

TOWN OF SAND LAKE
Town Board Workshop Meeting
October 30, 2024

A Town Workshop Meeting of the Town of Sand Lake was held on October 30, 2024, at the Sand Lake Town Hall.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Clemens opened the meeting at 7:00 pm
 After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Nippes
 Councilman Krokos
 Councilman P. Glasser
 Councilwoman K. Mason – Absent
 Supervisor Clemens
 Town Attorney Danaher
 Recording Secretary: Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT per sign in sheet: Maegan Wait, Comptroller, Brian Hunt, Kevin Rifenburgh, Commissioner DPW, Bill Glasser, Scott Blair.

Public Hearing opened at 7:00 pm: The 2025 Preliminary Budget was established at the Town Board Meeting October 9th, 2024 and a Public Hearing was scheduled for tonight 7:00 pm to obtain public comment for or opposed to any items contained therein. Notice of the Public Hearing was duly noted in The Record, the Town's official newspaper October 21st, 2024. Sup Clemens noted that health insurance costs were up significantly but the Town was able to keep the budget within the 2% cap. He then asked three times if anyone wished to speak in opposition to the budget. No one came forward. He then asked if anyone in favor of the proposed budget would like to speak. Again, no one came forward. Sup Clemens then made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm, seconded by Dep Sup Nippes, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Clemens made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Krokos, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Town Clerk's Report:

DMP Doe Permits: Additional Deer Management Permits (DMPs), or antlerless deer tags, become available for certain Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) beginning November 1st. This year, leftover DMPs are available for the following WMUs: 1C, 3J, 3M, 3N, 3P, 3R, 3S, 4J, 4T, 6G, 6P, 7F, 7H, 7J, 7R, 8A, 8C, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J, 8M, 8N, 8R, 8S, 8X, 8Y, 9A, 9F, & 9G.

You can apply for and receive up to two additional leftover DMPs through your local hunting license issuing outlet. DEC will not accept applications over the phone, by mail, or online.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items to be distributed among families in our area. Please bring your donations to Town Hall Mon-Fri 9:00 – 4:00. Last day to donate - November 21st. Thank you for your generosity

Closings: Please note Town Hall will be closed Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. To all Vets, we thank you for your service.

We will also be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th to celebrate Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Supervisor Clemens' Report: Last Wednesday we had a ribbon cutting and unveiling of our Sand Lake Improved Parks Project (SLIPP). There is more information on the Town's website and preliminary

sketch plans are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Part of this project is the acquisition of land being acquired from the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance on Biittig Road. A resolution to this effect is on tonight's Agenda. We are partnering with Averill Park Youth Soccer League to build soccer fields near the walking trails on Eastern Union Turnpike and to add some additional walking trails on the Biittig Road property. The project is in the very early stages of development and more information will be forthcoming as the project develops.

Deputy Supervisor Nippes: Thanked Maegan Wait, Comptroller for her hard work on the budget.

Councilman Glasser: Veterans Day celebration will be held November 11th at the Veterans' Park. Services will be moved inside the High School auditorium in case of inclement weather.
Holiday Parade: The Parade will kick off Friday, December 6th at 6:00 pm. Applications are available on social media, the Town Hall and the Town's website.

Councilman Krokos: The Sand Lake Library has several events coming up in November. An Art Reception, greeting card making workshop, evening storytime, a bereavement support group, knitting and crochet group, and various other arts and crafts. Check out the Library's calendar for specifics. SLCA is hosting a paint and party on November 21st, there is a waiting list.

DPW, Commissioner Rifenburgh's report: The nice weather has allowed us to keep crews out doing road work: ditching, tree trimming, replacement and maintenance of culvert pipes to keep the culverts clear of leaves and debris. Also we have been able to do more pothole repair.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Clemens asked if anyone present wished to make comment. No one stepped up and the Board moved into the business portion of the meeting.

BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2024-10-170

Appointing A Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

Moved by: Supervisor Clemens

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Nippes

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has a vacancy to be filled; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board considered two candidates resumes and expressions of interest; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby appoints Valarie Jeffers to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2024; and be it further; and

RESOLVED, the appointee shall complete the required training in Harassment and Discrimination, Work Place Violence, and four credit hours related to planning and/or zoning. **AYES 4 – NAYS 0**

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2024-10-171

A Resolution Approving Purchase of Land

Moved by: Councilman Glasser

Seconded by: Supervisor Clemens

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake wishes to Approve the Purchase of Land from the Rensselaer Land Trust, Inc., its Successors and/or Assigns as set forth on the attached documents, 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 Purchase of the attached land for Ten Dollars as consideration but with the Town paying all recording and title fees, and agreeing to waive required subdivision fees, contingent upon the subdivision being approved and there being no liens or clouds on title.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2024-10-172

AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE FOR SURVEY WORK AND MAPPING EXPENSES RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY ON BIITTIG ROAD

Moved by: Councilman Krokos

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Nippes

WHEREAS, the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (RPA) has conducted survey work and mapping for the purpose of supporting the acquisition of property located on Biittig Road; and

WHEREAS, the completion of this survey work and creation of maps are essential to ensure the proper acquisition, documentation, and future management of the property for community and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the RPA has incurred expenses in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$1,625.00) for the aforementioned survey work and maps; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the reimbursement of One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$1,625.00) to the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance for the costs associated with survey work and mapping in connection with the Biittig Road property acquisition.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 Motion carried

There being no other business to come before the Board Supervisor Clemens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. All in favor, motion carried.