

**TOWN OF SAND LAKE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2022**

A Meeting of the Sand Lake Town Board was held on March 9, 2022 at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

PRESENT:

Deputy Supervisor Film
Councilman Nippes
Councilman Gendron
Councilman Clemens
Town Attorney Danaher

ABSENT: Supervisor Gallerie

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherwood Palitsch, Bill Glasser, Garrett DeGraff, Tim Meissner, Kevin Rifenburg

Councilman Gendron made a motion to approve the January 26, 2022 and the February 9, 2022 Minutes. It was seconded by Councilman Clemens. **MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

The Military Banner Program is up and running. Please get Applications, checks and photos to me as soon as possible. I've seen some of the completed Banners and they are great.

Rensselaer County is planning to hold another series of Rabies Clinics starting in April. The dates have not been finalized yet. I will have a link up on the Town's website as soon as I have the information.

The Town's cable TV channel 1303 has finally been updated, due to the expertise of Kyle Kozlowski, the Town's TV cable technician who streams all Town meetings. It is a work in progress and we hope to make more improvements. Kyle has done a great job with it and If any Community Organizations want to advertise an upcoming Community event please email Kyle at: cabletvtech@sand-lake.us.

The Poestenkill-Sand Lake Summer Camp will be held again this summer in Poestenkill. Information is on the Town of Sand Lake's website with a link to register. An Employment Application for Camp Counselors and CITS is also available on the website. Any questions, please call my office 518-674-2026 Ext. 122 or the Camp Director Tiffany Buker @ 518-283-5100 Ext. 107. You can also email Tiffany at: tbuker@poestenkillny.com or me at: bhansen@sand-lake.us

Congressman Antonio Delgado's representatives will be holding a Town Hall meeting at the Sand Lake Town Hall Monday March 14th from 10:00 – noon. No appointment necessary, just walk in.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR FILM'S REPORT: A resident contacted me about parking on 1st Dyke Road. Parking is allowed on one side only and it needs to be enforced so emergency vehicles can get through if needed. We will be more thorough enforcing this in the future.

We need to address some plumbing issues upstairs in the Library as we've had some leaks several times and we need to protect the building.

A temporary bridge was installed at the bottom of Taborton Road after the flood last July. The County has put out the RFP to get bids on replacing it with a permanent structure. This is the first step needed for this a permanent replacement.

Transfer Station: I met with Dave Martin and we discussed where we were going to put the paint collection bin when the Paint Care program starts May 1st. It will be available to all residents and no permit is required for the disposal of paint. More information on the Paint Care Program will be forthcoming.

Tax and Assessment: We're up to 2.4 million so far this year which is a great start. We hope it continues.

Local Laws: I hope to propose a new Local Law in the near future regarding solar farms construction. As it stands now, if a commercial solar company comes to Town proposing a large commercial scale solar project, they need to advise us of such a plan with a constructive notice. If the Town, the County or the School does not respond within 60 days saying they are going to require the solar company to enter into a PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) Agreement with us, they are tax exempt for 15 years, meaning there would be no taxes due on the project which normally average anywhere from 5 to 9 million dollars. It's happened elsewhere in our County and I'd like to propose a law stating that we are no longer going to respond to their constructive notice, but rather that the Town of Sand Lake is going on record with this Local Law stating that it requires a Pilot Agreement anytime construction of such a project is planned. This is going through at the County level and we feel it cuts out a lot of red tape and is the best way to protect the Town.

Councilman Nippes Report: He complimented the Highway Department on how well they have taken care of our roads during the snow and ice storms

Animal Control had 13 calls this month. Please remember to get your dog licensed and you must have a current Rabies Certificate before the License can be issued.

Seniors are meeting tomorrow 12:00 pm at Averill Park Firehouse.

The Planning Oversight Committee (POC) is getting ready to do the Town Wide Cleanup on May 7th.

Reach out to me if you would like to volunteer and with any ideas you may have for the event. My email is: snippes@sand-lake.us or my cell phone: 518-858-6534.

Councilman Gendron's Report: I attended the March 1st meeting of the Nopiates Committee. They will be hosting a theatric performance titled "Epicenter" at HVCC on May 19th at 6:30 pm on how to deal with family and friends with a substance abuse disorder. They will be holding a benefit Chicken BBQ at 6:30pm at Church of the Covenant on April 30.

Sand Lake Historical Society: I attended their meeting last night and it was well attended. The presentation was about the Kittle Family Murders that occurred in West Stephentown. The 7th Annual Fundraiser Gala will be held at Tighe's Bistro Americana on Glass Lake, Friday, May 13th and it will be featuring Len Tantillo, artist.

Beach: I've spoken with Judy Bryan and we will be meeting to discuss plans for the Beach this summer. I also met with Keith Hammond, custodian, and inspected the roof on the Town Hall. The rubber roofing is not in bad shape but some of the flashing and seams need some repair. The Highway Department building needs some repairs also and I'm hoping to get someone to do all the work at the same time. The Sand Lake Center for the Arts has many exciting events planned. A celebration of Shakespeare's 458th birthday is planned for April 23rd. The Bard's birthday party will be hosted by Sand Lake Kiwanis

with a food truck and many exciting activities. I also met with John Slyer and he is moving along nicely with Skyhigh Community Center. Some renovations are needed to his building and I will be helping him out with replacement of windows and other projects. John also said he still has money available that was collected last summer at the Corn Hole Tournament for flood victims in town. Call John directly or me with any questions regarding this.

Town Wide Community Clean Up: I will be in charge of this upcoming event on May 7th as mentioned earlier. Please contact me on my email: wgendron@sand-lake.us to sign up to help or with any ideas. Councilman Film noted that we are looking for donations of trash bags and water for Clean Up Day.

Councilman Clemens Report: Street lights out on Penny Lane have been reported. There are also 5 lights still out on Birch Drive. This has been a persistent issue with NYSEG and I have reached out to a contact I have at NYSEG. Hopefully, this will be addressed soon.

Youth: An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for April 10th at Butler Park. More information in coming days. Summer Camp was mentioned previously. It will be held July 11th – August 12 at Poestenkill Elementary School. We have had 42 Sand Lake families sign up already.

If anyone has any Broadband/Internet issues please contact me at: sclemens@sand-lake.us.

Highway: Brian Hunt: One of the solar banks at the Highway garage is in need of repair. Councilman Clemens volunteered his services as he is familiar with the operation of these solar panels and offered to stop over and look at the problem. Commissioner Hunt said they have been doing repairs on several of the trucks and other equipment. The new tandem truck has arrived. The outlook for blacktop is bleak this year so we will do our best to get as many road repairs done as possible.

Attorney Danaher said Rensselaer County is hosting an Electronic Recycling Day on August 9th at the County Office Building and asked Town Clerk to post the flyer on the Town's website.

BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2022-03-69

Authorizing Purchase of Culvert Pipe and Accessories from NYS OGS Contract

Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department requires an on-hand stock of culvert pipe and accessories for routine and emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, the storm of July 14th, 2021 consumed a great deal of the culvert stockpiled at the Department of Public Works requiring a larger than normal requirement for the upcoming season; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York has awarded the contract for culverts and accessories (Award Number 23187, Contract Number PC 69035) for the period of April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2025 to Advanced Drainage Systems through their authorized reseller, Town and County Bridge and Rail; and

WHEREAS, an essential component of the contracts entered into by the State of New York provides that said materials and respective bid prices received by the State shall be available to local governments of New York State; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to purchase Culvert Pipe and Accessories from the above contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 **AYES 4– NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS**

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RESOLUTION #2022-03-70

Purchase of a Portable Hot Water Pressure Washer with a Culvert Thawer

Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, during the past winter, the Department of Public Works experienced a number of frozen culvert pipes; and

WHEREAS, the Department does not currently own a portable hot water pressure washer with the capability of thawing frozen culvert pipes; and

WHEREAS, Three quotes for this equipment were obtained as required by the Town of Sand Lake Purchasing policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake Purchasing Policy requires that purchases of \$10,000 or more must be approved by the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the financial impact of this resolution is \$8,639.00 from the Highway Machinery Contractual fund DA 5130.4 – Highway Machinery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to purchase a DC 3505 Vanguard hot water pressure washer with a culvert thawing kit from Power Eagle Cleaning Systems, in an amount not to exceed \$8,639.00.

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RESOLUTION #2022-03-71

Budget Transfers/Amendments

Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-03-16 authorized the Department of Public Works to order a 2021 International CV 515 Single Axle Dump Truck; and

WHEREAS, The Truck was received by the Department of Public Works during the month of February 2022 and was subsequently invoiced to the Town; now therefore be it

RESOLVED; that the following amendments are made to the 2022 Budget:
Increase appropriation DA 5130.2000 Machinery Equipment in the amount of \$103,370 by appropriating the Highway Fund Balance DA 599 in the amount of \$103,370 for the purchase of the New 2021 International Model CV515 which was approved by above mentioned resolution.

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There being no further business to come before the Board Deputy Supervisor Film made a motion to adjourn the March 9, 2022 Town Board meeting at 7:31 pm. It was seconded by Councilman Clemens.

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