TOWN OF SAND LAKE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2026

A Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake was held on September 9, 2026 at the Sand Lake Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance the following answered roll call:

PRESENT: Supervisor Clemens
Deputy Supervisor Nippes
Councilman Glasser
Councilwoman Mason
Councilman Baker
Town Attorney Danaher
Barbara Hansen, Town Clerk and Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT per sign in sheet: Kevin Rifenburgh, Brian Hunt, Ralph Timber, Garrett DeGraff and others.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Supervisor Clemens made a motion to approve August 26, 2026 Town Board Workshop minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk, Barbara Hansen:

- Total Revenue for May $ 20,225.00
- NYS Ag & Mkts $ 52.00
- NYS DOH Marriage Licenses $ 112.50
- DEC Hunting & Fishing $ 5,457.48
- Balance to Town $ 14,603.02

- **Rabies Clinic:** Free clinic October 17, 8:00 – 12:00 at Schodack Highway Garage, 3776 Old US Route 20, Nassau, NY. You must pre-register and the link to do so is on our website. If you need assistance registering call my office and we will help you.
- **Household Hazardous Waste**: Saturday, September 19th. We partner with Rensselaer County and pre-registration is also required. Again, link is on our website and we will assist you if needed.
- **Town Wide Garage Sale:** September 19 – 20. The event is hosted by the Sand Lake Business Association. Go to their website: SandLakeBusiness Association.com or their Facebook page to sign up to participate.

Supervisor Clemens:

- **Planning & Zoning Clerk Employment Opportunity**: Position available, up to 20 hours per week. Please apply at the Town Clerk's Office.

- **Climate Smart Committee**: Planning a Fall clean up Day Saturday, September 26. Reach out to the Climate Smart Committee or to Anna Rizzo, Planning Coordinator if interested in participating.
- **Burden Lake:** The BL Preservation Corporation applied for a $4,000,000 grant through FEMA as part of the joint agreement with them, the Town and Rensselaer County, to be used for the remediation of the dam on Burden Lake Road. The Grant was approved by Congress, which is the first step, as additional funding and actual construction plans will be needed to complete the project.

Deputy Supervisor Nippes: No report at this time.

Councilman Glasser:

- Holiday Parade: Will be on Friday, December 4th. More information forthcoming.
- Emergency Services: AP-SL Fire Department Breakfast Sandwich, Sunday, September 27; WSL Fire Department BBQ, September 24 and Taborton FD Pizza Night, September 19. Veterans last Chicken BBQ. Please support these wonderful organizations.

Councilwoman Mason:

- SLCA: Currently The Art of Us, showcasing Spirit, a rescue horse. Also, Unbridled Sanctuary creating Artwork and Photography of Spirit by Susan Kane. Susan will participate in a gallery sitting September 19 and 26 from 10:00 – 2:00pm.
- September 18 performance by Michael Benedict Jazz Vibes. , September 25 "Tonight's the Night" free concert, sponsored by Troy Sand & Gravel & Bonded Concrete.
- Style on the Stage scheduled for this Friday has been cancelled.

Councilman Baker:

- Nopiates Committee: Holding annual Families on the Path to Wellness Saturday, September 26, from 11:00 – 3:00. Food, refreshments, fishing, games for kids and guest speakers.

Commissioner DPW Kevin Rifenburgh:

- Milling and Paving: Springer Road and Biittig Road, sites of recent flooding.
- Finishing up open paving projects

Councilwoman Mason complimented Commission Rifenburgh on responsiveness to address road issues as they come. Dittoed by Town Clerk.

Public Comments: None

Supervisor Clemens held a "moment of silence" in honor of the lives lost on 9/11 twenty five years ago.

Business:

RESOLUTION #2026-09-156
APPOINTMENT OF HUNTER MATHER RICHARDSON AS MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR LIGHT
Moved by: Paul Glasser, as printed
Seconded by: Councilwoman Mason

WHEREAS, the Town of Sand Lake requires qualified personnel to support the operations of the Town Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to appoint Hunter Mather Richardson to the position of Motorized Equipment Operator Light;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby appoints Hunter Mather Richardson as a Motorized Equipment Operator Light, effective September 2, 2026, at an hourly rate of $25.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment shall be subject to all applicable Civil Service requirements, Town employment policies, and any required probationary period.
AYES 5 – NAYS 0 Unanimous

RESOLUTION #2026-09-157
A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2026 INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – ACCESS TO EMPLOYEES
Moved by: Councilwoman Mason, as printed
Seconded by: Councilman Baker

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake would like to approve an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Poestenkill addressing access to employees of the Town of Sand Lake by the Town of Poestenkill, and good cause appearing therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby authorizes and approves the attached intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Poestenkill addressing access to employees of the Town of Sand Lake by the Town of Poestenkill.
AYES 5 – NAYS 0 Unanimous

RESOLUTION #2026-09-158
APPOINTMENT OF SEAN HOOLEY TO THE TOWN OF SAND LAKE PLANNING BOARD
Moved by: Councilman Baker
Seconded by: Councilwoman Mason

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Town of Sand Lake Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that Sean Hooley possesses the qualifications and commitment necessary to serve the residents of the Town of Sand Lake in this capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sand Lake hereby appoints Sean Hooley as a member of the Town of Sand Lake Planning Board for a term ending December 31, 2029
AYES 5 – NAYS 0 Unanimous

RESOLUTION #2026-09-159
Budget Transfers/Amendments
Moved by: Supervisor Clemens, as printed
Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Nippes

Be It Resolved the following transfers are made to the 2026 Budget:

From	**To**	**Amount**
None at this time.		

Budget Amendments

Increase appropriation A 522.6510.4955 Veterans Banners in the amount of $450 by increasing revenue A 980.2770.9955 Unclassified Revenue in the amount of $450 for the Military Banners Program.

There being no other business to come before the Board Supervisor Clemens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. It was seconded by Councilwoman Mason, all were in favor and the motion carried.

A Complete Accounting of all Discussions on the Agenda is Available to review via Streaming on the Town's website at: townofsandlake.us