

**TOWN OF SAND LAKE  
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP  
November 29, 2023**

A Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake was held at on November 29<sup>th</sup> 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 - Absent  
Councilman Krokos  
Supervisor Gallerie  
Town Attorney Danaher

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kevin Rifenburgh, Garrett DeGraff and Brian Hunt

**Public Hearing Local Law #3 of 2023:** Supervisor Gallerie opened the Public Hearing at 6:46 pm to hear comments both in support of or in objection to proposed Local Law #3 Establishing Income Levels for Real Property Tax Exemptions for Senior citizens. He asked three times for anyone in opposition to this Law to speak. Hearing no objections Councilman Nippes made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Krokos. All were in favor and motion carried.

**Presentation to Barrett (Barry) Russell in Honor of his many years of service to the Sand Lake Ambulance.** The Town Board presented a Certified Resolution to Mr. Russell honoring his exceptional service and devotion to the Sand Lake Ambulance since 2012 and particularly during the Covid epidemic. Mr. Russell thanked the Ambulance Board of Directors and the Town Board for this honor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Supervisor Gallerie made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Town Board meeting. Seconded by Councilman Nippes, all were in favor and the motion carried.

**Town Clerk's Comments:** the Holiday Parade has been postponed from Friday, December 1st to Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> due to the weather forecast.

**Supervisor Gallerie's report:** The Taborton Road Bridge will be officially opened this Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am by Rensselaer County.

**Veterans:** The Christmas tree at the Veterans Park is up and lighted and the Holiday Season has officially begun. Thank you to Steve Wagner for donating the tree and to Tom Wendell for his help with the lift.

**Deputy Supervisor Clemens' report:** The RFP for updating the Library bathrooms resulted in no bids coming forth and we plan to put it out for re-submission in the near future.

**Councilman Nippes and Councilman Krokos** had no reports.

**Commissioner of Public Works, Keving Rifenburgh report:** All Veterans Banners have been taken down for the winter. We will continue to patch potholes to prepare for winter weather. We will also continue tree work and ditching where necessary.

**Public comments:** Rob Dressner asked why no one was receiving the Sand Lake Advertiser any longer. Town Clerk, Barbara Hansen, said she has been in touch with the paper and is waiting to see if we can get it re-instated. Mr. Dressner and Councilman Nippes said they had email addresses and phone numbers to contact the paper.

Mr. Dressner also complimented Commissioner Rifenburgh for work done on Bauer and Momrow Roads as promised.

**BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #2023-11-166**

**Moved by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens**

**Seconded by: Councilman Nippes**

**A Resolution to Adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2023 Establishing Income Levels for Real Property Exemptions for Senior Citizens with Limited Income**

**WHEREAS**, the Sand Lake Town Board met on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to introduce proposed Local Law #3 of 2023 and to schedule a Public Hearing for November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Hearing was held at the Sand Lake Town Hall at 6:46 pm on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the only comment from the public was in favor of the proposed law, now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake, hereby approves Local Law #3 of 2023 entitled “Establishing Income Levels for Real Property Exemptions for Senior Citizens with Limited Income”; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of such adopted Local Law with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

**AYES 4 – NAYS 0      1 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #2023-11-167**

**Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie**

**Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens**

**Recognizing Jill Quell’s Service as Tax Collector to the Residents of the Town of Sand Lake**

**WHEREAS**, Jill Quell was elected to the Office of Tax Collector for the Town of Sand Lake on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Jill has worked tirelessly in this challenging role to ensure that tax payments were accurately accounted for, and that residents were treated with respect and courtesy; and

**WHEREAS**, Jill's efforts are genuinely appreciated by the vast majority of Sand Lake's taxpayers; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake would like to formally recognize Jill Quell's devotion to the residents of the Town of Sand Lake; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake would like to thank Jill Quell for her efforts in providing top notch service to the residents of the Town for thirteen years.

**AYES 4 – NAYS 0      1 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #2023-11-168**

**Approving the Standard Workday Reporting for David Fryer**

**Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie**

**Seconded by: Councilman Nippes**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Office of the State Comptroller requires that municipalities establish a standard work day and reporting requirement by resolution for elected and appointed officials; and

**WHEREAS**, David Fryer has prepared the required record of activities, which has been received and reviewed by the Town Board, to adopt the "Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials," in compliance therewith; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Sand Lake Town Board hereby adopts the "Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials" for David Fryer; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to sign, and publicly post for a minimum of thirty days, said resolution and present the same, along with a certified copy of this resolution, to the New York State Office of the State Comptroller within 45 days of adoption of this resolution.

**AYES 4 – NAYS 0      1 ABSENT      MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #2023-11-169**

**Authorizing Budget Transfers and Amendments**

**Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie**

**Seconded by: Deputy S**

**Be It Resolved** the following transfers are made to the 2023 Budget:

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A 9010.8000	A 1420.4000	\$9,088
State Retirement Emp. Benefits	Attorney Contractual	
DA 5110.4000	DA 5130.4000	\$20,200
General Repairs Contractual	Machinery Contractual	
DA 9010.8000	DA 5130.4000	\$10,470

State Retirement Emp. Benefits                      Machinery Contractual

**Budget Amendments**

Increase Appropriation A 522.9730.7000 Debt, BAN Interest in the amount of \$46,090 by  
Appropriating A599 General Fund- Fund Balance in the amount of \$46,090 for interest due on the  
\$1,100,000 BAN Renewal.

**AYES 4 – NAYS 0                      1 ABSENT                      MOTION CARRIED**

There being no further business to come before the Board Councilman Nippes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 and it was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Clemens. All were in favor – Motion carried.