

**VILLAGE OF SAND LAKE**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 16, 2018**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Sand Lake Village Council was called to order by President Norton at 7:05p.m. On Monday, July 16, 2018, at the Sand Lake Municipal Building.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Presents: Tom Norton, Dave Dewey, Janice Dewey, Danielle Hardenburg, Nyha French, Tonia Parkhurst, Greg Wheeler

Absent: None

4. **AGENDA:** Motion to accept agenda as written Parkhurst and seconded by J. Dewey.
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

**A. MINUTES:** June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting

Amended Minutes for

Section 6. water rate instead of waters rates.

Put in grills instead of pull out grills.

Section 7. Monthly police report: Patrolling and county spelling edit

Section 9. Spelling edit do changed to due and driveway changed to Culvert also added parts to found cheap rebuilt parts for the generator.

Section 10-c: add Residential

Section 11-D : changed from adding lights to can make golf carts legal with a special ordinance.

Motion to accept and file June 18, 2018 with approved changes by D. Dewey and supported by Parkhurst. Voice Vote passed AIF

**MINUTES:** June 25, 2018 9:30 Am Special Meeting Sand Lake Cemetery.

Section 5. edit change on time to one time.

Motion to accept and file June 25, 2018 9:30 am at Sand Lake Cemetery by D. Dewey and seconded by Parkhurst. Voice vote passed AIF.

**MINUTES:** May 21, 2018

Motion made by Hardenburg seconded by French to add a word for word section from the June 25, 2018 recording into the minutes from 8:15 pm till 8:23 pm. Voice Vote carried. Motion made by D.Dewey to accept and file the June 25, 2018 8pm special meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Parkhurst. Voice Vote. AIF Vote passed.

**C. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Motion Made by Parkhurst and seconded by D. Dewey to approve and file the June 2018 Financial Statement as presented. AIF Motion Carried.

**2. BILLS**

Motion Made by Parkhurst and seconded by J. Dewey to pay the bills for \$50,585.33(fifty thousand five hundred and eighty-five dollars and thirty-three cents). AIF Motion Carried.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Stacy Ruducil** Question about how much Village President donated to the community engagement committee.

**Deb Majeski** Concerns about the language used by the interim village clerk when the clerk was putting together the draft minutes. Her concerns were noted and the Interim clerk aplicated the advice.

**Deb Hooper** From Paradise Cove with concerns about the water rate increase and the questions about the contract signed by former president Roger Townsley that was not ratified by the Village Council.

**7. POLICE REPORT:**

**A. MONTHLY POLICE REPORT:** Chief Reamsma stated Fourth of July festivities went really well the crowds were down due to the heat and stormy weather. No major issues. Wheeler expressed concern about an officer giving someone a ride with an open container. Chief Reamsma said he would look into it.

Motion Made by Parkhurst and seconded by D. Dewey to receive and file the June 2018 police report as presented by Chief Reamsma. AIF Motion Carried.

**8. FIRE REPORT:**

**A. MONTHLY FIRE REPORT:**

We won the bid of 12,500 for a 1996 Chevy brush or Grass Truck from Plainfield Township Fire department. Village President Norton paid and received the title already.

Voice vote motion to file the June 2018 fire report as presented by Fire Chief Ed Holtzlander by D.Dewey support from J.Dewey . AIF Motion Carried.

**9. DPW REPORT:**

**A. MONTHLY REPORT:**

Well #3 needed repairs and new pipes. Question about brush, also Jerry was going to work with the chamber on dealing with a dumpster left after the carnival.

Motion Made by D. Dewey and seconded by French to receive and file the May 2018 DPW report as presented by DPW Supervisor Jerry Dines. AIF Motion Carried.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Ordinance enforcement bids**

Chief Reamsma led discussion on the costs of a formal and informal hearings for ordinance enforcement. Chief Reamsma requested we look into a bid from Tyler Viilo to bring down our costs.

Motion by Hardenburg to accept Chief Reamsma’s recommendation of Tyler Viilo and go forward.

Seconded by J.Dewey. Voice Vote. Motion carried AIF.

**B. Obstruction of Government Operations of the Village of Sand Lake (2018-02) with amended**

**language**

Village Attorney Jeff Sluggett was given the floor to explain the language changes in the ordinance 2018-02 and the ramifications to changing the language. Ammeneded changes were in (2) Punishable up to, (3) or to other wise pursue civil enforcement of this ordinance. (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, no prosecution or civil action shall be initiated unless approved by separate votes of the Village Council following such investigation and report as the Council directs.

Motion to accept and Pass this ordinance with the amended changes made by D. Dewey and seconded by J. Dewey. Roll call vote was called. Ordinance passed.

Roll Call Vote:

Wheeler	No
D. Dewey	Yes
J. Dewey	Yes
Parkhurst	Yes
Norton	Yes
Hardenburg	Yes
French	Yes

8:12 pm had an individual from audience cause disturbance and try to speak out of turn and not during the Public Comment time. The individual was told he was out of order and Chief Jim Reamsma was sent over to talk to the individual and the individual stopped making a disturbance and the meeting continued.

**C. Tree removal plan:** Discussion led by President Norton to hold off removal of trees until after the USDA loan is received by the village so the village will have General fund money to pay for the trees that need to be removed and look for bids from tree companies then. Motion to table tree removal until the USDA Loan is received was made by D.Dewey and Seconded by French. Voice Vote. Vote carried AIF

**D. Working with Opper to get 33 7<sup>th</sup> street driveway paved.**

Village President Norton stated he was working with Richard Opper to get bids to pave the driveway of 33 7<sup>th</sup> street because there is a dip at the end of his driveway due to 7<sup>th</sup> street getting raised during the road construction.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Per Request from Brenda Arnold to add Kent Boersema's name to the village accounts**

Village Treasurer Brenda Arnold requested that Interim Clerk Kent Boersema's name be added to the village accounts for easier payment of bills and paychecks. Motion made by D.Dewey to add Kent Boersema's name to the Sand Lake Village Accounts. Seconded by Parkhurst. Voice Vote Passed. Against Hardenburg

**B. Rules on Moving barricades during Fourth of July week when nothing is scheduled.**

Chiefs Reamsma and Holtzander voiced concern about the movement of barricades and that the issue is not being able to contact vehicle owners or get the cars towed in time to clear the area. Did signage in the past but people did not follow the signage. No place for trucks to turn around after fourth street. Parkhurst and D. Dewey asked for the Sand Lake Chamber to talk with the chiefs to come up with a possible solution. No Motion

**C. Motion to pursue annexing Stone and Seeley's addition north of Pine street from 8<sup>th</sup> st (Bass lake Rd) east across Federal rd.**

D.Dewey led discussion on the historical aspects of the Stone and Seeley's addition and that it is referred to as Stone and Seeley's addition to Sand Lake. And house in that area in their real estate information state Stone and Seeley's addition. Motion by J.Dewey to gather more information and address this at the meeting on August 20. Seconded by French. Voice Vote Carried. AIF

## **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Personnel Committee stated here is the email

After completing the last round of interviews and much discussion, the personnel committee is recommending that the "new" council choose the clerk, since they will have to work with whomever the new clerk is. Kent Boersema had agreed earlier that he could work as interim clerk through the election in November, 2018. We spoke with him today and he has agreed

to do that. In order to make this work, we will need to change the village office hours to Monday, 12-6 PM, T-TH, 9 AM - 3 PM which will give the village the full 24 hour office schedule.

Kent has agreed to working this new schedule and he will post it on the website and wherever else it needs to be posted. Motion brought forward to accept the personnel committee's recommendation by D. Dewey Seconded by French. Voice Vote Carried. Against: Parkhurst and Abstained: Norton

The Parks & Rec (Community Engagement) Committee bought three grills for the Salisbury Park. Will look into signage and also buckets for the hot coals.

## **13. TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Greg Wheeler: Read a prepared statement

Danielle Hardenburg: a question about a quorum and how many council members need to be present? she had a concern because of a meeting with her and Norton, D. Dewey, and J. Dewey about things that could influence village business. Hardenburg requested the meeting in question. Requested discussion be added to the next meetings agenda.

Tonia Parkhurst: Read a prepared statement.

Statement for 7/16/2018:

I was so taken aback at the negativity towards me during the special meeting held June 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm that I stayed quiet trying to get a grasp on the overall situation. Having now been able to review at least some of the circumstances I would like to speak on My behalf.

I have never felt less welcome or more judged while being where I'm Supposed to be, doing my job. I had stated in an email to everyone on the council that I had other obligations I'd been unable to reschedule and that if possible I would still try to make it to the meeting but not to wait for me to conduct business. I had also stated my support of the ordinance, provided by our lawyer, for which the meeting was called to decide on.

I will apologize for stating my stance on the issue prior to the meeting. That is the only thing that I feel I have any responsibility to apologize for. I did receive a text from the Village president stating, "we're going to need your vote". My assumption was that "we" intended in the text was the council as a whole. At the time I didn't know if there wasn't a quorum without me or what the situation was. Since I was able to step away from my obligations at that point, I came up to the meeting.

When I walked into the meeting, the feeling of unwelcome and judgement was palpable. When asked if Tom had texted me, I confirmed that he had.

I am tired of all the undercurrents of whatever hidden agendas are going on and preventing this council from making the best choices possible for the village and in some cases any choice at all. If I am playing into any hidden agenda it is certainly not on purpose. After 19 years in this community, during which I have served on multiple village councils, served Resurrection Lutheran Church, co-lead Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scout, volunteered with the Eagles club, run more fundraisers than I can list, regularly helped with the annual Fire Barn Halloween party, and more... that so many people's opinion of me could change so fast and so harshly is disheartening.

I understand that we will not always agree on what is best for the village. That's why we have the council, to discuss and make educated and moderated decisions for the best of the community based on our differing knowledge and experience. The pettiness, slandering, and games need to stop.

Jan Dewey: I am a Free thinker, vote my Conscience, my oath was to this village to do my best to represent the people of Sand Lake.

Dave Dewey: Anything I ever did was for the benefit of this Village. Using the council to air out personal grievances that is wrong just wrong. Have the personal stuff remain outside the council.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council,  
Motion Made by French and seconded by Parkhurst to adjourn. AIF Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Boersema  
Interim Village Clerk