

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**  
TOWN OF SANDYCREEK  
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SANDYCREEK, NEW YORK 13145-0052

**Date:** August 15, 2018

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Nancy Ridgeway  
Dave Warner  
Ruth E. Scheppard  
Nola J. Gove

**Others Present:**  
Tammy Miller  
George Kalkowsky, I.E.  
Rebekah S. Prosachik, Esq.  
Shirley Rice  
Pat McCullough  
Wayne Miller  
Jessica Godfrey  
John Howland  
Pat McDougal  
Mark J. Hyde

**Absent:** John W. Wood, Jr.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 75-18**

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

**ADOPTED-** 4 Ayes            Ridgeway, Scheppard, Gove, Warner  
                  0 No  
                  1 Absent        Wood

**Resolved** that the minutes of the June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> meetings are approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The monthly financial report of the Supervisor was placed in the Town Board members' mail boxes and was filed in the Town Clerk's office.

**REPORTS:**

Highway/Water Superintendent – Superintendent Kastler was absent tonight due to road flooding repairs.

Assessor- Supervisor Ridgeway summarized Rhonda Weigand's report. It has been filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Dog Control Officer – Elisa Dunn was absent tonight and has submitted a letter of resignation. Her last day is to be determined. Her report for the month of July has been filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Historian – Charlene Cole's monthly report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Town Justice- The monthly reports of Town Justice Crastand Stoker have been received by the Town Supervisor.

Legislator – Margaret Kastler was absent this evening.

Library– Library Director Jessica Godfrey gave the Town Board a copy of the August newsletter. On August 4<sup>th</sup> approximately 75 people attended the Westy's Birds of Prey event. A free summer art camp for 4 to 10 year olds is being held on Fridays in August. Adult beginner guitar lessons will be held on Tuesdays, August 21 – September 11. Three have registered and there are 7 spots open. Classes are \$10 per session. A Trivia Night will be held on August 30<sup>th</sup> for ages 16 and up. In September book clubs are beginning for both adults and tweens. The Knit & Crochet Club meets every Thursday from 2 to 4 pm. It is free for all ages and led by Sherry Webb.

NOCA– President Jonathan Barron will be moving out of the area in September. There will be a vacancy on the board for the Sandy Creek area.

Planning Board – Chairman Shirley Rice reported that the August meeting was cancelled. A copy of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board's budget for 2019 was filed with the Town Clerk. They are requesting \$12,933.00 from the Town in 2019. The budget increase is due to increases in salaries and paying the alternate.

Water Advisory Committee- Minutes from the July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting have been filed. There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Code Enforcement Officer – John Howland's report for the month of July is on file in the Town Clerk's office. He has had a problem with his e-mail recently. He is not happy with the new draft of the local RV law. He will check on properties that received violation notices.

Town Clerk – Tammy Miller reported that receipts and total disbursements for the month of July totaled \$2,304.50 of which \$1,593.46 was the town's portion. This report is on file in her office and available for public inspection.

Engineers – George Kalkowsky, I.E. of Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. was present to update the board on current projects. Of the sewer interest surveys returned so far, 28.4% are interested in public sewer and 71.6% said no. The slideshow from the informational meetings has been placed on the town's website. In water district #3 the survey drawings should be complete by the end of the week and then layout and design can begin. Title searches will begin soon and easements will be sent out in batches. The archaeologist will be working this week. Soil borings began August 14<sup>th</sup> and will take about a month to complete. The environmental site reviews are also nearing completion. Several of the permit applications will be done this fall. The town closed on a BAN for the project last month. The DWSRF application was submitted in June. The BAN will be rolled into interest free short term financing through EFC this fall. Application for the WIIA grant will be resubmitted. There is up to \$3 million available. We have also applied for financing through USDA-RD. Mark Hyde of South Sandy Pond Inlet was present. His property is in Water District #3 and he is not in favor of public water. Mr. Kalkowsky and Mr. Hyde left the meeting to speak about his concerns privately.

Public Comment– **Pat McDougal** asked when Miller Road will be resurfaced. Supervisor Ridgeway will talk to Highway Superintendent Kastler about this.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Two proposals from High Peaks Solar on two town-owned parcels were discussed.

**RESOLUTION 76-18**

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

ADOPTED - 4Ayes                Ridgeway, Warner, Scheppard, Gove  
                  0 No  
                  1 Absent            Wood

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek accepts the two proposals from High Peaks Solar and sets a public hearing for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Office of the Aging will be at the Town Hall on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am to 1 pm to assist residents with any questions they may have. Two Constables have requested an increased minimum salary for working at a trial held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was discussed that the Constables are only entitled to the pay that was previously agreed upon. They are not entitled to a higher rate of pay unless the town board approves it. The town board was not interested in increasing the rate of pay at this time. Supervisor Ridgeway and Attorney Prosachik signed the Certificate of Municipal Site Control for the Towns of Richland/Sandy Creek Joint Water Extension.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS-RESOLUTION 77-18**

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

ADOPTED - 4Ayes                Ridgeway, Scheppard, Warner, Gove  
                  0 No  
                  1 Absent            Wood

**Resolved** that the bills be paid on Abstract #14 in the following amounts:

General Fund                \$ 277.26  
Trust & Agency            \$ 8,308.98  
Sewer Survey- H1        \$ 1,160.50

**And** on Abstract #15 in the following amounts:

General Fund                \$ 22,103.16  
Trust & Agency            \$ 11,937.74  
Highway Fund              \$ 144,485.63  
Sewer Survey- H1        \$ 4,210.18  
Water District #1-SW \$ 2,942.13  
Water District #2-SW \$ 582.05  
Water District #3-H3 \$ 39,276.48

There will be a North Sandy Pond Resiliency Project informational meeting at the Sportsman’s Club on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Jill Mattison will attend this meeting. The next regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**On motion** by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nola J. Gove and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy L. Miller, RMC  
Town Clerk