

Town of Sand Lake  
TOWN WORKSHOP  
May 12, 2021

Supervisor Nancy Perry called the workshop to order at 7pm beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council members Andy Bulmer, Bill Film and Stuart Nippes, Deputy Supervisor Dee Erickson, Supervisor Nancy Perry, Town Counsel Scott Ely, Esq, and Recording Secretary Shirley A. Neiss (Deputy Town Clerk).

Also in attendance were Justus Churco, Steven Clemens, Garrett McGraff, Scott Gallerie, Wayne Gendron, Bill Glasser, Garrett McGrath, David Post, and Michael Wager.

**MINUTES** from the following meetings were unanimously approved as presented and seconded: February 24, 2021, March 20, 2021, March 31, 2021, April 14, 2021, and April 29, 2021.

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT** Deputy Town Clerk Neiss reminded the public that all registered voters should have received a reminder post card from the Board of Elections that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. Residents may vote only if the party they are enrolled in is offering a primary prior to the general election in November 2021. All qualified voters will vote at their same voting site, with early voting permitted, as noted on the post card.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT** Supervisor Perry has received information regarding the government stimulus checks coming to the Town of Sand Lake. Funds will be distributed first to the county level and then to local governments. She is attending a meeting next week with Association of Towns to discuss this issue exclusively and will learn how the funds can and cannot be used. She will work with the Board and town residents to openly discuss areas of needed funding.

Town will be sponsoring and coordinating a concert series through the efforts of Councilman Nippes who has been working with Mike Slavin ("*Whiskey Highway*" band) to hire groups with various kinds of music. Concerts will be held every other Thursday beginning June 24<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Perry announced the town was successful in its decision by the Court of Appeals with the three lawsuits challenging the Zoning Code. The court ordered each of the parties to pay \$100 in court costs to the TSL, which doesn't even begin to cover the legal fees involved. It does, however, justify the Town's efforts to preserve the Zoning Code. The three parties do still have recourse to the US Supreme Court, but it appears unlikely.

Supervisor Perry said there is a need to discuss extending the use of the town beach to a select number of Poestenkill residents for a fee. This will be an item for the next workshop. She encouraged the public to share their comments with her.

A representative from NYstretch program contacted Supervisor Perry and she will be present at the next workshop meeting to provide information.

Bill Glasser has volunteered to work on the Memorial Day parade and will provide details later in the program.

Requests for bids for the sidewalks rehabilitation project will be released next week.

Memorial veteran banners are arriving and the Highway Department will begin installing them next week. It is hoped all are in place by Memorial Day.

**Councilman Bulmer** Woodchips will be delivered next week for the playground and beach. The beach will be open this summer and they are currently accepting applications for lifeguard and beach aids positions. Animal Control officer received over 20 calls last month. Councilman Bulmer continues to monitor streetlight outages and encourages everyone to continue to contact him directly.

**Deputy Supervisor Erickson** The road sign for the Hamlet of Averill Park was damaged several years ago and the manufacturer provided a quote for repairs. The Highway Department also inspected it and offered to make some repairs that would be acceptable. She thanked Councilman Film for working on bids for a refuse disposal service to pick-up from convenience facility. The new contractor (Town Bridges) will provide an annual savings of over \$3000. Town of Sand Lake clean-up day was a great success and she thanked all who participated. Thanks to Doug Worden who after cleaning up around the Veterans Memorial, divided the day lilies and offered them free to anyone interested. Thanks also to Melissa Toni for building and installing a bike rack at the pump track. Circle Theater Players at SLCA will be holding public auditions for an upcoming play, ***Pipeline***. Their gallery currently displays art and plants by Joe Johnson and can be viewed during their posted hours. The library has expanded evening hours and the second book has been installed on the Story Walk. They are also hosting various computer classes. The Historical Society will be holding their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser "SLHS Down on the Farm" on May 21 from 5:30 to 9:30pm. Contact their website for information.

**Councilman Film** He reported there were 211 ambulance calls so far this year. The SL Ambulance meeting is held on the same evening as TSL June workshop so he will not be present at the workshop. Tentative Assessment Roll is available for review if anyone is interested. Grievance Day is May 25. There were 32 building permits issued for April reflecting \$1,393,000 in estimated values. Dumpsters from Twin Bridges have been placed at the Convenient Facility. This new vendor will allow the current price structure to remain the same for service and usage.

**Councilman Nippes** SL Seniors are meeting first Thursday of the month at 12pm at the Averill Park fire house. Residents are asked to report all potholes, whether town, county or state to the Highway Department via the website. As was mentioned by Councilman Bulmer, the woodchips are expected to be delivered next week and they will be seeking volunteers to help rake the chips into place at both the beach and the park. Plans are well under way for the town Memorial Day parade, thanks to Bill Glasser. Councilman Nippes provided an update on the incident with a prankster driving a car on the stage at Butler Park. A NYS Trooper visited the household of the driver to deliver a warning. No charges were filed at this time.

**Highway Department** Brian Hunt reported the paver has been down for 5 months, waiting for parts. Road sweeping is almost completed. There was a salt-reduction Meeting, which was also attended by Scott Gallerie, town resident and former employee of NYS Highway Dept. The bridge on Thais Road was being inspected by the State Department of Transportation today and if there is any feedback, he will let the Board know. To date no bids have been received on having repairs made to the garage roof. There was some discussion on the poor quality of the resurfacing work being performed on Rt. 150 by NYS. Brian is aware and will continue to monitor the road.

**Planning Oversight Committee** David Post addressed the group, remarking on the successful TSL clean-up day. They are still seeking members for the Communication and Marketing Committee and the Community Engagement Committee.

**Comments from the Public** Bill Glasser announced the parade will begin at 10am at Westfall Village and continue to the Memorial Park. Several groups are planning to participate.

## **BUSINESS:**

**MS-4 Annual Report** was filed by Michael Wager, Building Inspector and is on display at the Town Clerk's counter. He was available to the public for questions and none were asked.

## **Resolution #2021-05-26 Retention and Disposition Schedule**

***Be it Resolved***, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake approves that *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention schedules for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein; and

***Be in Further Resolved***, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- (a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described *in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)* after they have met the minimum retention periods described herein;
- (b) Only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum standards.

Supervisor Perry moved its acceptance and it was unanimously carried.

#### **Resolution #2021-05-27**

#### **Appointment to the Communication & Marketing Committee**

**Whereas** the Town of Sand Lake Planning Oversight Committee recommends the creation of a Communication & Marketing Committee; now therefore

**Be it Resolved**, the following TSL citizens are appointed to the Committee:

- Megan Sgroi
- Kevin Williams
- Sophia Maddalone
- Aimee Falk
- Erin Berical
- Shannon DeCelle

**Be it Further Resolved**, the following Planning Oversight Committee members will assist the Communication & Marketing Committee:

- Jim Snack – Liaison
- Amy Lent
- David Post

**Be it Further Resolved**, these appointments will take effect immediately.

Supervisor Perry moved it acceptance and it was unanimously carried.

#### **Resolution #2021-05-28**

#### **Approval to Allow Monolith Solar Associates LLC to Assign Eastern Union Turnpike Solar Installation to SunLight General**

**Whereas**, Monolith Solar Associates LLC has requested the Town of Sand Lake to approve the assignment of the Eastern Union Solar Installation to SunLight General; now therefore

**Be it Resolved**, that the Town Board authorizes Town Supervisor Nancy Perry to sign all necessary paperwork to allow the assignment to proceed, pending review by Counsel.

Supervisor Perry moved its acceptance and it was unanimously carried.

**Resolution #2021-05-29**

**Approval to Contract with Collier Engineering for Architectural and Engineering Consultant Services Associated with the Stop 13 Road Bridge Project**

***Be it Resolved***, that the Town Board authorizes Town Supervisor Nancy Perry to enter into a contract, subject to review by Counsel, with Collier Engineering and Design (DBA Maser Consulting Engineering and Surveying) for the Stop 13 Road Bridge Project (BIN 2201960) over the Wynants Kill.

Supervisor Perry added this is strictly due to right-of-way. She then moved its acceptance and it was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Perry asked if there were any further comments now that the business portion is complete.

- With regard to the bridge project at Stop 13, Councilman Film mentioned it would be wise to look into the condition of the waterline during this construction as it would be less expensive now than to replace later.
- Garrett DeGraff asked that a raised sidewalk be added for safe pedestrian travel and Supervisor Perry replied it was intended to be in the project and will be sure it is included when they receive and review the final design.
- Councilman Nippes added to his earlier report that the tentative schedule for the proposed Music in the Park concerts is being developed with the help of Mike Slavin. All these events will be held at Butler Park, sponsored in part by local businesses and residents, and available Town funds.

There being no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Minutes by:

Shirley A. Neiss  
Deputy Town Clerk