, 2024, at the Sand Lake Town Hall.

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

PRESENT: Supervisor Clemens
Deputy Supervisor Nippes
Councilman Krokos
Councilman P. Glasser
Councilwoman K. Mason
Town Attorney Danaher
Recording Secretary: Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT per sign in sheet: Kevin Rifenburgh, Bill Glasser, Brian Hunt, Garrett DeGraff

PUBLIC HEARING: On Proposed Local Law #4 of 2024 Establishing a School Speed Zone under the Municipal Code of the Town of Sand Lake scheduled at the Town Board Meeting on June 12, 2024 and duly noticed in the Troy Record on June 18, 2024. The Law will establish a Speed Zone of 20 mph on Gettle Road near Averill Park High School from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, between High School Road and Magnolia Drive, on days when school is in session or when the beacons attached to the school zone speed limit signs are flashing. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to solicit public comment in favor of or against the proposed Law. Sup Clemens asked three times if anyone was opposed to the proposed law. No one came forward. He then asked three times if anyone was in support of it. Town Attorney Danaher noted this is allowed under State Law and protects the children. The School Board is in favor of it and noted the Law is enforceable. He supported the Board's passing of said Law. Sup Clemens then made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes. Sup Clemens made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Krokos, all were in favor, motion carried.

Presentation by POC: Sand Lake Planning Oversight Committee, co-Chair Laurie Leckonby, submitted a Memorandum Status Update and Recommendations for 2024-2025, a copy of which can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office and will be attached to these Minutes. Councilman Nippes is the Town Board liaison to the POC who noted that many of the recommendations have begun and both he and Sup Clemens thanked the POC for all its work and suggestions.

Town Clerk's Report:

Rabies Clinic July 27th, 8:00 – 12:00 at Troy DPW. You must register to participate.

Beach passes are available at the Town Clerk's Office, free for Sand Lake residents, proof of residence required. Surrounding Towns can obtain a seasonal pass for \$50.00.

We have copies of the 2024 Rensselaer County Summer Activity Guide at the TC desk.

I also have 4H Entry Applications for Schaghticoke Fare. Fair dates August 28 – September 2.

Town Beach: Family Fun Day July 13th, 11:00 - 2:00.

Supervisor Clemens: 1st Water Committee meeting was held in February. A proposal was received from an Engineering firm to create a water feasibility study.

We received a proposal from Siemens Energy Services contractor to look over and update all of our heating, AC, insulation, etc. They believe the savings from their recommendations would pay for the study.

Beach: Opening Saturday June 29th.

Thank you to DPW for getting the beach parking lot ready for the summer season and paving 1st Dyke Road.

Pickleball court will be paved next week, weather permitting and will be striped and fenced later on.

Traffic Circle: We're working with Creighton Manning to explore the possibility of a traffic circle at Route 43 and Route 150. An overlay is in progress. When completed we can take it to DOT and explore options.

Deputy Supervisor Nippes: Music in the Park begins 6:30 pm, Thursday, July 11th and will continue Thursdays throughout the summer with the last one on August 29th. Rain outs will be determined by 2:00 the day of the concert. There will be different food trucks each week.

Murals: Library mural is almost complete and we all thought it would be nice to do something on the front of the building. We suggested the Town Logo and are making arrangements with Arts, Letters and Numbers to have it painted on the front of the building.

Councilman Krokos: Beach is opening this Saturday, June 29th.

Library: Hosting a summer reading and book sale this Saturday, 10:00 - 1:00pm, ending with a bag sale at 1:00.

Councilwoman Mason: There will be a Summer Fun Day July 13 11:00 – 2:00 at Town Beach, with food trucks, face painting, swimming and other activities. Volunteers needed.

SLCA: Check out their website for all events.

Rensselaer County adopted legislation sponsored by our legislators, Bob Loveridge, Wayne Gendron and Tom Choquette, to commend the Sand Lake Historical Society on its 50th anniversary of its founding.

DPW Commissioner of Public Works, Kevin Rifenburg: Beach project is moving forward with some changes from the original plan. Work will be postponed until after the Beach closes for the season.

Pickleball Court: Paving will begin July 8th, weather permitting and striping and fencing will come at a later date, along with striping of the parking lot.

Loon Creek and 1st Dyke Road are completed after some unanticipated delays. Summit Drive is almost complete. The rain caused some delays.

Brush piles at Highway Garage: We have been finding trash in the brush piles. Please do not include any trash with brush. The brush gets chipped for mulch that is available to residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Glasser: SL Garden Club asked the public not to put signs in the triangle in Averill Park that is landscaped and maintained by the SLGC.

Brian Hunt: Presented a packet of information from the American Lung Association on the kinds of mining that cause silicosis. Neither the Rensselaer County Health Department, or NYS DEC has any information pertinent to silicosis and the kind of mining conducted in our area.

There being no other public comment the Board moved on to Business:

RESOLUTION # 2024-06-131

Appointing Additional Town of Sand Lake Lifeguards and Beach Aides for the 2024 Beach Season

Moved by: Councilman Krokos

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Nippes

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, Councilman Krokos solicited applications to fill these positions; and

WHEREAS, applications were received and reviewed, and interviews conducted by Councilman Krokos; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake appoints the following additional Lifeguards and Beach Aides for the 2024 Beach Season subject to receipt of their Lifeguard and CPR Certification as applicable:

NAME	POSITION	HOURLY RATE
Dominic Marrochello	Returning Beach Aide	\$15.25
Wyatt Relyea	Beach Aide	\$15.00
Micah Buono	Beach Aide	\$15.00

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RESOLUTION # 2024-06-132

Authorizing the Closure of the Sidewalk Enhancement Capital Project (H007)

Moved by: Councilwoman Mason

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Nippes

Whereas, the Sidewalk Enhancement Capital Project (H007) has been completed and has a remaining unexpended balance of \$920,947.61; now therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the closure of the Sidewalk Enhancement Capital Project (H007); and

Be It Further Resolved, the unexpended balance be transferred to the General Fund.

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RESOLUTION # 2024-06-133

Application for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program

Moved by: Supervisor Clemens

Seconded by: Councilman Glasser

WHEREAS, The Town of Sand Lake Court is requesting authorization from the Town of Sand Lake Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) during the upcoming grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, the grant from JCAP would update and replace printers, copiers, and a TV stand that are currently beyond their useful life; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that The Board of the Town of Sand Lake authorizes the Town of Sand Lake Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-25 grant cycle up to \$5,000.00.

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RESOLUTION 3 2024-06-134

Authorizing the repair of Electric Service and Meter Can at Sand Lake Town Hall

Moved by: Supervisor Clemens

Seconded by: Councilman Krokos

WHEREAS, The Town of Sand Lake Town Hall meter can was not installed with an expansion fitting; and

WHEREAS, due to ground movement without an expansion fitting the conduit has pulled the meter can off the pedestal due thus making the meter can out of code compliance, and is in need of repair by a licensed electrician; and

WHEREAS, two quotes were received in accordance with the Town's procurement policy, and Adaptive Energy has the lowest responsible estimate; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake authorizes the Town Supervisor to contract with Adaptive Energy in an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00 for the repair of the meter can at the Sand Lake Town Hall, subject to approval as to form by the Town Attorney.

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RESOLUTION # 2024-06-135

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT APPLICATION TO REGENERON FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LUCAS 3 CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM BY THE SAND LAKE AMBULANCE INC., NORTH GREENBUSH AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, AND W.F. BRUEN RESCUE SQUAD

Moved by: Councilman Glasser

Seconded by: Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, the Sand Lake Ambulance Inc., North Greenbush Ambulance Association, and W.F. Bruen Rescue Squad are dedicated non-profit ambulance services that provide emergency medical care to nearly 40,000 residents across Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, the LUCAS 3 Chest Compression System is a critical piece of life-saving equipment that ensures consistent and effective chest compressions during cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the LUCAS 3 Chest Compression System is essential for maintaining the high standards of emergency medical care and ensuring the safety and well-being of the residents served by these ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the Sand Lake Ambulance Inc., North Greenbush Ambulance Association, and W.F. Bruen Rescue Squad are seeking funding through a grant application to Regeneron to support the replacement of this critical equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake recognizes the importance of this grant and the positive impact it will have on the emergency medical services provided to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby expresses its full support for the grant application to Regeneron by the Sand Lake Ambulance Inc., North Greenbush Ambulance Association, and W.F. Bruen Rescue Squad for the replacement of the LUCAS 3 Chest Compression System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake acknowledges the valuable services provided by these ambulance organizations and their commitment to the health and safety of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Sand Lake Ambulance Inc., North Greenbush Ambulance Association, W.F. Bruen Rescue Squad, and Regeneron in support of their grant application.

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Other Public Comment: Rob Dressner: approves of the Board's conducting of the workshops in a more informal manner, with more input from residents to set up the Agenda for the TB meeting to follow. He would like to see a different format for workshops and regular Town Board meetings.

There being no other business to come before the Board Supervisor Clemens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. It was seconded by Councilman Glasser and all approved. Motion carried.

