

MONTHLY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2024

A regular meeting of the Sandy Creek Village Board was duly held on the fourth day of March in the year 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village Offices Building at 11 Park Street, Lacona, NY 13083.

Members Present:

Lynn Miller, Mayor
Lori LaRue, Trustee
Sharon Turo, Trustee

Village Staff Present:

Megan Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer
Michael Yerdon, County Legislator
John Howland, Code Enforcement Officer
Peggy Rice, Historian
Lance Collins, Fire Chief

Others Present:

Jill Mattison, Resident

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 7th, 2024, with no discussion motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried.

Agenda Item Two | February Bills & Financials:

Upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried with a 2-0 vote, the Board approved the following Abstracts:

- Abstract 18, vouchers 209-213: \$5,752.13
- Abstract 19, vouchers 214-225: \$8,004.07

Fund Balance:

General Fund	\$479,248.02
Fire Reserve Apparatus	\$22,585.82
Water Fund	\$88,330.76
Water Capital Reserve	\$20,846.81
Trust & Agency	\$0

Agenda Item Three | Fire Chief's Report

Chief Collins reported that Soluri Construction had started on the kitchen renovation. He also said it's been a typical month for calls, receiving between 40 and 45 calls for the month.

The Mayor stated that he would like to sell the older pumper truck and put the revenue towards the new pumper truck loan principal in an effort to minimize the burden on the taxpayers. Upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried with a 2-0 vote, the 2001 Spartan Pumper Truck (VIN: 4S7HT23931C037994) was declared surplus.

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

Bill Joyce was absent due to no new business to discuss.

Agenda Item Five | Historian Report:

The Board reviewed the monthly report. Historian Peggy Rice stated that she has been working with Clerk Sprague to get a community LED sign on the Village Green, and she was looking to the Board for a financial commitment based on a quote of \$38,700 from Daktronics.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried with a 2-0 vote, the Board will spend up to \$15,000 of their ARPA funds on the LED sign. That leaves the Village with roughly \$30,000 left in ARPA funds.

Agenda Item Six | CEO Report:

CEO Howland asked for approval to attend Codes School in April, to which the Board granted.

He also clarified that to properly mimic the City of Fulton's junk law, it must be a stand-alone law, rather than an amendment to the previous Junk Law of 1992. He said he would call Attorney Graham Seiter to clear up.

Jill Mattison came before the Board with a complaint of CEO Howland's lack of citations of unlicensed vehicles and junk/garbage visible on residential property fronts. When CEO Howland asked which properties she was referring to, she stated that it was his job to find them.

Mattison also claimed that chickens on E. First Street are becoming a driving hazard. CEO Howland said he has received no other complaints about them, and it would be up to the Board to pursue further action.

Agenda Item Seven | County Legislator:

County Legislator Michael Yerdon reported that at a legislative conference, there was an Artificial Intelligence presentation where AI will be able to answer questions after hours for the community.

Agenda Item Eight | Other Business

Budget meeting – Set for April 15, 2024 at 6pm.

LED Sign meeting – Set for March 14, 2024 at 6pm.

Christmas Lights – Snowflakes for light poles were ordered.

Public Comment:

Mattison wanted to know why paving was not done in the 2023-24 fiscal year on her street, East First Street. Mayor Miller said he tried to get a hold of the County to do it, with no success. However, the County decided to pave Hadley Road instead. Mattison also asked about the drainage issue on Harwood Drive, and asked what is being done to solve it. The Board is trying to resolve the issues, but it is expensive to move forward.

At or around 7:50pm, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Trustee Turo, seconded by Mayor Miller and carried.

Megan K. Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer