

MONTHLY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 6th, 2023

A regular meeting of the Sandy Creek Village Board was duly held on the sixth day of March in the year 2023 at 7:00pm in the Village Offices Building at 11 Park Street, Lacona, NY 13083.

Members Present:

Lynn Miller, Mayor
Sharon Turo, Trustee

Village Staff Present:

Megan Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer
John Howland, Code Enforcement
Lance Collins, Fire Chief
Michael Yerdon, County Legislator
Bill Joyce, Regional Planning Board

At 7pm, the Mayor called the regular meeting to order. After the Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting commenced.

Agenda Item One | February Minutes:

The Board approved the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on February 13th, 2023 with no discussion motion duly made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried.

Agenda Item Two | February Bills & Financials:

The Board approved vouchers 178-189 on abstract 19 in the amount of \$5,826.81 and vouchers 175-177 on abstract 18 in the amount of \$6,098.53 duly made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried with a 2-0 vote.

The Board approved a transfer of \$2,175 from A1640.424, fire department snow removal, to A1640.42 fire department utilities.

<i>FUND BALANCE</i>	
General Fund	\$413,414.98
Fire Reserve Apparatus	\$21,985.97
Water Fund	\$87,849.60
Water Capital Reserve	\$20,267.59
Trust & Agency	\$0

Agenda Item Three | Fire Chief's Report

Chief Collins reported that February was a slow month for the department. He informed the Board that the Fire Hall installed a new key fab system with security cameras, because the old one had failed. Collins also said that as the fire department is listed as a "shelter in place", that a new kitchen and shower would result in deductions in insurance costs.

Agenda Item Four | SC Regional Planning Board (SCRPB):

Secretary Bill Joyce stated that it is his belief that in order to successfully update the comprehensive plan, the Board will need more expertise. He said that in his research he has found that to get legal help with this venture, it could cost upwards of \$40,000. County Legislator Mike Yerdon suggested to look for help from the Tug Hill Commission, who might be willing to help with little to no cost.

Joyce, at the Board's request, asked if a meeting is cancelled due to weather, could the Board members still get paid. In 2021, the Board created a new by-law stating that if a member does not come to a meeting that member does not get paid for that month. With that law still in place, Trustee Turo was in favor of following the law as it is currently stated. Therefore, no members get paid. It was suggested that if the Board wants to ensure payment in the future, they could reschedule a cancelled meeting.

Agenda Item Five | Historian Report:

Historian Peggy Rice's report was reviewed.

Agenda Item Six | CEO Report:

CEO John Howland was absent.

Agenda Item Seven | County Legislator:

County Legislator Michael Yerdon spoke about New York State not giving Oswego County their rightful portion of Social Security and Medicaid for the past several years, and how that is shorting the County DSS.

Agenda Item Eight | Other Business

- **Budget Meeting:** The Board decided to set a budget meeting for April 17th, at 7pm.

At 7:45pm, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Trustee Turo, seconded by Mayor Miller and carried.

The next Joint Water Works meeting is scheduled for March 13th, 2023 at 3:30pm.

The next regular meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for April 3rd, 2023 at 7pm.

Megan Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer