

YEAR-END VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

May 6, 2024

A regular meeting, a budget hearing, and two public hearings of the Sandy Creek Village Board were duly held on the sixth day of May in the year 2024 at 7pm 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
Bill Joyce, Regional Planning Board
Natasha Harris, Fire Department President
Frank Dixon, Fireman

Others:

Jill Mattison
Pat McDougal
Rebecca Rud

The Budget Hearing was opened by Mayor Miller. Resident Jill Mattison questioned the budgeting for paving. Mayor Miller answered that there was \$10,000 set aside for paving. Mrs. Mattison also questioned the plan for drainage. Mayor Miller informed her that the Village started a reserve account for drainage in the amount of \$10,000 to ensure that drainage will be addressed in the future as the reserve account grows. With no other public to speak for or against the budget, the Budget Hearing was closed.

The Public Hearing for Local Law #1 was opened by Mayor Miller. With no public to speak for or against the proposed law, the mayor closed the hearing.

The Public Hearing for Local Law #2 was opened by Mayor Miller. With no public to speak for or against the proposed law, the mayor closed the hearing.

At or around 7:10pm, the mayor called the regular meeting to order.

Agenda Item One | April Minutes:

The Board approved the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on April 1st, 2024 and the budget meeting held on April 24th, 2024 with no discussion motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried.

Agenda Item Two | April 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 22, vouchers 246-253: \$7,682.14
 - General Fund: \$3,186.64
 - Water Fund: \$4,495.50
- Abstract 23, vouchers 254-280: \$55,176.33
 - General Fund: \$51,927.24
 - Water Fund: \$3,249.09

Fund Balance:

General Fund:	\$373,235.91
Fire Reserve Apparatus:	\$22,763.96
Water Fund:	\$161,765.30
Water Capital Fund:	\$21,009.69
Trust & Agency:	\$0

Agenda Item Three | Fire Chief’s Report

President Natasha Harris was sitting in for Chief Lance Collins.

Mayor Miller questioned President Harris on an \$18,000 invoice from Jerome Fire Equipment. She informed the Board that it was for a new “jaws of life” hydraulic tool to be used in the extrication of accident victims from their vehicle.

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

Bill Joyce informed the Board that the planning board attended a Tug Hill Commission webinar on floodplain regulation for local review boards.

Be it resolved that the Board passed Local Law #2 of 2024, upon duly motion made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and passed. The law regulates Solar Energy Systems in the Village of Sandy Creek and is replacing Local Law #3 of 2023. For further details, there is a copy of the law available to the public in the Village Clerk’s office, 11 Park Ave, Lacona.

Agenda Item Five | Historian Report

The Board reviewed the monthly report.

Agenda Item Six | CEO Report

CEO John Howland handed out a copy of his report. He stated that he was at training the week before. There was also discussion about 2070 Harwood Drive becoming an

“eye sore” to the public. The property owner, Rebecca Rudd was present to ask about her violation notice. Mr. Howland explained that the backstairs are unsafe and need repair. Ms. Rudd was also asked to have the building painted.

Be it resolved that the Board passed Local Law #1 of 2024, upon duly motion made by Trustee Turo, seconded by Trustee LaRue and carried. This law regulates junk such as junk vehicles and the licensing of junkyards in the Village. For further details, there is a copy of the preliminary draft available to the public in the Village Clerk’s office, 11 Park Ave, Lacona.

Agenda Item Seven | County Legislator:

County Legislator Michael Yerdon spoke about Camp Zerbe, a youth summer program out of Williamstown, NY. He also noted that for Government Day, two kids will get to attend a County Legislature meeting at the public safety building.

Agenda Item Eight | Other Business:

The Board set the End-of-year Meeting for Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30pm to approve and discuss end-of-year bills.

The request for a fireworks display for the County Fairgrounds on Ellisburg Street on July 6th, 2024 has been approved upon duly motion given by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried unanimously.

Be it resolved that the Board has established a reserve fund for future drainage projects, upon motion made by Trustee Turo, seconded by Trustee LaRue and carried unanimously.

Be it resolved that the Board adopts the tentative budget for 2024-25 fiscal year, upon duly motion made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo, and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item Nine | Public Comment:

Mrs. Jill Mattison, former clerk/treasurer, inquired about the lead and copper inventory due to the County in October. She informed the Board that there are no goosenecks on E 1st Street, and there are boxes of helpful information from the Capital Projects. She has also seen grants available to help with the massive project.

The Mayor appointed Jason Cusyck as the Village Water Operator.

Ms. Rebecca Rudd asked why, as a property owner, she cannot vote for local officials. It was explained that you must reside in the Village to vote and be part of a voting district.

The June meeting was cancelled due to the End-of-year meeting being just a few days away from its regularly scheduled date.

At or around 8:05pm, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried.

Megan K. Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer