SANDY CREEK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Sandy Creek Village Board was duly held on the eighth day of June in the year 2026 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

Others Present:
Megan Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer
Jimmy Sprague, Code Enforcement
Lance Collins, Fire Chief

At 7:00pm, after the mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, the mayor opened a public hearing to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2026 program year.

The mayor explained that the Village is applying for $571,600 in CDBG funds to implement the Joint Waterworks Telemetry System Improvement Project, which will upgrade and modernize the telemetry and remote monitoring systems to improve system reliability, operational efficiency, and service delivery.

Agenda Item One | May Minutes:
The Board approved the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on May 4th and the Year-end meeting held on May 26th, motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried. There was no June meeting.

Agenda Item Two | Bills & Financials:
Upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded Trustee Turo and carried with a 2-0 vote, the Board approved the following Abstract:

- Abstract 01: $150,130.57
  - General Fund: $98,356.82
  - Water Fund: $51,773.75
- Abstract 02: $107,317.46
  - General Fund: $106,986.84
  - Water Fund: $330.62

Resolution 5 of 2026 –to pay for the Tool Cat Tractor in the amount of $75,251.56 out of general fund's unallocated fund balance -upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor Miller -yes, Trustee LaRue-yes, Trustee Turo -yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund Balance through June 30, 2026:

General Fund	$726,473.98
Fire Reserve Apparatus	$23,859.87
Drainage Reserve	$20,584.85
Water Fund	$38,716.58
Water Capital Reserve	$22,056.22
Trust & Agency	$0

Agenda Item Three | CEO Report
CEO Jimmy Sprague verbally went over his report.
Becky Rudd of 2070 Harwood did not attend the meeting but updated the CEO that she had an appointment the next day concerning the correction of the property. The concern is the overall stability of the building, as to not endanger the surrounding buildings. The Board decided to give Ms. Rudd until 8/15/26 to have corrective action in place or the Village will begin the process of the demolition of the building, upon motion made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried unanimously. The Board gave Mr. Sprague permission to hire Mike Lasell, a structural engineer after said date to declare the property unsafe.

Agenda Item Four | Fire Chief Report
Chief Collins stated that the Sandy Creek Fire Department has been busy. There have been more fires than normal for this time of year. The Chief would like to get the firehall's parking lot re-done. He is waiting on quotes to move forward.

Agenda Item Five | SCRPB:
There was no SCRPB meeting in July.

Agenda Item Six | Historian Report:
Historian Peggy Rice's report is on file at the Village Clerk's office for the public.

Agenda Item Seven | County Legislator:
County Legislator Michael Yerdon was absent.

Agenda Item Eight | Resolution No. 6 of 2026 - RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF A FAIR HOUSING OFFICER AND AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING-upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor Miller -yes, Trustee LaRue-yes, Trustee Turo - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK desires to affirmatively further fair housing and comply with applicable federal and state fair housing laws and requirements in connection with its participation in programs funded by the New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, New York State CDBG requirements provide that applicants must pass a fair housing resolution, designate a Fair Housing Officer familiar with fair housing laws and requirements, ensure such officer is trained or will receive training on the duties and responsibilities of the position, and publicize the existence of the Fair Housing Officer as the primary point of contact for fair housing issues within the community; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK finds it in the best interests of the VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK to designate an official Fair Housing Officer to coordinate fair housing-related inquiries, complaints, outreach, and compliance efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK hereby designates Lynn Miller as the Fair Housing Officer for the VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fair Housing Officer shall be responsible for serving as the primary point of contact for fair housing issues, including responding to public inquiries, coordinating fair housing outreach, maintaining fair housing information, and assisting with any fair housing-related complaints or concerns; and be it further

RESOLVED, that VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK is familiar with fair housing laws and requirements and has received training, or will receive training, on the duties and responsibilities of a Fair Housing Officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK shall publicize the identity and contact information of the Fair Housing Officer through means reasonably calculated to reach the community, including but not limited to https://www.villageofsandycreek.com/; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK shall maintain records of fair housing outreach, notices, training, complaints, and resolutions as required to support compliance with AFFH requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE OF SANDY CREEK affirms that, to the best of its knowledge, it HAS NOT been the subject of any fair housing proceeding before a federal, state, and/or local adjudicatory body. If yes, the municipality shall attach a statement describing the proceeding, the forum, the outcome, and any final disposition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the municipal clerk, Megan Sprague, is authorized to certify this resolution and to take such further action as may be necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.

Agenda Item Nine | Resolution No. 7 of 2026 - AUTHORIZING JOINT CDBG APPLICATION – LEAD APPLICANT DESIGNATION -upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor Miller -yes, Trustee LaRue-yes, Trustee Turo - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Joint Waterworks system requires modernization of its telemetry and remote monitoring capabilities to ensure continued safe, efficient, and reliable operation; and

WHEREAS, the system desires to secure funding via a joint application under the New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the Village of Sandy Creek

and Village of Lacona Joint Water System Telemetry Improvement Project in the amount of $571,600; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sandy Creek is willing and able to serve as Lead Applicant for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Sandy Creek hereby authorizes submission of the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Sandy Creek is hereby designated as the **Lead Applicant**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor **Lynn Miller** is authorized to execute all application materials, certifications, agreements, and related documents necessary to effectuate this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to execution of the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement and compliance with all CDBG program requirements.

Agenda Item Ten | Other Business

Mr. Richard Turo, owner of 6061-63 S Main Street requested to remove the single EDU charge from his water bill. After inspection, CEO Sprague confirmed that there is only a storage shed on the property with no water service, and he predicts no future use of water on the property. Upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried, the Board removed the EDU from Account #2282 for property 6061-63 S Main Street. This motion is retroactive to eliminate the charge on the May 2026 water bill.

Clerk Sprague brought a quote for email billing that would give customers the opportunity to pay water bills online. The Board decided to table the discussion and asked if Clerk Sprague could research other ways that would allow the public to pay with a credit/debit card.

The mayor opened three bids to correct the sidewalk on E 1st Street and part of the sidewalk on S Main Street. The bids were as follows: Northwoods - $12,900, TKB - $11,900, Independent Commercial Contractors - $18,000. The Board hired TKB upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Trustee Turo and carried unanimously.

The Oswego County Fairground requested a fireworks permit for July 1st, 2026. The Clerk issued the permit with the mayor's permission because the application was submitted after the previous meeting. The Board wanted it on record that they approved of the fireworks display, however next year, they will need to submit their application earlier for approval.

The new CHIPS totals from DOT were reviewed, which led to a larger discussion. With ARPA funds to be spent by December 2026 of $32,000, the Drainage Reserves account of around $20,500 and the new CHIPS totals around $19,000, the Board may have enough to start working on the drainage issues of S Main & E 1st Street. The Mayor said he would reach out to the NYSDOT to see if he could get some help regarding a project.

Resolution No. 8 of 2026 – MOVING $10,000 OF UNALLOCATED FUND BALANCE TO DRAINAGE RESERVES-upon motion duly made by Trustee LaRue seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor Miller -yes, Trustee LaRue-yes, Trustee Turo -yes. The motion carried unanimously. This brings the total of Drainage Reserves to around $30,500.

At or around 8:10pm, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Trustee LaRue, seconded by Mayor Miller and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan K. Sprague
Clerk/Treasurer