

TOWN OF SANFORD

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2024

PRESENT:	Kenny Wist Jay Vandermark Alice Ray Shane Lester Dan Andresen	Supervisor Councilman Councilman Councilman Councilman
ALSO PRESENT:	Leo Shew Alison Lang	Highway Superintendent Town Clerk

Guests: Mark Millsbaugh, 439 Oquaga Lake Road; Jesse Caskey, 816 State Route 41; Anne Lawrence, 530 Farnham Road; Deborah Proffitt, 129 Blueberry Drive; Kurt & Barb Acker, 711 Oquaga Lake Road.

Supervisor Kenny Wist called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Shane Lester at the Town Hall, 91 Second Street, Deposit NY 13754.

Supervisor Kenny Wist gave the floor to Code Enforcement Officer Pete Hathaway. Pete presented the board with the report of July 2024. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the Code Enforcement Report of July 2023.

Supervisor Kenny Wist gave the floor to Scott Conklin, Oquaga Lake Sewer Administrator. Scott presented the board with the report of July 2024. On a motion made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Alice Ray and all approved the Oquaga Lake Sewer report of July 2024. The sewer study shall begin shortly after Labor Day, tanks and pump chambers will be located by GPS.

Supervisor Wist opened the Sealed Bids for the Town of Sanford Farnham Road Realignment Project.

1. Mohawk Valley Material, Inc. \$257,310
2. Hurd Development, LLC \$181,033
3. Maple Ridge Organics, LLC \$213,196.50
4. The Hubbell Companies \$246,900
5. Bothar Construction, LLC \$154,379.75

The Town Board will meet on August 20th at 7pm to continue the discussion and award the job.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Highway Superintendent, Leo Shew. Shew spoke on the remnants of hurricane Debbie, the Town sustained water damage to the roads. As a result, numerous pipes have been compromised. On Friday August 9 at approximately 5pm,

Supervisor Wist declared a state of emergency in the Town of Sanford. Unnecessary travel was prohibited while roads were being assessed and opened. Those roads that were in need of repair were properly marked for the night. Shew thanked the Town crew along with the Town of Deposit and the Town of Windsor for any help. Shew also thanked the tax payers for any help. Shew advised the public to use caution during the completion of the storm cleanup.

Gerald Seymour spoke about the pipe located on Big Hollow Road and asked if photos have been taken. The telephone pole was hit by one of the windmill contractors, cut and left near the stream. The pipe has never flooded in the past, Seymour lost over 10k in his shop due to the flooding. Photos and videos were taken and Seymour did as much as he could to keep the road from washing away. Seymour will be installing new fencing and notified the town if they'd like to do any repairs prior to the installation. Jodi Seymour spoke on areas being marked off after the storm for safety as stated by Shew, no cones or barriers were in place. Shew stated they did the best they could. Gerald Seymour spoke on maintaining the roads within the town and the Highway Superintendent is obligated by oath in keeping them maintained. Wist stated that general maintenance has been done on the roads throughout the town. Seymour submitted a letter to the board regarding the water issue in the basement of 707 Big Hollow Road. The water issue began once heavy traffic was present due to the windmills. The Supervisor will look into the issue as soon as possible.

Mark Millspaugh spoke on the Oquaga Lake Association and the annual meeting which will be held at the end of the month. Any issues that need to be addressed by the town, let him know. The lake will be lowered at the end of the 2025 season. Members will be notified that they will need to apply for permits for dock repairs now with the code enforcement officer. The meeting on ice eaters was very helpful, a permit program was discussed and Wist is waiting on a follow up with the town attorney.

Chris Zacharias spoke on Eastern Broome EMS partnering with the Chestnut Inn on Oquaga Lake to host a 5K walk/run on August 17, 2024 with a post run party at the Chestnut Inn along with food, drink and music. The race will begin at 4pm and should be over around 5:30pm.

Supervisor Wist presented the Board with the Dog Control Officer report. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the DCO report.

Supervisor Wist presented the Board with the Assessors report. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Alice Ray and all approved the Assessors report.

The Minutes of July 9, 2024 were reviewed. On a motion made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all accepted the Minutes of July 9, 2024.

The Clerks report of July 2024 was presented to the Board. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the Clerk's report of July 2024.

The Monthly report of June 2024 was presented to the Board. On a motion made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Alice Ray and all approved the Monthly report of June 2024.

Supervisor Wist thanked the Highway Department and Fire Department for the communication and photos from the remnants of hurricane Debbie. A total of 13 roads were closed at the time of the storm; the Town of Sanford received extensive damage compared to neighboring towns.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Town Clerk, Alison Lang. Lang received a letter from Justice Gary Holdrege informing the Town Board he will be attending the New York State Magistrates Association Annual Fall Conference in Niagara Fall, New York on September 21st through the 25th, 2024.

Lang asked the Town Board for approval on the Town of Sanford Justice Court Application for funding from the Justice Court Assistance program. On a motion made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the following Resolution.

#51-RESOLUTION-2024

APPROVING TOWN OF SANFORD JUSTICE COURT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Sanford Justice Court has requested that the Town assist in completing and submitting an application for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program (“JCAP”), through the New York State Office of Court Administration (“OCA”); and

WHEREAS, Section 138.3 of the OCA regulations require all applications for JCAP funding be accompanied by “a certified copy of a resolution of the legislative body of each municipality that is a party to the application evidencing its authorization thereof”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to support the efforts of the Justice Court to secure JCAP funding, and believes that securing such funding is in the best interest of the Justice Court and the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Board of the Town of Sanford authorizes the Town of Sanford Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-2025 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any documents and/or take any actions necessary to ensure the completion and submittal of said application; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Supervisor Ken Wist: AYE; Councilman Shane Lester: AYE; Councilman Dan Andresen: AYE; Councilman Jay Vandermark: AYE; Councilman Alice Ray: AYE; NOES: None

CARRIED. Dated: August 13, 2024.


Bills were presented to the Board.

The Motion was made by Shane Lester, seconded by Alice Ray, and all approved that the bills be paid as presented.

The Total Amounts and Voucher Numbers submitted to Town Clerk by Supervisor's Secretary.

Date of Audit: 8/13/2024 General: \$41,001.14-Voucher #460-464, 467-486, 514-515; Highway: \$292,897.42-Voucher #487-513; Sewer: \$16,140.02-Voucher #465-467, 516-523; T& A: \$124.05-Voucher #466, 524-525; Capital: \$150,900.00-Voucher #526-528.

Since no further business was at hand, on a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Shane Lester, and all approved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:13PM.


Alison Lang, Town Clerk