

TOWN OF SAND LAKE
Town Board Meeting
March 8, 2023

A Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake was held on March 8, 2023 at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Clemens
Councilman Nippes
Councilman Glasser
Town Attorney Danaher
Supervisor Gallerie – Absent
Town Attorney Danaher

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Rifenburg, Brian Hunt, Ruth VanBrocklen and
Robin Van Brocklen

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Supervisor Clemens opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 Town Board Workshop Meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Nippes. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Town Clerk's Report: I am accepting Applications for the Military Banners until March 31st. We need time to get them to the manufacturer and get them back to the highway department so all banners are up by Memorial Day.

There will be a Rabies Clinic Saturday, March 18th at the Schodack Highway Garage on 3776 Route 20. You must pre-register. All information is on our website and you can register there. Dogs must be on a leash, cats must be in a crate and proof of prior rabies is required.

Sand Lake will be doing another Electronics Recycling day April 22nd at Town Hall from 8-noon. The County also notified us they will be doing Household Hazardous Waste Day but have not set dates and locations yet. I will get the information out as soon as I have it.

Deputy Supervisor Clemens' Report: Before Scott left we met with Archtop Fiber, a fiber optic company to look into the possibility of bringing fiber optics into Town. We're in the initial stages of planning with this but hope to bring it to our residents to offer another internet service which is 10x faster than the current Spectrum lines we have now. Residents would then have a choice of internet providers.

DS Clemens offered a thank you to the highway department for their quick response last week with the 2 snow storms. They did a great job keeping the roads safe and cleared.

The Planning Oversight Committee is planning another Spring Clean Up Day per Dave Post. It's planned for Saturday April 29th with a rain date of May 6th. It will kick off from Butler Park at 8:00 am and end at SkyHigh Community Center around noon.

Sadly, our Easter Egg hunt scheduled for Sunday, April 2nd will have to be cancelled as our Youth Director was unable to organize the event due to a last minute personal commitment.

Beach Sidewalk Connector Project: We met with Creighton Manning Engineers and NYS DOT last week and are in the early stages of a project that will connect the sidewalks in West Sand Lake to the Town Beach. We hope to incorporate this into the Beach Enhancement Project.

Realistically, construction will probably not start until sometime next year as we are currently still in the design phase.

Councilman Nippes' Report: We need volunteers for the Spring Clean Up Day on April 29th. There is a ton of work to be done at the Park. Due to the high winds we've had this season there are a lot of trees and limbs down. We'll be dragging them out and the highway will help with disposal of them.

Animal Control: There were 12 calls this month, but nothing major to report. A reminder to all that dogs must be licensed and have a current rabies vaccination and please clean up after your dog if you walk them in Butler Park.

Councilman Glasser's Report: Emergency Services: WSL FD had 34 calls for the month while AP-SL had 21 and Taborton 0. March 22nd WSLFD will be holding a Community Workshop 7:00 pm at the new station and a chicken BBQ fundraiser will be held on March 30th. AP-SL will be doing a fundraiser drive-through Breakfast on March 26th from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. These events raise a lot of needed revenue are all very important fundraisers for these organizations.

SLCA – I'm still working on acquiring a Public Access Defibrillator for the Center. There is some paperwork involved through NYS Dept of Health and I hope to have all completed soon.

Kevin Rifenburg, Commissioner of Public Works: We had 2 snowstorms in the past few weeks and had 2 trucks go down at that time. We were able to repair one with a new radiator. The other is back to the dealer as it's still under warranty. Hopefully we'll have it back soon. The sweepers are ready for spring cleanup. Our newest employees received their CDL permits which brings us a step closer to having them all licensed. There was a sewer issue on Evergreen drive which has been resolved. The brush piles at the shop are getting big and I have estimates coming to give us quotes on grinding them down to mulch to make more room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ruth VanBrocklen, a Reichards Lake Road resident had 2 comments. Her first was a request to find out what's going on in Town. She said she doesn't do well with computers and social media and would like to see more news in the local newspaper, The Advertiser.

Mrs. Van Brocklen's 2nd comment was about Reichards Lake Beach. She's used the beach for 45 years and complimented the staff of lifeguards and aides that have manned the beach for the last few years. She noted there is milfoil weed growth in the swimming area and hoped that could be rectified. She complimented the highway department who was responsible for cutting down the brush along the fence and reported how much nicer it looks now. She thanked the Board for all they've done with the beach and asked if it would be possible to get a program going there to teach swimming.

Councilman Nippes said he would reach out to Co Legislator Wayne Gendron to look into swimming lessons as he is Special Counsel to Supervisor Gallerie for the Town Beach. Dep Sup Clemens said we have several plans for the Beach in progress now. There are plans to expand the size of the beach, provide a picnic area and do several other upgrades. He said he would be happy to meet with Mrs. VanBrocklen to explain all the improvements the Town has planned for the beach over the next few years.

Attorney Danaher reported the County is doing an Electronics Recycling Day, Saturday, March 25th from 9:30am – 1:00pm at 1600 Seventh Avenue in Troy.

BUSINESS:**RESOLUTION #2023-03-61****Approving Key Communications Proposal for Communication Wire Cleanup, and Organization****Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens****Seconded by: Councilman Glasser**

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake has a significant amount unused communication wiring throughout Town Hall terminating in the mechanical room, and was significantly damaged on the Flood of July 14th 2021; and

WHEREAS, Three vendors were contacted for estimates as required by the Sand Lake Purchasing Policy, and two vendors did not return estimates to the town in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Key Communications supplied and estimate in the amount of \$1,410, and demonstrated the ability to perform the required work competently, and in a timely manner; be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby authorizes the above purchases as indicated for the amount of \$1,410 from the Key Communications.

AYES 3 -NAYS 0 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED**RESOLUTION #2023-03-62****Approving McGee Elevator to Install a Keyed Elevator Lockout Switch****Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens****Seconded by: Councilman Nippes**

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake has sensitive and private information in the basement of the Town Hall, and currently has no ability to restrict access to these records; and

WHEREAS, a Keyed Elevator Lockout Switch would provide the Town of Sand Lake the ability to restrict and monitor access to these records; and

WHEREAS, Two vendors were contacted for estimates as required by the Sand Lake Purchasing Policy, and one vendor did not supply an estimate due to their inability to price competitively; and

WHEREAS, McGee Elevator supplied and estimate in the amount of \$2,027.50, and demonstrated the ability to perform the required work competently, and in a timely manner; be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby authorizes the above purchases as indicated for the amount of \$2,027.50 from the McGee Elevator.

AYES 3 – NAYS 0 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business Deputy Supervisor Clemens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. It was seconded by Councilman Nippes. All in favor – motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk