

**TOWN OF SAND LAKE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
June 9, 2021**

A Meeting of the Sand Lake Town Board was held on June 9, 2021 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

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk  
**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Perry opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scott Gallerie, Wayne Gendron

**June 9, 2020 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

April Revenue \$12,286.25  
NYS Ag & Markets dog licenses - \$82.00  
NYS Health Dept for marriage licenses \$112.50  
DEC Hunting and fishing licenses - \$1,241.96      Paid to Town - \$10,849.79

May Revenue - \$11,659.75  
NYS Ag & Mkt - \$60.00  
Health Dep marriage licenses - \$112.50  
DEC Hunting and fishing licenses - \$561.42      Paid to Town \$10,925.83

I want to remind everyone of the Rabies clinic this Saturday, June 12, from 8am to 12pm. You can register on Town's website. If you have difficulty registering call me at 518-674-2026 x 122 or call Rensco Health Dept Rabies Clinic @ 518-270-2643

Hurrah - The Sand Lake Town Beach will be opening June 25<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day, 7 days/week 11-7pm Passes are available in my office. If you can't get here during our regular hours, call and we will do it by mail.

Hurrah again – Summer Concert Series will take place every other Thursday 6:30 – 9:00. It will kick off with the very popular Whiskey Highway w/Val Gray. This concert will be a tribute to Barbara Biittig, long time Town Clerk and School District employee. Check out the schedule on our website.

Primary Day is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sand Lake voting will be at Town Hall, 8428 Miller Hill Road. Early voting is June 12-20. There are 3 early voting sites, Holy Cross Armenian Church , 255 Spring Avenue, Troy, Town of Brunswick Office Building, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick and Schodack Town Hall, 265 Schuuman Road, Castleton.

Convenience Facility – Trash bags & punch cards are available for purchase at the facility from Dave Martin. Checks only, no cash please. If you find yourself down there and in need of these items and do not have a check, Dave will take your name, address, phone number and items purchased and we will bill you, or you can just mail us a check and note what you purchased on it.

Since the Town switched the company who supplies the dumpsters and bins at the Convenience Facility I've had quite a few complaints about the size of the dumpsters and how quickly they fill up. I think Councilman Film will have more to say about this in his report.

Poestenkill-Sand Lake Summer Camp will be running July 12 – August 13<sup>th</sup>. 9:00-4:00. Early drop off and late pick up is available. Call my office or check our website for more information.

Reminder, new passports require an appointment and are taking at least 10-12 weeks. So if you plan on traveling and need a passport get it earlier rather than later.

Supervisor's Report: All but 3 Military Banners are up and they look great and are very popular. When the three remaining Banners arrive we'll have 57 Banners up throughout the Town. Many thanks to the Highway Department for putting them up.

NYS Stretch Program: We watched a presentation at the last Workshop meeting about the NYS Stretch Program. I think we should get more information about the program and solicit ideas and opinions from developers and builders as to whether or not we should adopt the new Code before the end of the year. Anyone with any ideas or questions should reach out to the Board.

Summer Concert Series: The Summer Concert Series starts June 24<sup>th</sup> with Whiskey Highway and Val Gray performing. This Concert is going to be a tribute to Barbara Biittig, and anyone wishing to say a few words will be welcomed to the Stage. Val Gray will be performing a few of Barbara's favorite songs. We're still accepting vendors for our Concert Series so please reach out if you wish to be on the schedule. The Town will not be collecting any fees from vendors this year.

Councilman Bulmer: Thank you to the Highway for delivering sand which has been raked creating a nice sandy beach area. Beach hours are 11:00 – 7:00 June 25 – September 6. We are still hiring Lifeguards, so please apply if you are interested. There are a few Beach Aides who will be working on weekends and holidays. There have been many renovations at the Beach and we hope everyone enjoys a great summer season.

Animal Control – Cathy Cawmer answered 19 calls last month.

Street Lights – Our infrastructure is running very well. There were 3 out and they have been reported.

Deputy Supervisor Erickson reported John Bielowski worked on drain issues at the Trail System and John Sniezk and Doug Worden have been keeping up with the mowing. We have 3 Girl Scouts from Algonquin Middle School who built 2 benches for their Silver Award Project. The benches have been installed in the dog park area. Sophia Bushey, Meg Leahey and Meg Swankey raised money for the project through fund raisers and built the benches with help of their troop leader, Lexi Lane.

SCLA – Please check out their website for all upcoming events.

Beatification – Thank you to Nancy Perry and the Highway for coordinating the Military Banner Program. The Banners are up and look great. T

Sand Lake Center for the Arts: There are many concerts, plays, photography displays and several other events planned for the Center, so please check out their website for more information.

Sand Lake Historical Society: The Fundraiser at June Farms was very successful and raised over \$2,000. Many thanks to all who made the event such a success. Due to its popularity, the Board is planning a third presentation of Amazing Graves this fall. Contact Bob Moore, Town Historian, or myself for more information.

Sand Lake Library ordered tee shirts from 518 Prints and they wore them in the Memorial Day Parade. The Library has a display celebrating Asian American, Pacific Islander month with many unique items and books. Storytime and Book Groups are still going on and there are free museum passes for many museums in our greater area.

Councilman Film is awaiting to see how much funding the ambulance and our volunteer fire districts will be receiving from the County and how that will offset funds need from the Town.

Tax and Assessment – Building Permits were up again in May. This helps increase our taxable value which keeps our rates down.

Convenience Facility. We installed closed dumpsters to prevent debris from flying out and being strewn all over and it seems to be working. The dumpsters are the same size they have always been and residents may find them full because people are doing more spring cleaning. If this continues to be a problem we will get a second dumpster. Thank you again to the Highway Department for helping pick up furniture that had been dumped on the ground because the dumpster was full. The Convenience Facility is for residential debris and we ask contractors to use other facilities.

Councilman Nippes: Seniors are meeting in person the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month at the Averill Park Fire House. Another thank you to our Highway Department for replacing guard rails near Butler Park. The wi-fi is up and running at the Beach and Park. The type of wi-fi service needed at each location is \$20 less/month than originally quoted by Spectrum, resulting in a savings for the Town.

Concerts in the Park will be every other Thursday starting June 24. Mike Slavin (Whiskey Highway) and Wayne Gendron (Sand Lake Business Association) were instrumental in organizing the series. The Board discussed the planning involved in organizing the concerts. Councilman Nippes noted that the Rensselaer County Health Department is going to have a mobile Covid vaccination clinic set up for those not yet vaccinated.

Highway – Brian Hunt: Paving will be starting next week. Applications have been submitted for the 2021 Bridge Program on Thais Road Bridge and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dyke Culvert projects. We've received bids (compliant with State guidelines) for the fuel tank replacement at the highway garage. Also, the roof on the highway garage is in need of repair and we may have to get bids for that in the near future. Sewer Department: Eleven grinder pumps have been replaced, including one at the Town Beach. Disposing of paint has become a problem. Brian believes latex paint can be dried out (which neutralizes it) and then disposed of with regular trash. Since oil based paint is more difficult to dispose of Brian thinks we should seek other avenues of disposal.

Supervisor Perry gave an update on the Stimulus Funding guidelines. We anticipate the Town will be receiving \$920,000.00. Since Sand Lake is a relatively small Town we are considered a "Non Entitled Unit of Government (NEU)". At this time we believe the Town will get 50% of the funds in 2021 and the other 50% in 2022 and it will need to be spent by the end of 2025. At present, we are awaiting instructions on how to apply for the funds. There are guidelines on what the money can or cannot be spent on. Supervisor Perry is closely monitoring the progress of the funding and will share more information as it becomes available.

**BUSINESS:****RESOLUTION #2021-06-39****Support of Student Recommendation Regarding State Routes 150 and 43 Crosswalks****Moved by: Supervisor Perry****Seconded by: Councilman Film**

*Whereas*, Emma Hanlon is a sophomore at Averill Park High School and a member of the YMCA's Active Transport Healthy Community Student Ambassador Program which strives to have young adults understand the principles of healthy community design supporting walking and biking; and

*Whereas*, membership in this group requires completion of a capstone project; and

*Whereas*, Emma's goal in this program is to help create a safe environment in our community that encourages community members to walk and/or bike more frequently; and

*Whereas*, Emma's capstone project involves gathering information and data regarding the intersection of Routes 150 and 43 in the hamlet of West Sand Lake and she now recommends the crosswalks in those area be repainted; and

*Whereas*, Routes 150 and 43 are under the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Transportation; now therefore

*Be it Resolved*, that the Sand Lake Town Board supports Emma's recommendation that the crosswalks in said area be repainted to help further the safety and well-being of our citizens; and

*Be it Further Resolved*, that the Sand Lake Town Board authorizes Supervisor Nancy Perry to work with Emma Hanlon to reach out to the State Department of Transportation and other interested parties to help see this recommendation to fruition; and

*Be it Further Resolved*, that the Sand Lake Town Board appreciates Emma's interest and hopes she continues her efforts to enhance and improve our community.

**5 Ayes 0 Nays Unanimous**

**RESOLUTION #2021-06-40****Replenishment of Board Designated Professional Services Account****Moved by: Supervisor Perry****Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Erickson**

*Whereas*, the Town of Sand Lake recognizes the need for long-term planning and proper administration of town funds and accounts; and

*Whereas*, pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Comptroller, Town Boards are able to establish Board Designated Accounts to effectively manage fund balances; now therefore

*Be it Resolved*, The established Board Designated Professional Services Account A 888 be increased in the amount of \$25,000.00 by appropriating the General Fund Fund Balance A 599 in the amount of \$25,000.00.

**Ayes 5 Nays 0 Unanimous**

**RESOLUTION #2021-06-41****Budget Transfers & Amendments****Moved by: Supervisor Perry****Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Erickson****Be It Resolved** the following transfers are made to the 2021 Budget:

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A 1355.1000	A 3620.1000	\$10,300.00
Assessor Personal	Building Inspector Personal	

**Budget Amendments**

Increase appropriation A 9060.8000 Hospital & Medical Insurance Employee Benefits in the amount of \$32,750.00 by appropriating the General Fund Fund Balance A 599 in the amount of \$32,750.00 for the addition of two Full Time Employees at the Town Hall.

Increase appropriation A 3620.1000 Building Inspector Personal in the amount of \$1,435.00 by appropriating the General Fund Fund Balance A 599 in the amount of \$1,435.00 for the addition of a Full Time Code Enforcement Officer at the Town Hall.

Increase Appropriation A 1990.4000 Contingency Contractual in the amount of \$25,000.00 by appropriating the General Fund Fund Balance A 599 in the amount of \$25,000.00 due to unforeseen expenditures in the beginning of the year.

Increase Appropriation A 6510.4955 Veterans Banners in the amount of \$11,200.00 by increasing Revenue A 2770.9955 Unclassified Revenue in the amount of \$11,200.00 for the Military Banners Program.

Increase Appropriation DA 5112.2000 Highway Improvements Equipment in the amount of \$200,027.16 by increasing Revenue DA 3501.9999 CHIPS-State Aid in the amount of \$200,027.16 due to the increase of funding through NYS DOT for CHIPS, PAVE NY and EWR.

**Ayes 5 Nays 0 Unanimous**

Deputy Supervisor Erickson posed the question of making a crosswalk across Eastern Union Turnpike in the vicinity of the Trail System. Councilman Film said he would speak with the County since Eastern Union Turnpike is a County road.

Supervisor Perry made a motion to adjourn the June 9, 2021 Sand Lake Town Board Meeting and it was seconded by Councilman Film.

**Motion Carried - Unanimous**