

Town of Sand Lake  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
Monday, October 14th, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

- Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Melanie Connor Johnson.
- Roll Call of Officers – Treasurer Crystal Houman and Deputy Clerk Peggy Tolbert absent. All others present. Crystal in at 6:25 p.m.
- Public Notice – The meeting was published on the website on 10/12/2024 and in two physical locations on 10/13/2024.
- Approval of Agenda Order – Motion to approve the agenda by Supervisor Karolyn Kroll, second by Supervisor Ken Pardun. All in favor, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting on 09/09/2024 – Motion to approve the minutes by Supervisor Pardun, second by Supervisor Kroll. 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.

Susan Shutt is happy with Roads Supervisor Brad Huser for patching a hole in her road.

- Chair Report – On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Beth Esser with Solar One sent an email to notify the township of geo testing scheduled for Viola Lake solar installation, this is not the start of construction just environmental testing. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, we got a reminder that our culvert inventory must be submitted to the county highway commissioner, forwarded to Brad to follow up. On September 17<sup>th</sup>, she received a reminder that our roads survey WSLR is due for submission, forwarded to Brad & Supervisor Pardun as they will update after the road tour. On September 29, she received an email request from Spokes and Folks about using the town hall for parking for their planned bike ride. She approved their request, forwarded their message to the Roads Department and posted info on the Facebook page to give community members heads up to watch for bikes.
- Clerk Report – She sent an email to the County regarding our Statement of Assessment showing as not submitted on the Dept of Revenue website. This is a report the County submits for us. Created new report for paying bills. Budget work. Books are up to date.
- Deputy Clerk Report – She would like a laptop. Absentee ballots can be requested on [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). Voters can register online until Wednesday 10/16. After that, register with the Clerk or Deputy Clerk by appointment or on Election Day 11/05. In person voting can start 10/22 by appointment with Peggy.
- Treasurer Report – Account balance as of September 30, 2024, for the Equipment Fund was \$26,069.36. The General Fund account balance as of September 30, 2024, was \$240,911.90 with total additions of \$68.61 and total subtractions of \$13,622.27. Summary of additions are an address gin for \$38.00 and interest of \$30.61. She will be updating the newsletter (draft provided, asks for feedback) to send out and ordering envelopes for tax season. Supervisor Kroll would like the ATV box to be revisited, speed limit part removed as they are not posted and take down information on County Rd. A as part of it is open to A&H. Motion to approve the financial report by Supervisor Kroll, second by Supervisor Pardun. All in favor, motion carried.

- Supervisors Reports – Supervisor Kroll has nothing to report. Supervisor Pardun states he did the road tour with Brad today 10/14 and the south half of Dongola will need an overlay in 2025. Sand Lake Road to the Town Shop are the worst. Ideally, 70 to the Town Shop would be done. Peterson Rd needs wedging on it, edges are sinking into swamp. Larrabee Subdivision should have a scrub/seal soon. Shrider Road, Lafollette has installed cheap No Parking signs close to the road and it will make it difficult to wing plow – we have control of the East half. In the past, we plowed the entire road. Supervisor Pardun thinks we go back to plow only our half. We will then have to plow Larrabee Subdivision Rd as they feel Lafollette will stop doing it, even though we only own a small part in the middle of it. Supervisor Pardun will reach out to Lafollette Darwin. Shrider Rd has been giving them road problems. Chairwoman Johnson would like an agreement, in writing, on how to proceed with Shrider Rd and Larrabee Subdivision Rd. Gaslyn Rd is also bad, Emerson to Normans Landing Rd. Overlay is needed more than Dongola Rd. Chip seal/fog seal Lily Lake Rd. Chairwoman Johnson would like anticipated costs. Brad will call Monarch. Brad will finalize the Road Tour WISLR documents. Hotsy purchase (diesel), water (cold), Chairwoman Johnson is getting quotes for those in another role and will pass it along to Roads.
- Planning Commission Report – Nothing to report.
- Road Report – Roads Supervisor Brad Huser is trying to keep up with patching. Road Tour 10/14. Grading 10/15. Signage catchup. Needs a different post pounder, borrowed one from Jackson they had made. Brand new poles for street signs wherever missing, poles in for new fire numbers. Overland Rd, two new Stop Ahead signs with correct breakaway posts. Replaced 45 mph speed sign. Maintenance as needed. One item on the loader needs to be looked at, thinks it is a seal on the rim. Grader needs new windshield. Loader has crack in the exhaust manifold, need to order parts but will do work themselves. \$500 manifold, \$600 windshield purchases coming. Schematic for addition on Town Shop for a Town Hall. Chairwoman Johnson believes we need to get a rough estimate of cost, then bring to Electors in April 2025. Melanie can get phone numbers for Brad. Sign order to replace missing signs – Gaslyn, County Rd X, Leslie Rd, Mallard Lk Cut Across, Hopkins Rd, and Austin Lake Rd.
- Matters for Discussion and Possible Action
  1. Siren School District – Referendum Ballot Information – Tom Porter (President, School Board), Katie Tewalt (Treasurer, School Board) and Kevin Shetler (Superintendent) – Will be on the ballot in November 2024. Roofs need replacing above High School, boiler systems, both projects \$700,000 each, \$1.4 million. Potential tax impact handout.
  2. Review Applications for PT Roads Worker – Three applications. All have some sort of experience. Chairwoman Johnson states Supervisor Pardun and Brad can do interviews. If Supervisor Pardun is going to fill in for snow plowing, Rural Mutual needs his driver’s license and date of birth to be listed as potential driver.
- Pay Bills – \$86,192.77 in bills. Motion to pay the bills by Supervisor Pardun, second by Supervisor Kroll. All in favor, motion carried.
- Adjournment by Supervisor Kroll at 6:48 p.m.
  1. Next Town Board Meeting & Public Hearing on 2025 Budget Dates – The next Town Board meeting will be on 11/11/2024, Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. and Special Meeting/Town Meeting to follow.