

Town of Sand Lake
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2023

Supervisor Scott Gallerie called the workshop to order at 7pm, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Gallerie
Deputy Supervisor Clemens
Councilman Nippes
Councilman Glasser
Councilman Krokos
Town Counsel Danaher, Esq.
Recording Secretary, Shirley A. Neiss, Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES No minutes were presented for approval.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Work continues on the removal of the temporary bridge on Taborton Rd. Detours are over Wisner Road and Teal Road and he asked the traveling public to be considerate of the neighborhood and obey speed limits as posted.
- Work on the 2024 budget has begun and will be presented to the Board at the Town Workshop on September 27. The goal is to maintain the same level of services, while keeping the tax rate stable.
- Veteran's Day ceremonies will be held on November 11, at 11am at the Sand Lake Veteran's Memorial, (high school auditorium for inclement weather). More details will follow.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- The streetlight project is nearing completion and he asked residents to inform him of issues that need to be resolved while the contractor is still on site, and we are still under warranty.
- The interior lighting scope of that project will begin next week, and the town hall and other town-owned buildings will have new, efficient lighting fixtures within the next three weeks.
- The details of the matching grant awarded to update the three bathrooms in the library have been reviewed. Renovations costing \$130,000 are scheduled to begin within the next several months.

COUNCILMAN NIPPES

- Animal Control had 19 calls last month. He reminded residents to comply with TSL leash law and to always keep dogs under control.
- The Building Department reported 27 permits were issued (for properties with estimated values of \$1,514,300); 3 renewals; 1 sewer; 4 Certificates of Occupancy; 24 Certificates of Compliance; no stop-work-orders; 1 Violation Notice; 5 court appearances.
- Butler Park construction continues with the delivery of boulders to locate around the park.

COUNCILMAN GLASSER

- Averill Park Fire Company breakfast sandwich fund-raiser is September 24; 8 to 11 am.

- October is “Disaster Preparedness Month”, and he is meeting with the Red Cross to discuss disaster preparedness for the town.
- October is also “Fire Prevention Month” and firefighters will be visiting the schools.
- Sand Lake Center for the Arts is holding “Amazing Graves” guided tours and lectures on the Sand Lake Union Cemetery on September 30. Information on this and the 2023-24 schedule is online.
- The Annual Holiday Parade is scheduled for December 1, at 7pm. Registration forms for groups and float entries will be available online in mid-October.

COUNCILMAN KROKOS

- Townwide garage sale, sponsored by the Sand Lake Business Association, will be held September 16 and 17. There will be a corral for smaller vendors and food trucks, at Westfall Village. Maps for registered sites are online, at local businesses and Town Hall. Doors of Hope will have sales.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER

Kevin Rifenburgh reported:

- The Highway Department finished up some drainage issues over the past two weeks.
- Road-paving projects began recently. He explained this work is meant to secure the roads over the winter, until more permanent work can be done later when the budget allows.
- The cost of road salt has been reduced for the coming year, resulting in savings to the town.

CONVENIENCE FACILITY

Bill Film, Assistant at the transfer station reported:

- After reviewing the costs incurred at the facility, he is recommending price increases for disposing of some items:
 - sofas to increase from \$10 to \$20
 - mattress and bed springs to increase from \$20 to \$25
 - upholstered chairs to increase from \$5 to \$10
- He is also recommending collecting bottles with deposits and bringing them to “6 ¢” in Wynantskill for redemption; They in turn would issue a check to the town. He suggested the revenue from the bottle returns be given to Sand Lake Seniors or veterans organizations if possible. Attorney Danaher will take the issue under advisement, and report back to the board.
- Mr. Film recommended reducing the number of dumpsters stored at the facility. Each dumpster has a rental fee, and after monitoring, it was determined that only one needs to be kept there at a time to serve the users. He is requesting that the contract be reviewed to decide if we can eliminate a dumpster or if we are contractually obligated to have at least two on site.

These suggestions will be reviewed by staff and counsel and presented to the Town Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Pete Finn, President of the Sand Lake Historical Society, spoke on the West Sand Lake Fire Company’s project to destroy the existing fire house structure and erect a new structure in its place. He restated the importance of maintaining the historic building. Mr. Gallerie reported the architectural firm for the project reached out to the Planning Board Committee and asked to be placed on the agenda at the next meeting. The public will be informed of the date of that meeting.

- A resident of Crystal Lake Road reported on the motor vehicle and pedestrian frequency on that 25 MPH speed limit road, which is not designed as a thoroughfare. He asked if speed bumps could be installed in the summertime and have law enforcement patrol the road on occasion. Supervisor Gallerie suggested residents contact Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department at the non-emergency phone number: 518-270-5252 to report speeders.

Sand Lake Kiwanian Wayne Gendron thanked Councilman Glasser for coordinating the Holiday Parade again this year and offered the use of his trailer for town officials to decorate and ride for that event.

He reminded the group that SL Kiwanis is commemorating its 75th anniversary with a celebration at Burden Lake Country Club on December 2nd and he is asking all organizations to attend the event to show their continued support of this organization.

Mr. Gendron also remarked the "Little Free Library" boxes located around town offering books to read and return, are being monitored and there appears to be only slight use at the one located at the Sand Lake Center for the Arts. He is asking if the town would allow Kiwanis to relocate it to provide this opportunity to other areas who may use it. Deputy Supervisor Clemens will investigate and let them know.

He announced the 1st Annual Youth fishing derby in May 2024. He was directed to provide the details to the Supervisor as soon as possible, so a resolution can be passed to let the process begin.

Rensselaer County Legislator Wayne Gendron, member of the Education Committee, announced the football game at Hudson Valley Community College this weekend will be televised by ESPN. HVCC is playing Nassau at 1pm on Saturday and encourages everyone to watch.

BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gallerie presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2023-09-136

A Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on Proposed Qualified Abandonment of Town Highway Pursuant to New York State Highway Law Section 205 (2)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake has reviewed the attached Request for Qualified Abandonment of Town Highway Pursuant to New York State Highway Law Section 205 (2) submitted by the Commissioner of Public Works of the Town of Sand Lake, and concerning the end of the former Wenz Road located in the Town of Sand Lake as shown on the attached tax map; and

WHEREAS, such Highway appears appropriate for Qualified Abandonment due to substantial disuse as is more particularly described in Section 205 (2) of the New York State Highway Law, and the Town Board further believes that a Public Hearing should be had thereon to get input from members of the Sand Lake Community, and good Cause appearing therefore; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:45 pm on October 11, 2023, at the Town Hall of the Town of Sand Lake located at 8428 NY Route 66, Sand Lake New York, so as to allow the Town Board to hear Public Comment on the proposed Qualified Abandonment set forth above; 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, and to service Notice of Such Public Hearing by regular mail on at least twenty (20) days prior written notice to all affected adjoining property owners to the portion of Wenz Road subject to possible Qualified Abandonment.

Moved by Supervisor Gallerie, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Clemens.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSTENTION 0 Motion Carried

Deputy Supervisor Clemens offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2023-09-137

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Costs of 100% of the Costs of a Transportation Project, Which May be Eligible for Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid, or Reimbursement from Bridge NY Funds

WHEREAS; a project for the Bridge NY/Culvert, Loon Creek Lane over Loon Creek, P.I.N. 1762.67 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 0% Federal funds and 100% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake will design, let and construct the Project: and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the work for the Project or portions thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sand Lake Town Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Sand Lake Town Board hereby approves the above-subject Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Sand Lake Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of Sand Lake to pay 100% of the cost of Design and Construction phase of work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid, state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$745,000.00 (seven hundred forty-five thousand dollars and zero cents) is hereby appropriated from a Bond Anticipation Note and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase(s) of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Sand Lake Town Board hereby agrees that the Town of Sand Lake shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of federal-aid, state-aid, or NY Bridge funding awarded to the Town of Sand Lake; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the Project costs not covered by federal-aid, state-aid, or NY Bridge funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the Sand Lake Town Board shall convene as soon as

possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Sand Lake hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Sand Lake be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Sand Lake all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for federal-aid and/or state-aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the Town of Sand Lake's funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion moved by Deputy Supervisor Clemens and seconded by Councilman Glasser.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSTENTION 0 Motion Carried

Councilman Glasser presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2023-09-138

Appointing Edward Patanian to the Planning Board

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has a vacancy to be filled due to the resignation of Mr. Jonathon Bernstein; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby appoints Edward Patanian to the Planning Board for a term ending December 31, 2025; and be it further

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.

Moved by Councilman Glasser, seconded by Councilman Nippes.

AYES 3.... NAYS 0ABSTENTION 1 Motion Carried

Supervisor Gallerie offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2023-09-139

Authorizing Budget Transfers and Amendments

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

From	To	Amount
A 1990.4000 Contingency Contractual	A 7150.1000 Special Rec. Facility Personal	\$340.00
A 1990.4000 Contingency Contractual	A 1420.4000 Attorney Contractual	\$2,000.00

Budget Amendments: None at this time.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 0 Motion Carried

There being no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm upon motion by Councilman Krokos, seconded by Councilman Nippes with unanimous agreement.

Minutes by:

Shirley A. Neiss
Deputy Town Clerk