

TOWN OF SAND LAKE
Town Board Workshop Meeting
March 29, 2023

A Workshop Meeting of the Town of Sand Lake was held on March 29, 2023 at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

PRESENT: Supervisor Gallerie
 Deputy Supervisor S. Clemens
 Councilman S. Nippes
 Councilman P. Glasser
 Town Attorney Danaher

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk
OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Glasser, Wayne Gendron and Brian Hunt

Supervisor Gallerie opened the Public Hearing regarding Local Law #1 at 6:45 pm. He read the Legal Notice published in The Advertiser March 23, 2023. No one spoke in opposition to the Law. Attorney Danaher spoke in favor of Local Law #1 and hopes the State will increase tax credits to hopefully draw in more young volunteers to serve in fire, EMT and ambulance service. He noted this Local Law will benefit Rensselaer County as a whole. Supervisor Gallerie moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:52, seconded by Councilman Nippes and motion carried.

Supervisor Gallerie opened the Workshop meeting at 7:00 dispensing with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, both of which had been done before the Public Hearing. Councilman Nippes made a motion to approve the March 8, 2023 Town Board Minutes, seconded by Councilman Glasser. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Clerk's Report: March 29, 2023

\$9,087.45	Total Revenue February 2023
\$ 80.00	NYS Ag & Mkts for dog licenses
\$ 80.30	DEC Hunting & Fishing licenses
\$8,927.15	paid to TOSL

1. Reminder it is NYS Law, Dept Ag & Mkts, all dogs in Town must be licensed which requires an up to date rabies vaccination. When a dog is at large and has a license attached to their collar we make every effort to locate the owners before taking them to the shelter. Dogs without a license go directly to the shelter and the fines get hefty the longer the dog is there. If your unlicensed dog should get picked up you must license it and show proof of rabies before you can redeem it, so it would be best to be prepared.
2. The Rabies Clinic scheduled for March was canceled at the last minute by the County due to a water main problem. It has been re-scheduled for May 13th at Schodack Highway Garage in Nassau. Again, you must pre-register and pick a time slot. All information is on our website. Call if you need assistance signing up.

3. Fishing season is almost here and we're ready. I received the new Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guides so stop in and pick one up. Free fishing days are not until June 24-25.
4. We are holding another Electronic Recycling Day here at Town Hall Saturday, April 22nd open to Sand Lake residents and adjacent Towns. TV's will not be accepted at this event but you can make other arrangements with Jon that day to dispose of them.
5. Household Hazardous Waste Day: We are partnering with Rensselaer County again this year to dispose of HHW. The first event will be on July 29th in Schodack and the 2nd will be Brunswick September 16th. The number of participants will be limited as SL has to reimburse the County. There will be a flyer coming soon listing examples of the waste accepted.
6. Townwide clean up day is April 29th with a rain date of May 6th. Dep Sup Clemens will have more on this.
7. The Military Banner program is getting close to my self imposed deadline of March 31. Anyone wishing to purchase one should contact me asap. An additional 16 Banners have been sold this year which brings the total in Town up to 106. Please get them to me soon as we need time have them printed and over to our highway department to get them up by Memorial Day.
8. Passports: Have picked up dramatically. We do PP and the photos by appointment only. If you're planning on traveling and your PP is going to expire within the next 6 months renew it before you leave the country. Turn around time is 8-11 weeks. If you're in a hurry you can expedite its processing to 5 weeks by paying an additional fee. Call for details.

Supervisor's Gallerie Report: Thanked the highway department for the great job they did during the last snowstorm. Even though it was a large storm we have not heard anything from FEMA regarding any assistance. If you have brush and tree limbs down from the storm you can bring them to DPW. If you need access to the brush pile after hours please call DPW at 518-674-3011 to make arrangements.
 Dog Kennel: Poestenkill Supervisor, Keith Hammond, is working along with Department of Agriculture and Markets to bring the building into compliance with their requirements. We hope to have a Lease Agreement in place soon and hope to bring the building into compliance with a combination of volunteer labor and contract hires.

Veterans: American Legion is meeting Monday, April 3rd at 7:00. VFW meetings next Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 and Veterans of Sand Lake will hold their bi-monthly meeting Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 followed by their chicken BBQ on April 15th. Our Veterans appreciate your support and all funds raised go to the Boys and Girls State run programs and the Holiday Food Program run along with Kiwanis. Any money raised is re-invested into our community.

Deputy Supervisor Clemens' Report: The Annual Town Wide Clean Up will be held April 29th which will start at 8:45 at Butler Park and will end at Butler Park at 12:00 noon. Kiwanis will have their food truck there. Please come and join in, we need volunteers. The rain date for the clean up is May 6th.

Summer Camp: Is approximately 65% full and runs from July 10th – August 11th. Please sign up soon. He thanked the highway again for their quick action in the recent snowstorm.

Councilman Nippes' Report: He noted Doors of Hope is sponsoring 10 local children for 5 weeks in the Summer Camp. There is a lot of clean up to do at Butler Park on Clean Up Day due to tree limbs and branches that were knocked down in the storm.

Councilman Glasser's Report: A reminder there is a Burn Ban in NYS until May 14th. You can have small campfires and cooking fires but no burning of brush. All regulations are on the DEC website. He also

thanked Commissioner Rifenburgh at DPW for working with him regarding road closures during emergencies like the recent storm.

Supervisor Gallerie applauded Deputy Supervisor Clemens for the fine job he did while SGallerie was on vacation.

DPW Report: Commissioner Rifenburgh had a conflict tonight but sent a report. Truck 2 is at the dealership with transmission issues. Winter finally showed up with the snowstorm and we worked round the clock to clear roads. There are still branches and limbs that need to be cleaned up and we will get to them as soon as possible. Sweepers have been serviced and are ready to go and we hope to start ditching and repairing culverts to get ready for paving.

Public Comment: County Legislator Wayne Gendron reached out to Commissioner Rifenburgh to offer his help during the storm and to Deputy Supervisor Clemens who already had it under control opening up warming stations at WSL FD and Town Hall, if they were needed. It was a great effort all the way around.

On another note, Kiwanis has a Spaghetti Dinner April 8th from 4:00 – 7:00 at WSL FD.

BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2023-03-63

Authorizing Participation in the Rensselaer County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County is hosting several Household Hazardous Waste Days during 2023; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is providing a 50 percent reimbursement and the Rensselaer County Legislature a 25% reimbursement to the Town to cover a total of 75% of the program costs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake desires to make this event available to a limited number of Town residents based on the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, last year the Town authorized 25 participants and used all of the available slots, with several more residents asking to participate in future events; now therefore be it

RESOLVED; that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Rensselaer County to participate in the 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Program with up to forty residents, at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00, subject to approval of the agreement by the Town Attorney as to form.

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RESOLUTION #2023-03-64

Retaining Couch White LLP as Special Counsel to the Town of Sand Lake

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie
Seconded by: Councilman Gallerie

WHEREAS, The Town of Sand Lake requires Special Counsel legal services in the area of Construction Project Litigation concerning an upcoming Notice of Claim; and

WHEREAS, Joel Howard, Esq., with Couch White LLP, specializes in the area of law listed above and has worked with the Town Designated Engineer in the past; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board retains Couch White LLP as Special Counsel to provide the services listed above pursuant to a Retainer Agreement to be approved by the Town Attorney as to form, at their customary rates for legal services.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2023-03-65

Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute a Consultant Agreement with Creighton Manning for the Sand Lake Beach Sidewalk Connector Project

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie
Seconded by: Councilman Glasser

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Town Board selected the Creighton Manning Engineering Team, via resolution 2018-12-118, to assist the Town in developing plans and submitting funding requests for various Sidewalk Enhancement Projects; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York announced the funding of the Sand Lake Beach Sidewalk Connector Project under the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

WHEREAS, Creighton Manning has submitted a consultant agreement to the Town for approval of preliminary design, SEQRA, Right of Way acquisition, and detailed design, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the consultant agreement to retain Creighton Manning to provide the services listed above pursuant to the Consultant Agreement to be approved by the Town Attorney as to form and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town.

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Supervisor Gallerie noted Creighton Manning did a fine job on design and construction of the first sidewalk project, and brought it in on budget, and Inspector Tim Farrell handled the challenges of that project very well. This project will connect the sidewalks from Route 43 to the Beach where there has been significant foot traffic noted by Councilman Nippes. Supervisor Gallerie noted today was Vietnam War Veterans Day and he thanked all Veterans of that war.

There being no other business to come the Board Councilman Nippes made a motion to close the March 29th, 2023 Town Board Workshop, it was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Clemens. All in favor, motion carried.