

TOWN OF SAND LAKE
Special Town Board Budget Meeting
October 4, 2023

A Special Budget Meeting of the Town Board of Town of Sand Lake was held on October 4, 2023 at the Sand Lake Town Hall at 6:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

PRESENT: Supervisor Gallerie
Deputy Supervisor Clemens
Councilman Nippes
Councilman Glasser
Councilman Krokos

Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Barbara Hansen

OTHERS PRESENT: Maegan Wait, Comptroller; Sarah Jones; Planning & Zoning Board Clerk; DPW Commissioner, Kevin Rifenburgh; Garrett DeGraff

Supervisor Gallerie addressed the increases in insurance, state retirement and interest on bond anticipation notes that made this budget particularly challenging. He reviewed some changes made to the Tentative Budget for highway, benefits line, sewer line, increased hours for planning/zoning clerk, and general fund balance expenditures. The proposed budget is holding the line at a 1.1% tax increase, below the State's cap of 2%.

Councilman Nippes thanked our Comptroller, DPW Commissioner and all department heads for keeping the budget in check.

Public Comments: Garrett DeGraff asked for clarification on the following: tax cap, ambulance, health insurance benefits, youth program, debt service and fund balances. Supervisor Gallerie explained each and noted inflation is a major issue now and will continue to be in the future.

In contrast, Deputy Supervisor Clemens said we hope to experience an escalating annual savings on street and municipal lighting due to the transition to LED lighting throughout town roads and buildings.

Supervisor Gallerie said these changes will be incorporated into the Tentative Budget that will be presented at the Town Board meeting, Wednesday, October 11, 2023. A Public Hearing will be scheduled at that meeting for October 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to hear any person in favor or against any items therein.

There being no other business to come before the Board Councilman Nippes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. It was seconded by Councilman Glasser, all were in favor. Motion Carried.