

Town of Sand Lake
Town Board Meeting
Monday, January 8th, 2024
6:00 p.m.

- Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Melanie Connor Johnson.
- Roll Call of Officers – All present.
- Public Notice – Public Notice was made on the website and in two physical locations on 01/06/2024. It also ran as a courtesy in the Indianhead yellow paper the weekend of 01/06/2024.
- Approval of Agenda Order – Motion to approve the agenda by Supervisor Ken Pardun and seconded by Supervisor Karolyn Kroll. All in favor, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes from Regular Town Board Meeting on 12/11/2023 – Motion to approve the minutes by Supervisor Kroll, seconded by Supervisor Pardun. All in favor, motion carried.
- Public Comments – Sand Lake residents who wish to make a public comment need to state their comment to an agenda item, state their name and address so it can be recorded in the minutes, and use a maximum of three minutes.

Mr. Don Button, living at 5160 Sand Lake Road, Webster, WI 54893, would like to speak, as a scientist, about the plans for the future of salt/sand use in Sand Lake Township and about the decline in the health of Big Sand Lake. He believes the lake is being negatively impacted by the salt/sand run off from the roads. He states Canada forbids the use of the salt/sand that we presently use (25% mix). The Chairwoman believes the problem should originate at the DNR, through the lakes associations, or with conservation groups. She is unsure the Board itself can make an impact aside from lowering the amount of salt/sand used on roadways adjacent to the lake. There is an option to use beet juice, but that is a costly purchase, and it is difficult to purchase and store in an area like Sand Lake Township.

- Chair Report – Follow up with Brad on the tax-exempt form to Monroe, he states he has not sent it in, but he will send the tax-exempt form to them. She had a Town's Association meeting on 01/25. Melanie would like Roads Supervisor Brad Huser and Supervisor Pardun to isolate the roads that are the busiest and need the most repairs and bring it to the April meeting for development of a road plan. Brad states it is Dongola and Gaslyn. Per the Chairwoman, roads must be rated poorly to get the funding to repair them, and a lot of the Roads in Sand Lake are rated well. She also wonders if Sand Lake can invest in a traffic count and then collect data on the busiest roads. She asks Brad to price them out.
- Clerk Report – Maggie is working on W2s and tax requirements for end of year.

- Deputy Clerk Report – Peggy received confirmations from the election inspector nominees, and they have returned their oaths. A few municipalities will need to have February primaries, but we do not have one. She sent out an email to the Board about what we would like on the Township’s new website. Supervisor Kroll likes the pop up on LaFollette’s website. A photo gallery is not necessary. She will continue to work with the new website developer on building the website for Sand Lake Township.
- Treasurer Report – General fund account balance was \$238,623.56 as of 12/31/2023. Total additions of \$134,231.37 and subtractions of \$16,752.57. Equipment fund balance is \$15,927.47 as of 12/31/2023. Additions of \$46.60. Four tax collection batches were run. An interest payment of \$24.44. Total tax collection thus far of \$233,425.19, which is about 20% collection. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report by Supervisor Pardun, seconded by Supervisor Kroll. All in favor, motion carried.
- Supervisors Reports – None.
- Planning Commission Report – None.
- Road Report – The roads department has not plowed snow. New parts have been installed in the truck. Dump truck needs four new tires, roughly \$1,200.00. Brad will order.
- Matters for Discussion and Possible Action
 1. Public Hearing before February meeting – It will be at 5:45 p.m. on February 6th prior to the Regular Town Board Meeting.
 2. No February Election in Sand Lake Township – Noted.
 3. Rural Mutal Audit Packet – Per Peggy, her and Maggie can work together on the packet and get it sent back to Rural Mutual.
 4. Zoning Referendum for April, August, or November ballot – The language from the Town’s Association would dictate, January 23rd is the deadline if the Town wants to put a zoning referendum on the ballot in April 2024. April seems a little rushed. The annual meeting is in April. The Board could introduce it and inform folks it will be on the ballot in either August or November. The Board wants the people to have a voice in the process, even though the Board is allowed to make the choice without public opinion. The Township will add it to the August ballot.
- Pay Bills – Motion to pay the bills by Supervisor Pardun and seconded by Supervisor Kroll. All in favor, motion carried.
- Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Johnson.
- Next Regular Town Board Meeting is on February 6th, 2024, Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting to immediately follow.