

**TOWN OF SAND LAKE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2022**

A Meeting of the Sand Lake Town Board was held on October 12, 2022 at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

PRESENT: Supervisor Gallerie
Deputy Supervisor Gendron
Councilman Nippes
Councilman Clemens
Councilman Glasser
Town Attorney Danaher Absent

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Glasser, Garrett DeGraff, Maegan Wait, Comptroller, Brian Hunt, Cheryl Mugno

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Gallerie opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Supervisor Gallerie made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Local Law#4 to Amend the Code of the Town of Sand Lake to Add Chapter 89, Property Maintenance. Notice of this Hearing was published on October 8th, 2022 and posted on the Town's website. He opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak in opposition. After giving the public 3 opportunities to speak in opposition he then asked if anyone wished to speak in support of Local Law #4. Tim Lawrence, Assistant Building Code Enforcer spoke in support and said it would greatly streamline the process when properties are in violation of the Code relating to property maintenance. It would help set up a process for those in violation to work expeditiously to a remedy agreeable to all. Councilman Nippes made a motion to close the public hearing and it was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gendron. All in favor.

Supervisor Gallerie then called to order the regular Sand Lake Town Board meeting of October 12, 2022. He made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 14th, 2022 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gendron. All in favor.

Supervisor's Report: 2nd Dyke Road Culvert is scheduled to begin October 17, 2022. It's expected the road will be closed for about 6 weeks and hopefully, be completed by late November. All appropriate agencies, schools and post offices have been notified of the closure. WSL Sidewalk Project is underway and the contractor is continuing two way traffic. Please be patient. They are trying to keep traffic moving.

Stop 13 Bridge is moving along nicely, the steel has been set and I believe it will be wrapped up before the mid November projected completion date.

LED Street Light Conversion planning is coming to completion. Councilman Stephen Clemens worked diligently on this project and I want to thank him for bringing the project to fruition. His expertise in this field was, and will continue to be, invaluable. Once the contracts are

finalized with New York Power Authority, they will be able to start ordering materials and start work sometime around the end of March, 2023.

Deputy Supervisor Gendron's Report: Building & Zoning. There were 23 permits and 1 renewal issued in September and estimated costs of construction is \$1,048,828.

Town Beach is closed for the season will be winterized this week. We have a meeting with ELAN tomorrow to refine plans for beach improvement and to discuss some of their suggestions.

Nopiates is partnering with Rensselaer County at Skyhigh Community Center 6:30 next Wednesday to present a program on the dangers of vaping and what families need to know about vaping. There will be raffles to support Nopiates and childcare will be available by APHS SADD students if needed.

SLHistorical Society will be meeting November 15th at 7:00. There will be a presentation by indigenous consultant, Heather Buell, who is a member of the Oneida Stockbridge Munsee Mohegan Nation who will speak about Sand Lake's earliest inhabitants.

Deputy Supervisor Gendron also extended a big thank you to Councilman Clemens for his expertise and hard work on the LED lighting project.

Councilman Nippes' Report: Butler Park opens at dawn and closes at dusk. We have some improvements coming next spring. We hope to chip seal the parking lot and the ground under the pavilion and get new LED lights under the pavilion, again much thanks to Councilman Clemens.

Seniors meet on Thursdays 12:00 at APFD.

Animal Control Officer had 9 calls last month.

Councilman Clemens: As mentioned the LED light project is well underway and we've expanded the scope of the project to include some interior and exterior lights at various venues like Town Hall, Butler Park. We hope construction will begin by the end of March 2023 and hopefully see some results by April or May. As I've mentioned before if you see a street light we'll have it repaired if it's in a critical area. Non-critical areas may have to wait since the lights are going to be replaced and the cost of repairs may not be feasible.

Library has been working on securing a grant from Upper Hudson Library System for upgrades needed. The grant is a 3 part process and they have completed the 1st phase which is supposedly the easiest part. They still have to go through NYS before approval so it is going to be a lengthy process.

Councilman Glasser: Attended the Board Meeting of SLCA. It was a very positive meeting and I look forward to working with them. They have many exciting events planned, most notably the 13th annual "A Taste of Sand Lake" to be held at Old Daley on Crooked Lake on November 1st.

Town Clerk's Report:

Total September Revenue	\$17,925.75
Ag & Mkts for Spay/Neuter Program	91.00
NYS DOH Marriage Licenses	\$ 112.50

DEC Hunting & Fishing Licenses

\$ 7,386.69

Passports: We'll be holding a Passport Acceptance day this Saturday, October 15th from 8:00 to 12 noon. Please call for details and appointments are necessary.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses: I will also be here on Saturday if any needs a hunting license.

Rabies Clinic: Rensselaer County DOH will be holding a Rabies Clinic Saturday, October 22 from 8-12 noon at the Schodack Highway Garage, 3776 Route 20, Nassau, NY. Prior registration is required. Please visit Sand Lake's website for registration information.

Convenience Facility Permits: Permits will be ½ price from October 15 to the end of the year. The permits run annually from Jan 1 – Dec 31.

As always, any questions please call me 518-674-2026 Ext. 122.

Kevin Rifenburg, Commissioner of Public Works: We've been busy patching and blacktopping to get ready for winter. I'm still waiting to hear from the contractor about the roof repair on DPW building. We have a job opening in DPW and are still accepting applications.

Public Comments: Garrett DeGraff, Chairman of the SL Democratic Committee said he has received several calls about are political signs in Town that exceed the size limit allowable in the Town Code. Councilman Nippes asked if the only complaints Mr. DeGraff received were about political signs that were non-conforming and Garrett said that is what he was addressing. Councilman Nippes said he took a ride down Route 43 from Route 150 to Route 43 & 66 and counted 20 non-conforming signs. Councilman Nippes felt this was a political maneuver. Mr. DeGraff said he was just passing on information he had received and felt the Town should react to this Code violation. Supervisor Gallerie interjected that he too had received calls about the signs from persons wanting the Town Code Enforcement Officer to remove them. He explained this could not be done since they were on private property and that the procedure was to serve the property owner with a violation notice and follow the process from there. He said he thought it would be more productive for both sides to examine the Code, make revisions and work toward a more suitable solution. Deputy Supervisor Gendron agreed an overhaul of the sign Code was necessary to make it more uniform. Mr. DeGraff asked what steps were going to be taken now about the sign issue. Code Enforcement Officer Mike Wager explained the process from serving the homeowner with a violation notice to appearing in Court.

BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2022-10-158

Amending the 2023 Tentative Budget

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, a Town Board Budget workshop meeting was held on October 5th, 2022 at which time several changes to the 2023 Tentative Budget were agreed upon by the members of the Town Board; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following changes are made to the 2023 Tentative Budget:

Budget Code	Tentative	Change	Difference
1110.1 Town Justice Pers. Svc.	\$28,068	\$30,000	\$1,932
1620.4 Buildings Cont.	\$80,000	\$75,000	-\$5,000
4540.4 Ambulance Cont.	\$339,375	\$387,375	\$48,000
7620.4 Adult Recreation General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,000 \$0	\$4,000 \$40,000	\$2,000 \$40,000
AYES 5 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS			

RESOLUTION #2022-10-159

Adjusting the Transfer Station Permit Rates to Allow for Reduced Fees for the Balance of 2022

Moved by: Councilman Glasser
Seconded by: Councilman Clemens

WHEREAS, the use of the Transfer Station has increased over the last two years; and

WHEREAS, a number of residents purchase Transfer Station permits during the last three months of the year, and have to pay full price for the current year, as well as purchasing the following year's permit; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk desires to be able to issue a short term Transfer Station Permit for the balance of 2022; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be authorized to issue a short term permit for the period October 15th to December 31st, 2022 at a price of \$15.00 for a Resident Permit, \$10.00 for a Senior Resident Permit, and \$5.00 for a Second Permit, Same Household.

AYES 4 – NAYS 1 MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #2022-10-160

Establishing the 2023 Preliminary Budget and Notice of Public Hearing

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie
Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby establish the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and the budget will be filed in the Office of the Town

Clerk at the Sand Lake Town Hall, 8428 NY 66, Sand Lake, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours; and be it further

RESOLVED, that notice was given that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake will review said Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon, at the Sand Lake Town Hall, 8428 NY 66, Sand Lake, New York, on Wednesday, October 26th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against any item or items contained; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk has been directed to publish the notice of public hearing in the official newspaper, bulletin board, and town's website and that copies of the Preliminary Budget are made available for public review; and at least five days must elapse between the first publication of the notice and date specified for the Public Hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law, the proposed salaries of the elected officials are hereby specified as follows:

**Town of Sand Lake
2023 Schedule of Salaries of Elected Officials
(Article 8 of Town Law)**

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Supervisor	\$25,000
Councilpersons (4 @ \$8,646)	\$34,584
Town Clerk	\$44,547
Justices (2 @ \$15,000)	\$30,000
Receiver of Taxes	\$10,333

AYES 5 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-10-161

Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Non Profit Organizations

Moved by: Councilman Clemens

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

WHEREAS, the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has authorized the use of funding to support non-profit organizations who have experienced negative economic impacts due to Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board developed a policy for disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act monies to non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board received applications from Jubilee Child Daycare Center and from Sky High Adventure Community Center both demonstrating that they met the requirements specified by the American Rescue Plan Act; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the distribution of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Jubilee Child Daycare Center in the amount of \$7,000.00, and to Sky High Adventure Community Center in the amount of \$8,000.00.

AYES 5 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION #2022-10-162

Authorizing Budget Transfers and Amendments

Moved by: Supervisor Gallerie

Seconded by: Councilman Nippes

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

From	To	Amount
DA 5120.4000 Bridges-Contractual	DA 5110.4000 General Repair Contractual	\$10,000
A 1430.1000 Personnel-Personal Services	A 1430.4000 Personnel Contractual	\$100

Budget Amendments

Increase Appropriation A 6510.4955 Veterans Banners in the amount of \$3,600.00 by increasing Revenue A 2770.9955 Unclassified Revenue in the amount of \$3,600.00 for the Military Banners Program.

Increase Appropriation A 1440.4000 Engineering Contractual in the amount of \$15,000 by appropriating the General Fund Fund Balance A 599 in the amount of \$15,000 for the Professional Engineering Services with Laberge Group for a Map, Plan and Report for a Proposed Water District as per resolution #2022-01-60.

Increase appropriations A 522.1440.4000 Engineer Contractual in the amount of \$20,210 by increasing Revenue A 980.4089.9999 Federal Aid- Other in the amount of \$20,210 due to funding received through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Engineering and Surveying cost associated with the Loon Creek Culvert Replacement as per resolution #2022-07-123.

Increase Appropriation A 522.9901.9000 Interfund Transfer in the amount of \$30,702 by increasing Revenue A 980.4089.9999 Federal Aid-Other in the amount of \$30,702 due to funding received through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Funds are then transferred from the General Fund to the Highway Fund by increasing Revenue DA 980.5031.9999 Interfund Transfer In in the amount of \$30,702 and increasing Appropriation DA 522.5112.4000 Improvements Contractual in the amount of \$30,702 for Paving as per Resolution #2022-08-136.

AYES 5 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS

There being no other business to come before the Board Deputy Supervisor Gendron made a motion to adjourn the October 12, 2022 Town Board meeting at 7:55 pm. It was seconded by Councilman Nippes. **ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION CARRIED**