

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF SANDYCREEK**  
1992 HARWOOD DRIVE, POBOX 52  
SANDYCREEK, NEW YORK13145-0052

**Date:** December 1, 2015

**Kind of Meeting:** Special Meeting

**Place:** SandyCreekTown Hall

**SC Board Members Present:** Nancy Ridgeway           **Others Present:**  
Ruth E. Scheppard           Tammy Miller  
Kevin Halsey-left 5:01   Michael Kastler  
John W. Wood, Jr.           Jon Stoker  
Nola J. Gove

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the special meeting to order at 4:00pm. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint a Town Justice for 2016 in the anticipation of a vacancy.

**RESOLUTION 125-15**

On motion by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., the following resolution was

ADOPTED - 5 Ayes           Ridgeway, Gove, Scheppard, Wood, Halsey  
0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek appoints Jonn T. Stoker to the office of Town Justice for a term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 contingent on the anticipated resignation of Town Justice Victoria Longo.

**RESOLUTION 126-15**

**On motion** made by John W. Wood, Jr, seconded by Nancy Ridgeway, the following resolution was

ADOPTED – 5 Ayes           Ridgeway, Scheppard, Halsey, Wood, Gove  
0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the bid of \$4,700 on Auctions International for the 1995 International dump truck.

**RESOLUTION 127-15- Parity of Local Transportation Funding**

**On motion** made by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr. the following Parity of Local Transportation Funding resolution was

ADOPTED – 5 Ayes           Ridgeway, Scheppard, Halsey, Wood, Gove  
0 No

**WHEREAS**, a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital for the safety of New York’s travelling public and its economy; and

**WHEREAS**, 85 percent of New York’s roads and bridges are maintained by local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, despite well-timed and targeted preventative maintenance treatments, the age and condition of many of our locally-owned transportation assets

means that they are beyond preservation and in need of much more costly rehabilitation and reconstruction; and

**WHEREAS**, estimates by the State Comptroller, DOT and independent studies show a large portion of road mileage is deteriorating and many bridges in the state are rated structurally deficient and functionally obsolete; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Comptroller estimates that there will be \$89 billion in unmet local infrastructure needs over the next 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways commissioned its own fifteen year analysis that indicates an annual funding gap of \$1.3 billion for the local system (excluding NYC) alone; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for our local system has been far short of what is needed and we've fallen further and further behind in maintaining the vast and aging transportation infrastructure over this long period with severe consequences for conditions ratings; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS) provides essential funding for every municipality in the state and is part of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program; and

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1990's the Governor and Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the NYSDOT capital program and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTTF) to assist with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and other transit systems' capital programs; and

**WHEREAS**, when the DHBTF was created, it was agreed that the NYSDOT and MTA five-year capital programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated concurrently; and

**WHEREAS**, through 2005-09, both five-year capital programs were similar in size and adopted within months of each other; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 the Executive and Legislature broke traditional parity and enacted a five-year capital program for the MTA but not the DOT;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Sandy Creek, NY, calls upon the Governor and the NYS Legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that

accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges; and increase CHIPS funding in the 2016-17 state budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Sandy Creek, NY, calls upon the Governor, and members of the state Legislature to fully fund and submit a new NYSDOT five-year transportation capital plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Sandy Creek, NY calls upon the Governor and members of the NYS Legislature to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYSDOT five-year programs and by voting on the plans simultaneously.

**RESOLUTION 128-15- Resolution Establishing a Second Notice Fee for Tax Collection**

**On motion** made by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 5 Ayes                    Ridgeway, Scheppard, Halsey, Wood, Gove  
  0 No

**Whereas** the town board may adopt a resolution imposing up to two dollars to be added to taxes to cover the cost of mailing each notice of unpaid taxes under Real Property Tax Law section 987(l);

**And whereas** this charge becomes part of the total amount due and cannot be waived;

**Be it resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek hereby imposes a fee of two dollars to be added to the tax due on all properties for which a second notice is sent in March of each year.

**RESOLUTION 129-15**

**On motion** made by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 5 Ayes                    Ridgeway, Scheppard, Halsey, Wood, Gove  
  0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 4:10 pm to discuss land acquisition and contract negotiations. Michael Kastler and Tammy Miller were allowed in for the land acquisition discussion and left at 4:35 pm before contract negotiations were discussed.

Kevin Halsey left the meeting at 5:01 pm.

**RESOLUTION 130-15**

**On motion** made by John W. Wood, Jr, seconded by Ruth E. Scheppard, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 4 Ayes                    Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, Gove  
  0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek exits executive session at 5:10 pm.

**On motion** by Nola J. Gove, seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC  
Town Clerk