

# MONTHLY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

## April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

A regular meeting of the Sandy Creek Village Board was duly held on the seventh day of April in the year 2025 at 7:00pm in the Village Offices Building at 11 Park Street, Lacona, NY 13083.

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Village Staff Present:**

Megan Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer  
Todd Bristol, Code Enforcement Officer  
John Howland, Code Enforcement consultant  
Peggy Rice, Historian  
Lance Collins, Fire Chief

### **Others:**

Michael Yerdon, County Legislator  
Jimmy Sprague

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, 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 LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried with a 2-0 vote, the Board approved the following Abstracts:

- Abstract 10: \$18,240.08
  - General Fund: \$13,403.65
  - Water Fund: \$4,836.43

### **Fund Balance through February 28th:**

General Fund	\$525,961.92
Fire Reserve Apparatus	\$23,050.70
Water Fund	\$101,210.70
Water Capital Reserve	\$21,383.87
Trust & Agency	\$0

### **Agenda Item Three | CEO Report**

CEO Bristol verbally reviewed his report with the Board.

**Agenda Item Four | Fire Chief Report**

Chief Collins reported that the two heaters in the truck bay were found with the heater exchangers cracked and inoperable. He asked if the heaters might be covered under insurance. The mayor stated that he had a meeting with NYMIR on Wednesday, and he would find out.

**Agenda Item Five | SCRPB:**

The Minutes of the previous planning board meeting were reviewed. Clerk Sprague informed the Board that the Village of Lacona does not currently have a planning board of their own. She inquired how the Board felt about the idea of Lacona joining the SCRPB. She also spoke about the Tug Hill Commission’s Council of Governments (COGs). She explained that the Tug Hill COGs are highly experienced with shared services and are very connected for resources, grant opportunities and things of that nature. Many of these COGs started out as joint planning boards. She also included that it could be useful for Lacona to join for the Comprehension Plan for the three municipalities. The Board said that they would be okay with it if Lacona wanted to join.

**Agenda Item Six | Historian Report:**

Historian Peggy Rice’s report is on file at the Village Clerk’s office for the public. Mrs. Rice informed the Board that she is hosting a “Meet the Candidates” event at the History Center on March 8<sup>th</sup>, so the public has a chance to meet the mayoral candidates for the Village of Lacona. j

**Agenda Item Seven | County Legislator:**

County Legislator Michael Yerdon informed that Board that the Broadband project for the County is underway.

**Agenda Item Eight | Other Business:**

On motion made by Trustee LaRue and seconded by Trustee Turo, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 3 Ayes Miller, LaRue, Turo  
0 No

WHEREAS, The Village of Sandy Creek wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the “Plan”) for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Sandy Creek is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sandy Creek has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with The Village of Sandy Creek by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Sandy Creek hereby\_adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the appropriate officials of The Village of Sandy Creek are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

Clerk Sprague asked the Board for participation in the Youth Recreation meeting to be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Village Depot. With the Board busy, Historian Peggy Rice offered to be the Village of Sandy Creek's representative.

It was discussed that the Village of Sandy Creek may have to apply for a loan for the Joint Waterworks to get the telemetry system updated, an estimated cost of \$335,000 from the waterworks engineer, Jack Dodson.

**Public Comment:**

*At or around 8:15pm, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried.*

*Megan K. Sprague*  
Clerk/Treasurer