

TOWN OF SAND LAKE
Town Board Meeting
November 8, 2023

A Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake was held on November 8th 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

Councilman Krokos

Supervisor Gallerie

Town Attorney Danaher

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Rifenburgh, Bill Glasser, Brian Hunt

In Remembrance of former Town Clerk, Christine Kronau - The Town Board presented a Certified Resolution to the family of Christine Kronau, Sand Lake Town Clerk (1998 – 2009) honoring her dedication and service to the Town during her tenure.

Approval of Minutes: S/Gallerie made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 and October 25, 2023 meetings. It was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Clemens and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Town Clerk's Report:

Total Revenue in October	\$13,195.75
NYS Ag & Markets	87.00
DEC Hunting & Fishing	2,223.33
NYS Dept of Health – Marriage	67.50
Paid to Town of Sand Lake	\$10,817.92

Together with the Towns of Poestenkill, Nassau and Stephentown, we hosted a free Shredding Day last Saturday. A steady stream of residents participated in the successful event.

The Holiday Parade is scheduled for Friday, December 1st at 7:00pm. Information packets are available in my office and I believe Councilman Glasser will have more on this shortly.

Town Hall will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day. There will be a Memorial Service at the Veterans Park on Saturday at 11:00 am. In case of inclement weather the service will be moved into the High School Auditorium.

I want to thank everyone for their confidence and support yesterday and am looking forward to the next two years as Town Clerk

Supervisor's Report: Taborton Road Bridge estimated completion date just before Thanksgiving.

S/Gallerie thanked Commissioner Rifenburg for a very productive construction season. They managed several large drainage projects and a lot of road work in spite of an unusual number of rainy days. They are now preparing roads and equipment for winter weather.

Deputy Supervisor Clemens (Supervisor-elect): The Town is looking to hire someone as Youth Director as soon as possible. Please submit resumes to either Supervisor Gallerie or myself.

Street light project is coming to a close. Please let us know if you know of any issues that need to be addressed.

The Library is planning a mural for the side of the Library building. They met with Arts, Letters & Numbers to get some preliminary artistic ideas and will be welcoming community input and ideas. They hope to have the project going early next year to bring some new life to the library.

Councilman Nippes Report: Thanked everyone for their confidence and support on election day and is looking forward to serve the Town for the next four years. He reminded everyone to pick up election signs from their lawns.

Councilman Glasser's Report: Emergency services: AP-SL FD had 24 calls, WSL had 29 calls and Taborton had 4 calls last month.

The Town had a NY Alert Account that needs to be re-activated and he will be meeting with those in charge of the program to get it up and running again. This system is responsible for community notification for emergencies. This is one of the best programs of its kind and it is free.

SLCA has been busy with Trunk or Treat, History Marker dedication and the Taste of Sand Lake was a huge success. Check out their website for more information.

The Medical Director of the Fire Department is helping me with the paperwork for the AED's. Some training with the Board of Directors will take place thereafter.

Holiday Parade will be held again on December 1st so please get your applications in before November 20 to allow us sufficient time to get things organized.

Councilman Krokos' Report: Thanked everyone for their support and said he is looking forward to the next four years.

Commissioner Rifenburg (DPW): We're expecting some inclement weather tonight. Our trucks and staff are ready and hopefully the warmer temperatures will turn it to rain. We've been doing some preventive tree work before winter. We are also still doing some patch and ditching work.

Public comments: There being no public comment S/Gallerie moved into **Business:**

RESOLUTION #2023-11-158

Adopting the 2024 Town of Sand Lake Final Budget

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake adopted its 2024 Preliminary Budget on October 11th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a Public Hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget on October 25th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer of the Town of Sand Lake completed and filed the required online Property Tax Cap Form with the New York State Comptroller's office on November 7, 2023 indicating that the Town of Sand Lake's 2024 Preliminary Budget does not override the tax cap; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby adopts the 2024 Preliminary Budget as the Town of Sand Lake 2024 Final Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that when the final budgets are received from the fire districts, the Budget Officer will include final budget information on the Summary of the 2024 Town Budget page; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to prepare two certified copies of the budget with certified copies of the fire districts' final budgets annexed to each, and within five (5) days, deliver the copies to the Town Supervisor, who must then present them to the Rensselaer County Legislature within ten (10) days of receipt.

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RESOLUTION #2023-11-159

Recognizing Barrett (Barry) Russell's Contribution to Emergency Medical Services in the Town of Sand Lake

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Glasser

WHEREAS, the Sand Lake Ambulance was incorporated in 1959 as a not for profit Emergency Medical Services provider to the residents of the Town of Sand Lake; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Sand Lake Ambulance's mission has been complicated by many issues, not the least of which was COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, Barrett (Barry) Russell has been a volunteer with the Sand Lake Ambulance since March 2012, and during that time, Barry has worked tirelessly as an EMS Responder, as well as holding nearly every position on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, during the worst of the COVID 19 Pandemic, and the resulting Emergency Medical Services Staff shortages, Barry often volunteered more than sixty hours per week to ensure that the ambulance crew was available whenever it was needed; and

WHEREAS, it is most likely that the Sand Lake Ambulance would not have been able to provide the critical emergency services during the COVID 19 Pandemic without the hard work of Barry Russell; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake would like to formally recognize Barrett (Barry) Russell's devotion to the residents of the Town of Sand Lake and beyond, through his dedication to the mission of the Sand Lake Ambulance; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake would like to join those who directly benefited from his exemplary performance of his duties, in thanking Barry Russell for his efforts in providing critical Emergency Medical Services during the Global Pandemic.
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RESOLUTION #2023-11-160

A Resolution to Approve as to Form Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2023 Establishing Income Levels for Real Property Exemptions for Senior Citizens With Limited Income, and Scheduling a Public Hearing Thereon

Moved by: Councilman Krokos

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake is desirous of establishing income levels for real property tax exemptions for Senior Citizens with limited income; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2023, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and it appearing appropriate for a Public Hearing to be scheduled so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2023 is hereby approved as to form; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:45 pm on November 29, 2023, at the Town Hall of the Town of Sand Lake located at 8428 NY Route 66, Sand Lake, New York 12153 so as to the allow the Town Board to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023; 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.

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RESOLUTION #2023-11-161

A Resolution to Authorizing Emergency Replacement of the Pump Control Panel for Pump Station #2, Sewer District #1

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, on November 3rd, it was brought to the attention of the Town Supervisor that the Pump Control Panel at Sewer Pump Station #2 located at Calkins Farm Road which services the Western Burden Lake area had failed; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Operator had Emmons Metro LLC, who is the manufacturer's local representative for this system, diagnose the failure, and was informed that this control panel could not be repaired and that the control panel, variable frequency drives, and power distribution panel will have to be replaced with an updated system; and

WHEREAS, Emmons Metro, LLC performed temporary repairs to keep the pump station operating in a limited capacity, as the new control panel and associated parts will take six to eight weeks to manufacture and ship; and

WHEREAS, as this control panel and the associated parts are manufactured by Metropolitan Industries Incorporated, and Emmons Metro LLC is the authorized local representative, this purchase will be a sole source procurement in accordance with Town of Sand Lake Procurement Policy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to contract with Emmons Metro, LLC to perform the replacement of the control panel and accessory components as specified in the attached quote, in the amount of \$23,193.00, chargeable to budget line SS 8120.2000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the following budget modification: increase appropriation SS 8120.2000 Sanitary Sewer Equipment in the amount of \$23,193.00 by appropriating \$23,193.00 from the SS599 Sewer District 1 - Fund Balance.

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RESOLUTION #2023-11-162

Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with GAR Associates LLC

Moved by: Councilman Krokos

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake would like to procure the professional services of GAR Associates LLC per the attached professional services agreement, relative to the Town's Revaluation, and good cause appearing therefore, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby authorizes and approves the attached professional services agreement with GAR Associates LLC per the terms and conditions contained therein.

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RESOLUTION #2023-11-163

Recognizing Rear Admiral Michael F. Perry Upon His Assumption of Command of the New York Naval Militia

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Glasser

WHEREAS, the New York Naval Militia was organized as a Provisional Naval Battalion in 1889 and was formally mustered into State service as the First Battalion, Naval Reserve Artillery, on 23 June 1891, and

WHEREAS, the New York Naval Militia is the only federally recognized Naval Militia with continuous, unbroken service dating back to the 1890s; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Michael F. Perry a resident of the Town of Sand Lake, has served in positions of increasing responsibility in the New York Naval Militia since joining the organization in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Michael F. Perry was appointed as the Commander of the New York Naval Militia on November 3rd, 2023 and is now serving as the 24th Commander of that organization since its inception; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake would like to formally recognize Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Michael F. Perry for 33 years of distinguished service to the United States Navy Reserve and, the New York Naval Militia, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake congratulates Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Michael F. Perry upon his assignment as the Commander of the New York Naval Militia, and thanks him for his continued service to New York State and to his community.

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RESOLUTION #2023-11-164

A Resolution to Accept Bids for Surplus Equipment on Auction

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, the Sand Lake Town Board previously approved Resolution #2022-09-144 and Resolution #2023-10-146, declaring certain DPW vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to auction said equipment; and

WHEREAS, the auction ended on November 6th, 2023; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to accept the bids at the price indicated for the following items on auction:

Highway

- 2004 International Tandem, VIN# 1HTWXAXT34J087049 (\$16,500.00)
- 1999 Ford F550 Dump Truck, VIN# 1FDAF37F7XEE75437 (\$7,600.00)
- 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 2500, VIN# 1GCHK29U45E296813 (\$530.00)
- 1982 International 1800 Water Truck VIN# 1HTAR18EXCHA17433 (\$3,550.00)
- 28 Silvercote Insulation Rolls (\$3,500.00)
- Lee Boy 8500 Paver Filter Kits (\$100.00)

General Fund

- Blue playground slide (\$10.00)
- Trane 7.5 Ton Air Conditioning Condenser (\$105.00)

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RESOLUTION #2023-11-165**Authorizing Budget Amendments and Transfers****Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie****Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Clemens****Be It Resolved** the following transfers are made to the 2023 Budget:

From	To	Amount	A
8020.1000	A 8020.4000	\$10,000	
Planning Personal	Planning Contractual		

Budget Amendments

None at this time.

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There being no further business to come before the Board Councilman Nippes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. It was seconded by Deputy S/Clemens. All were in favor and the Motion Carried.