

**TOWN OF SAND LAKE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 11, 2024**

A Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake was held on September 11, 2024 at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following answered roll call:

**PRESENT:**  
**Supervisor Clemens**  
**Deputy Supervisor Nippes**  
**Councilman Glasser**  
**Councilman Krokos**  
**Councilwoman Mason**  
**Town Attorney Danaher**

**Recording Secretary:** Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kevin Rifenburgh, Bill Glasser, Garrett DeGraff, Scott Blair, Rob Dressner per sign in sheet

**Approval of Minutes:** After roll call Supervisor Clemens made a motion to approve the August 28, 2024 Town Board Workshop minutes. Seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nippes all were in favor, motion carried.

**Town Clerk's Report:**

\$17,879.50	Total Revenue for June, 2024
93.00	Ag & Mkts for Dog Program
4,448.25	DEC Hunting and Fishing Licenses
157.50	NYS Dept of Health for Marriage Licenses
\$ 13,180.75	TOSL

- Rabies Clinic 10/26/24 at Schodack Highway Garage, Route 20, Nassau, NY
- Sand Lake Business Association is holding Town Wide Garage Sale, Saturday, Sepember 21<sup>st</sup>. Vendor corrals will be set up at Westfall. I will have a booth set up soliciting donations for the proposed Sand Lake Dog Park. Please stop by and donate.
- Kiwanis is also holding a free shredding event Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Algonquin Middle School from 9:00 – 12:00
- We are now requiring appointments for Marriage License Applications since they take some time to prepare and tie up our main computer.

**Supervisor Clemens' Report:**

- He asked for a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives 23 years ago in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack.

- Reminded everyone you cannot pass a School Bus when the lights are flashing. We've received several phone calls that cars along the Route 43 corridor are not adhering to the rules. It is the law.
- TOSL received a Pre-Application for a grant to help defray the cost of bridge replacement on Johnnycake Lane. The grant, if received, would cover 80% of the cost with the Town absorbing the other 20%. This is the first step in this process. If approved we move on to the full grant process application.
- Assemblyman Scott Bendett and I will be holding our first Business Forum, Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall and we have invited all business owners to participate. Discussion will center around how to make Sand Lake more business friendly.
- We have been in early discussion with a solar company interested in capping and leasing the Convenience Facility property. Discussions are in the early stages but could prove to be a lucrative project.

#### Deputy Supervisor Nippes' Report:

- Reached out to members of the Planning Oversight Committee to join the discussion at the Business Forum next Tuesday.
- Last night of Music in the Park was a great success. The Refrigerators drew a large crowd and a good time was had by all. There was a lot going on with pickleball, football, softball, food vendors. It was well attended.

#### Councilman Glasser's Report:

- I'm starting to organize the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Parade always held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of December. This year it's December 6<sup>th</sup>. I've already received applications and Supervisor Clemens and I are working on streamlining the application process. We hope to have a QR code on the application form.
- Emergency Services: Fundraisers: AP Fire Department is having their breakfast sandwich this Sunday and WSL FD is having their BBQ takeout on Thursday.

#### Councilman Krokos' Report:

- Overdose Awareness Day was well attended.
- Nopiates is sponsoring Families on the Path to Wellness September 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 – 3:00 at Camp Adventure. There will be vendors, speakers, food, fishing, corn hole and other fun events.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> at Sand Lake Baptist Church there will be a Community Resource Event.
- Library bathroom renovations are almost complete.

#### Councilwoman Mason's Report:

- Will also be attending the Business Forum Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Sand Lake Historical Society: Dedication of the Hazel Drew Historical marker at Taborton and Mosher Road followed by a reception at 1:15 at SLCA, including a meet and greet with the author and book signing of Murder at Teal Pond. Please check their website for a full list of events. Volunteers welcomed.
- SLCA hosting Trunk or Treat 1:00 – 4:00 October 26<sup>th</sup> with outdoor and indoor activities.
- SLCA holding its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Sand Lake October 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Old Daley on Crooked Lake. Tickets now available.

DPW Commissioner Rifenburgh's Report:

- Highway has also been receiving calls regarding school buses being illegally passed and it seems to be in the same location. We suggest you call State Troopers and/or Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department.
- Sections of several roads have been paved and shimmed and shoulders repaired.
- Took delivery of 2<sup>nd</sup> new truck and having it outfitted and ready for winter.
- We'll be out tree trimming limbs and ditching. Please call if you have any low hanging tree limbs and we will get you on the schedule.
- We are still working on the cul de sac on Summit Drive and hope to have it completed soon.

Deputy Supervisor Nippes noted that all school buses have cameras and anyone passing a bus illegally will be identified and charged.

**Public Comment:** No public comment at this time.

**BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #2024-09-155**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL REGARDING THE 2024 SUMMER CAMP**

**Moved by: Councilwoman Mason**

**Seconded by: Supervisor Clemens**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake wishes to share proportionately with the Town of Poestenkill the cost for the 2024 Summer Camp as has been the custom for many years, 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 proportionate sharing, with the Town of Poestenkill, of the cost for the 2024 Summer Camp based upon the number of children participating from each Municipality.

**AYES 5 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS**

**RESOLUTION #2024-09-156**

**Modification of Household Trash Disposal Regulations at Sand Lake Convenience Facility**

**Moved by: Supervisor Clemens**

**Seconded by: Dep Supervisor Nippes**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sand Lake operates a convenience facility for the disposal of household trash, and

**WHEREAS**, the current regulation requires residents to purchase Town of Sand Lake trash bags for disposal, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that modifying this requirement will enhance

convenience for residents and streamline the disposal process,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake as follows:

1. Removal of Bag Requirement: Effective 10/01/2024, residents with valid permits to the Sand Lake Convenience Facility are no longer required to use Town of Sand Lake garbage bags for garbage disposal at the facility.
2. Use of Existing Bags: Residents who have previously purchased Town of Sand Lake garbage bags may continue to use them at the facility.
3. New Disposal Procedure: a. Residents bringing their own garbage bags for disposal will be subject to the same rates as outlined in the Convenience Facility Guidelines. b. Payments for garbage disposal will be accepted at the Convenience Facility using punch cards or checks. c. Alternatively, payments can be made at the Town Clerk's Office using check, credit card, or cash.
4. Notice to Residents: The Town Clerk shall ensure that all residents are informed of this change in regulation through appropriate communication channels, including but not limited to public notices, and the town website.
5. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect on 10/01/2024, as specified in Section 1.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this Resolution and update any relevant guidelines or documents as needed.

**AYES 5 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS**

Sup Clemens said the cost of trash bags has gone up dramatically and the Board believes this new procedure will result in significant cost savings to the Town.

**RESOLUTION #2024-09-157**

**Appointment of John and Erica Doolittle to the Sand Lake Park and Beach Committee**

**Moved by: Councilman Krokos**

**Seconded by: Dep Supervisor Nippes**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sand Lake recognizes the importance of having an active and engaged Park and Beach Committee to oversee and enhance the town's recreational facilities and community spaces, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to fill vacancies on the Sand Lake Park and Beach Committee to ensure its continued effective operation and representation of community interests, and

**WHEREAS**, John Doolittle and Erica Doolittle have expressed a willingness and commitment to contribute their time and expertise to the Sand Lake Park and Beach Committee,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake as follows:

1. Appointment: John Doolittle and Erica Doolittle are hereby appointed as members of the Sand Lake Park and Beach Committee, effective September 12, 2024.

Duties and Responsibilities: John and Erica Doolittle shall perform all duties and responsibilities as outlined in the guidelines and charter of the Sand Lake Park and Beach Committee, including but not limited to participation in meetings, planning, and implementation of park and beach improvement initiatives.

**AYES 5 – NAYS 0 UNANIMOUS**

**RESOLUTION #2024-09-158**

**Budget Transfers/Amendments**

**Be It Resolved** the following transfers are made to the 2024 Budget:

**Moved by: Supervisor Clemens as printed**

**Seconded by: Councilman Krokos**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A 7140.1 Playground & Rec. Parks Personal	A 7140.2 Playground & Rec. Parks Equipment	\$ 6,615
A 7140.1 Playground & Rec. Parks Personal	A 7150.1000 Spec. Rec Facility- Beach Personal	\$ 1,050

**Budget Amendments**

Increase Appropriation SS 522.8120.2 Sewer Fund- Sewer Collection Equipment & Capital Outlay in the amount of \$13,420 by Appropriating SS599 Sewer Fund- Fund Balance in the amount of \$13,420 to replace sewer pump at Station #2 District #1.

Increase Appropriation DA 522.5110.4 Highway Fund- General Repairs Contractual in the amount of \$40,000 by Appropriating DA599 Highway Fund- Fund Balance in the amount of \$40,000 for road repairs.

Increase Appropriation A 522.9901.9 Interfund Transfer in the amount of \$27,066 by increasing Revenue A 980.4089.9 Federal Aid-Other in the amount of \$27,066 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 980.5031.9 Interfund Transfer In in the amount of \$27,066 and increasing Appropriation DA 522.5112.4 Improvements Contractual in the amount of \$27,066 for Paving as per Resolution #2022-08-136.

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**Public Comment:**

Garrett DeGraff spoke regarding staffing of poll workers for the upcoming November election in anticipation of a large turnout. He asked for anyone interested in working the polls to contact him. You will be paid for the day and for required training. Half day schedules are possible if enough workers are available. Deputy Supervisor Nippes (Rep) and John Sniezyk (Dem) are responsible for recruiting poll workers.

Dep Supervisor Nippes said he had 12 workers lined up for the upcoming election in November.

Since there was no other business to come before the Board Supervisor Clemens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. It was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nippes. All were in favor. Motion carried.