

**TOWN OF SAND LAKE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2022**

A Meeting of the Sand Lake Town Board was held on **May 11, 2022** at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:
PRESENT:

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Christina Burns, Deputy Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherwood Palitsch, Bill Glasser, Garrett DeGraff, David Post, Kevin Rifenburg, Brian Hunt

Supervisor Gallerie made a motion to approve the March 9, 2022, Town Board Meeting Minutes and the March 30, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Film. **MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS**

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Total Revenue for April, 2022	\$14,758.50
Paid to Ag & Markets	57.00
Paid to NYS DOH – Marriage	135.00
DEC – Fishing & Hunting	656.32
Paid to TOSL	\$13,910.18

DEC finally sent us new Fishing Guides. Please stop in if you need one.

Military Banners should be going up soon. DPW has assured us they will be up by Memorial Day. The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30 at 10:00 starting at Averill Avenue and marching to the Veteran’s Park

We are still waiting for delivery of the collection bins for the Paint Care Program. We will post on the Town’s website when they are delivered and ready for use.

Rensselaer County is trying to get a Rabies Clinic in Sand Lake sometime in June. Again, we will post details when it is confirmed.

Plans for the 2022 Beach Season and summer Day Camp are underway. Both programs need staff. Anyone looking for a summer job please call the Town Clerk's office for applications. We need lifeguards, beach aides & camp counselors.

Supervisor Gallerie Report: Pre-Construction meeting regarding the Stop 13 Bridge to be held Tuesday, May 17th at Town Hall to include representatives from the town and contractors, this is open to the public. Last weekend was the town wide clean up and it was noted that the trails along Eastern Union Turnpike were vandalized with political stickers, reminder that this is vandalism and to please refrain from this type of activity. Construction of multi-use trail here in the town and new sidewalks and the project will be completed by May 31st weather permitting. Request for bids on the DPW roof has been published with a closing date of May 19th and bid closing for Gettle Road is May 23rd and construction will begin once school is closed for the summer. Copies can be found via email or hardcopy through the town clerks office. Lastly the Memorial Day parade will be held May 30th at 10 am and in the event of inclement weather the ceremony will be moved to the Averill Park High School Auditorium, and we will keep the public posted.

Deputy Supervisor Film Report: For tax and assessment, 9 million dollars over for our tentative roll for taxable value so there will be no increase to the tax levy. There are 3.5 million dollars to new permits this year so very encouraging. We still need volunteers for the Sand Lake Ambulance as they are short staffed. Grievance Day reminder is May 26th as our Assessor is a shared Assessor. The paint recycling program is starting, and bins should be delivered soon. Next workshop there will be a public meeting on Solar to make sure the potential companies that a PILOT will be required if they are interested in installing within the town.

Councilman Nippes report: Animal Control; many dogs getting loose with nice weather, please keep your dogs contained and check your fence lines as it does get costly for the animal control. Garden club is hosting a Garden Faire on Saturday May 14th at the Salem United Methodist Church from 8 to 1 pm with many gardening items as well as bake sale items available. With regards to park clean up last weekend please make sure to pick up your dog's waste.

Councilman Gendron report: Town wide clean up last Saturday, a thank you to 70 volunteers and David and Regina Post as well as Keith Hammond, Laurie Leckonby, Hannaford Supermarket and Kiwanis for the food truck and Stephen Clemens and his crew who pulled a dock out of the water on 1st Dyke rd. Town hall roof project is complete, all of the seams were resealed. Bid packages are available for the DPW roof and can be found on the website and are due May 19th. The beach is in need of lifeguards, our head lifeguard Sam Germano is coming back and she is a resource with scheduling etc. Sky High community center is offering a lifeguard certification class June 3, 4, 5, more information is available on their website. We did also post help wanted at the high school and we will be offering competitive salary for these positions. Nopiates chicken BBQ was last Saturday and it was very successful. Next Thursday they are having a play titled Epicenter at the HVCC theater, 6:30pm and it is free to attend,

donations are welcome. Historical Society is in the process of restoring the historical markers throughout the town and ASA powder coating donated to restore on our only cast iron sign in town.

Councilman Clemens report: Street light that was knocked down in dump truck accident has been repaired and is the first led streetlight in town on Rte 351 and 43. The DPW is replenishing the mulch at the playground this week. Library monthly meeting had annual report sent to the state, in 2021 they loaned 40,516 items, served 9800 people, they outperformed their story walk which they are hosting for their 3rd year in a row at Butler Park this year. The architect for the bathrooms is starting the updating project in the next few weeks.

Highway: Brian Hunt: May 5, 2011 was first solar panels to be put on the highway garage 50 kw system. The solar energy created seems to be positive including the carbon footprint. The military banners are being installed throughout town, there will be a problem of more banners than utility poles so there may be need for adjustments. Still waiting on the culvert pipes. The roads are being prepped and swept some additional drainage has been installed in various areas. The increase in fuel charges is going to be a great concern this year, this will affect paving of the roads, this includes the increase in asphalt. Had 6 applicants for the DPW opening, they are in the process of review.

Councilman Gendron asked about the price increase and how it will affect paving schedule, Brian commented that some will not be able to get completed and some will need to be contracted out. They will plan accordingly.

Supervisor Gallerie commented that public safety is a priority, and the town will adjust the budget lines as necessary. Paving is discretionary.

Brian then commented that not only are prices up but availability of stock items is limited and that DPW will continue to work closely with the board as necessary.

Chair of Planning Oversight Committee, David Post: Last meeting was first Monday of May, Rails and Trails taskforce along with Garrett DeGraff are hoping for a presentation in June about the up coming news. Next meeting June 6th, 6:30pm at Town Hall.

Supervisor gallerie opened the floor to public comment: Garrett DeGraff spoke up on status of water project.

Supervisor Gallerie responded that Laberge has been given the contract to establish the outer perimeter of the water district, it is still being discussed and a public meeting will be scheduled to review everything. It will be a taxable district; the next decision will be to have an attorney to incorporate and form the district. There are several options to work with Poestenkill or for the Town to develop well fields.

BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2022-05-94

Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Seconded by: Councilman Gendron

Scheduling a Public Hearing on Local Law No. 3 of 2022 – Office of the Supervisor

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake has reviewed the attached proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2022 known as the Solar Energy System PILOT Law of the Town of Sand Lake, and believes same is appropriate as to form, and further believes that a Public Hearing should be had thereon to get input from members of the Sand Lake Community, and good cause appearing; therefore, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2022 is hereby approved as to form; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:45 pm on May 25, 2022, at the Town Hall of the Town of Sand Lake located at 8428 NY Route 66, Sand Lake, New York, so as to the allow the Town Board to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue appropriate Public Notice of the Public Hearing scheduled herein.

AYES 5 NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-05-95

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Clemens

Amending the Highway Permanent Improvements Budget – Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, Highway Fund Estimated Revenue Fund DA 3501, CHIPs State Aid in the 2022 Highway Fund Estimated Revenue reflects an amount of \$166,243.00; and

WHEREAS, the actual revenue from the combined total of Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs), Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR); PAVE-NY, and Pave Our Pothole (POP) Programs totals \$357,088.90, the sum difference being \$190,845.90; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Sand Lake 2022 Town Budget is amended as follows:

Amend Highway Fund Revenue Line DA 3501 – CHIP’s State Aid to reflect the amount of \$357,088.90. Amend Highway Fund Appropriation DA 5112.4000 – Permanent Improvements, to reflect the amount of \$357,088.90.

AYES 5 NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-05-96

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

Amending the Highway Machinery Budget – Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-03-16 authorized the Department of Public Works to order a 2022 International HX 520 Tandem Axle Heavy Duty Truck; and

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

RESOLVED; that the following amendment is made to the 2022 Budget:

Increase appropriation DA 5130.2000 - Machinery Equipment, in the amount of \$217,539 by appropriating the Highway Fund Balance DA 599 in the amount of \$217,539 for the purchase of the New 2022 International Model HX520 which was approved by above mentioned resolution.

AYES 5 NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-05-97

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Authorizing Participation in the Rensselaer County Household Hazardous Waste Program

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake desires to make this event available to a limited number of Town residents to determine what the future requirements for such an event would be; 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, Resolution G/153/22 of the Rensselaer County Legislature authorized an agreement with the Town of Sand Lake to participate in these 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 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Program with up to twenty five residents, at an approximate cost of \$2,500, subject to approval of the agreement by the Town Attorney as to form.

AYES 5 NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

Councilman Gendron: Opened discussion regarding the resolution, how to pick the 25 residents to participate? Supervisor Gallerie answered that there will be call in to make appointments, proof of residency and license plate number. The program is very costly and the town needs to try to keep numbers reasonable. Deputy Supervisor Film asked if it should be capped? Attorney Danaher responded that yes the town can cap it and that is in the interest of the town to do so. Deputy Supervisor Film made the suggestion of \$3000.00 cap. After further discussion there was motion to amend last clause to cap at \$3000.00.

Amended RESOLUTION #2022-05-97

Motion to amend by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

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RESOLVED; that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Rensselaer County to participate in the 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Program with up to twenty five residents, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000, subject to approval of the agreement by the Town Attorney as to form.

AYES 5 NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-05-98

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Film

Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Site Design Services at the Town Beach

WHEREAS, The Town of Sand Lake has obtained a grant for improvement of the Town Beach from New York State Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, The grant conditions specify that there is a goal of 15% for Women or Minority

Business Entities (WMBE) required for this grant; and

WHEREAS, as part of this project, the Town of Sand Lake requires a site plan and related professional services for advancement of this project; and

WHEREAS, Professional Services such as site design are not subject to competitive bidding requirements per Section 103 of New York State General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, A proposal for Surveying and Mapping Services was received from Elan Planning and Design LLC which includes participation in an on-site workshop with the Beach Committee, design mapping, identifying permitting requirements, an updated project cost budget, and attendance at a project meeting; and

WHEREAS, Elan Planning and Design LLC is a New York State certified Woman Owned Business which will assist the Town in meeting the grant requirement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the Proposal from Elan Planning and Design LLC and authorizes the Town Supervisor or Planning Coordinator to contract with Elan Planning and Design at the hourly rates included in the proposal dated May 10, 2022, for the task requirements identified by the Beach Committee.

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Councilman Gendron Nay – No further comment provided.

RESOLUTION #2022-05-99

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Clemens

Budget Transfers/Amendments

Be It Resolved the following transfers are made to the 2022 Budget:

From	To	Amount
A 1990.4000 Contingency Contractual	A 1910.4300 Unallocated Insurance Contractual	\$1,200.00
A 1990.4000 Contingency Contractual	A 1420.4000 Attorney Contractual	\$7,500.00

Budget Amendments

Increase Appropriation A 7310.4000 Youth Programs Contractual in the amount of \$456.21 by increasing Revenue A 2705.999 Gifts and Donation in the amount of \$456.21 for money donated to the Youth Program.

Increase Appropriation DA 5130.2000 Machinery Equipment in the amount of \$52,050.00 by increasing Revenue DA 2665.9999 Sale of Equipment in the amount of \$52,050.00 for Equipment sold at Auction in March.

AYES 5 NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-05-100

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

A Resolution Appointing Members of the Planning Oversight Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby appoints Judy Bryan and John Sniezyk to the Planning Oversight Committee for the authorized term.

AYES 5 NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

Supervisor Gallerie asked to confirm that the term is 3 years.

Attorney Danaher noted that the term would be determined by the time frame of when the members sign into the town clerk's oath book, this is where the term will be recorded.

Councilman Gendron: added a reminder that the school board election was coming up on Tuesday night and he encouraged residents to research the candidates. He also noted that tampering with campaign signs is a misdemeanor.

Councilman Nippes: added that 70% of residents tax bills goes towards school budget and that residents should come out and vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board Deputy Supervisor Film made a motion to adjourn the May 11, 2022 Sand Lake Town Board meeting at 7:38 pm. It was seconded by Councilman Nippes.

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS