

MONTHLY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

November 4, 2024

A regular meeting of the Sandy Creek Village Board was duly held on the fourth day of November 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
Lance Collins, Fire Chief
John Howland, Code Enforcement Officer

Others:

Larry Sievers
Charles Skellen
Todd Bristol

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 | October Minutes:

The Board approved the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on October 7, 2024, with no discussion motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried.

Agenda Item Two | Bills & Financials:

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

- Abstract 06, vouchers 95-113: \$108,518.34
 - General Fund: \$14,193.71
 - Water Fund: \$94,324.63, including \$89,440

Fund Balance:

General Fund	\$557,874.59
Fire Reserve Apparatus	\$22,914.23
Water Fund	\$144,255.07
Water Capital Reserve	\$21,260.18
Trust & Agency	\$0

Agenda Item Three | Fire Chief's Report

Chief Collins was present and gave a verbal report.

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

With no new business for the Board, Secretary Bill Joyce was absent.

Agenda Item Five | Historian Report:

The Board reviewed the monthly report.

Agenda Item Six | CEO Report:

CEO Howland went over his report which is on file for the public in the Village Clerk's office. CEO Howland plans to retire at the end of December 2024. He and the Board discussed his rate for the first two months of 2025 when he will be training his replacement and finishing up his yearly report. He requested about half of his current monthly salary for each month. The Board thought this was a fair request.

Agenda Item Seven | County Legislator:

County Legislator Michael Yerdon was absent.

Agenda Item Eight | Other Business

Summerville Funeral Home owner Larry Siever approached the Board with a complaint about his water bill. He said that he did not feel that it was accurate with usage of 100,000 gallons and felt that the meter must be broken due to flooding in his basement surrounding the meter.

The Board decided that Mr. Siever's analysis of the situation was probably correct, because the meters are not waterproof and are not meant to withstand those sorts of conditions. The Board said that they would lower his bill to the minimum usage, but that the meter is to be replaced at his cost.

Village Laborer Rich Brodeur asked if he could use the shed at the Joint Waterworks location to store the trailer to keep it from getting winter damage. The Board said that was okay if there was enough room for it with the storage items.

The Clerk notified the Board that the office will be closed for Veterans Day and the day after Thanksgiving. Mayor Miller stated that he would like to do interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer position on Thursday, Nov 14th, starting at 6:15pm if that worked for the Village of Lacona Board. The Trustees agreed with the date of 11/14/24.

The Board asked Clerk Sprague to reach out to Amanda Mazzoni about the LED streetlights and inquire when they will be installed. They also asked the clerk if she could call Downtown Decorations about the Christmas lights that were ordered in early 2024.

Public Comment:

At or around 7:40pm, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried.

Megan K. Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer