

**TOWN OF SAND LAKE**  
**Town Board Workshop Meeting**  
**September 25, 2024**

A Town Workshop Meeting of the Town of Sand Lake was held on September 25, 2024, at the Sand Lake Town Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Deputy Supervisor Nippes opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Clemens - Absent  
 Deputy Supervisor Nippes  
 Councilman Krokos  
 Councilman P. Glasser  
 Councilwoman K. Mason  
 Town Attorney Danaher

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT per sign in sheet:** Brian Hunt, Kevin Rifenburg, John Slyer, Garrett DeGraff, Daryl Bart.

**Town Clerk's Report:** Sand Lake Garage Sale: Great weather brought out large numbers of people. The Sand Lake Dog Park booth did very well and I want to thank everyone who came and took a chance on raffle tickets and our 50/50. Shannon DeCelle, Helen Pelcher and Bob Katz manned the booth with me. I couldn't have done it without their help. A special thank you to all the local businesses that donated gift cards for the raffle: Crossroads, Doby's, Dunkin, Stewarts, Gipfels, Kay's Pizza, Sand Lake Merchant and Dave Ernest, Frame Pro Construction, winner of the 50/50 who donated winnings back to the Dog Park.

**Supervisor's report:** Dep Sup Nippes read the following report by Sup Clemens: The Board will be scheduling a Public Hearing on the Budget for 10/30/2024 to hear comments and concerns.

There is a Resolution on tonight's agenda regarding the scoping of the sewer line on Burden Lake Road Dam per DEC's consent order. The scoping report came back good. The Town has not received a copy of the Engineering study from

Rensselaer County, however, post inspection we do now have a better understanding of the Town's involvement in this matter.

Deputy Supervisor Nippes made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Krokos, all in favor.  
Motion carried.

**Councilman Glasser's Report:** The Holiday Parade will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Same rules as last year, except Fire Truck sirens will be silent, and Applications to enter a float will be online this year.

**Councilman Krokos' Report:** Nopiates will be partnering with NY Division Drug Enforcement Administration for the Family Summit on Fentanyl October 9<sup>th</sup> at HVCC, 3:00-7:00 pm to hear families discuss their experiences. Library Bathroom remodel project is complete and they look phenomenal. Library has several events lines up. Please check the website for more information.

**Councilwoman Mason:** SLHS dedication of the Hazel Drew historical marker will take place at Taborton and Mosher Road October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm with a reception following at SLCA.

SLHS: October 8<sup>th</sup> will host Charles Nalley returns to Sand Lake at their regular meeting.

SLCA: Youth Director, Erica Genung and I will be hosting Trunk or Treat October 26<sup>th</sup> at the SLCA.

Taste of Sand Lake will be held again at Old Daley on Crooked Lake October 30<sup>th</sup>, tickets are available on the Center's website.

Deputy Supervisor Nippes asked Town Clerk, Barbara Hansen, to present the 2025 Tentative Budget to the Town Board. Town Clerk will post it on the Town's website tomorrow and a hard copy will be available for inspection in the Clerk's office.

**DPW: Kevin Rifenburg, Commissioner:** Final grading and seeding has been completed at the Pickleball Courts in Butler Park. We will be doing the fencing in the spring.

Summit Drive cul de sac drainage project is complete. There are a few final touches still to be completed.

We will continue cutting limbs and trees when necessary.

We are getting our truck fleet ready for winter weather.

**Public Comment:**

John Sneizyk: Chairman of Open Spaces Committee. Gave a synopsis of his 10 year tenure as Chairman noting the Committee’s greatest accomplishment being the Trails, picnic areas and benches on Eastern Union Turnpike that were built and maintained with the help of volunteers. Volunteers also built and maintained mountain bike trails and a pump track. Another group, along with support from the current Town Board, is trying to get a Dog Park constructed and is soliciting donations to help with the cost of fencing. Open Space committee supports these uses, with its major concern being future maintenance. He listed his efforts over the years in maintaining the area and after detailing his dissatisfaction regarding communication with the current administration he offered his resignation. He would like to see the area continue to be maintained and available to the public.

John Slyer, SHAC: Noted the SHAC Fall programs had a successful start and thanked Supervisor Clemens for his monthly Newsletter in trying to keep the public informed. Fall Fun Day is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> for the Open House, music, raffles. Brochures with a full list of events are available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Garrett DeGraff: Update on the Burden Lake Dam and the County’s Engineering Report. Dep Sup Nippes responded as previously reported. The Town had the Sewer line under the dam scoped by an engineering firm and it is in good condition. We are still waiting for the County’s report that was promised two weeks ago.

**RESOLUTION #2024-09-160**

**Establishing the 2025 Town of Sand Lake Budget Schedule**

**Moved by: Councilman Krokos, as printed**

**Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Nippes**

**WHEREAS**, one of the primary responsibilities of New York Town Governments is to adopt a structurally balanced budget that accurately estimates revenues and expenditures of the town for the upcoming fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget adoption process has several dates and steps that must adhere to statutory requirements and deadlines; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby adopts the following schedule of actions and dates associated with adoption of the 2025 Town of Sand Lake Budget:

Action (all held in the Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom)	Dates
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Town Clerk presents the tentative budget to the Town Board.	09/25/2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Board makes revisions and prepares the Preliminary Budget	10/09/2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Public Hearing is held on the Preliminary Budget	10/30/2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Final revisions are made on the Preliminary Budget. This meeting will be held only if deemed necessary by the Town Board.	11/06/2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Final Budget is adopted by the Town Board.	11/13/2024 at 7:00 p.m.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2024-09-161**

**Authorizing Auction of Surplus Equipment**

**Moved by: Councilman Glasser, as printed**

**Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Nippes**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has received a request from Commissioner of Public Works to declare the following Town property to be surplus equipment;

- #1) 2015 International Terra star dump truck w/ front plow VIN# 1HTKPSKK5FH646789
- #2) 2015 International Terra star dump truck w/ front plow and wing VIN# 1HTKPSKK8FH647094
- #3) 2009 International 7600 Tandem dump truck w/ front plow and wing VIN# 1HTWXSBT19J177577
- #4) 2012 Dodge Ram 5500 dump tuck w/ 10' Boss V-plow and stainless-steel Highway Super P Sander VIN#3CTWDNAL5CG271000
- #5) 2006 Elgin Pelican sweeper VIN# P4016S
- #6) Motorola PM400 2-way Radios (31 units in total)

**WHEREAS**, said equipment is not suitable for use in any other Town Department; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the property as listed is declared as surplus; and be it further resolved;

**RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to conduct a public auction or sale or otherwise to lawfully dispose of said surplus equipment now owned by, and in the custody of the Town of Sand Lake.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2024-09-162****A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR BURDEN LAKE DAM SEWER LINE INSPECTION****Moved by: Councilwoman Mason****Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Nippes**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake wishes to Approve the attached Agreement for the Burden Lake Dam Sewer Line Inspection with Kenyon Pipeline Inspection, LLC in the amount of \$4,000.00, 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 Agreement as set forth above.

AYES 4 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT 1 Motion Carried

There being no other business to come before the Board Deputy Supervisor Nippes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Krokos, all were in favor. Motion carried.