

VILLAGE OF SAND LAKE
MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 04, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the Sand Lake Village Council was called to order by President Roger Towsley at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, February 04, 2016, at the Sand Lake Municipal Building.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Ward, Thomas Norton, Adam Hill, Roger Towsley, Dave Dewey, Bette Towsley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Hardenburg.
Member absent was excused.

MEMBERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT: Jim Vandyk, Erin Allen, Dave Dewey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan Allen, Tonia Parkhurst

4. **AGENDA**

Motion made by D. Dewey and seconded by T. Norton to approve the February 04, 2016 Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARING: MASTER PLAN**

Public hearing was opened at 7:05

No attendance in the audience. Therefore, no public comments were presented.

Public hearing was closed at 7:06

6. **IMPLEMENTATION REVISE DRAFT MASTER PLAN:
INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Vandyk, Planning Commission Chairman, presented to the Council the need of setting up goals to add freshness to the community as well as to enhance communication with residents. Also, his concern is that the roads are deteriorated and the image of the community is not presentable. Trustee Dewey recognized that the sidewalks need to be replaced in order to make an attractive town.

The question of what the residents would like to see done in their community was discussed. Trustee Dewey stated that the Sand Lake School Board would like to see the implementation of school security in entrances and build a campus in Kendaville Rd. However, the school has suffered a reduced amount of enrolling students which reduced its revenue. These goals will take many years to be implemented.

President Towsley informed to the Planning Commission (PC) members that the Village's finances are in bad condition. Also, he mentioned Village's Lake Street repairing project for which part of the cost will be funded with ACT 51 federal grants.

Mr. Vandyk offered PC help to the Council to set up and implement goals.

Trustee Towsley suggested having community events to raise funds for projects in town. However, residents' participation was questionable.

Mr. Vandyk thanked and congratulated President Towsley for approaching Paradise Cove, and offered them water and sewer services, since it will help the Village's finances.

Trustee Dewey stated that the Village offers more services such as a Police Department, water and sewer, cleanup side walks, leaf and brush pickup to the community than other villages and cities such as Sparta, Cedar Springs, Caledonia and Kent City.

President Towsley would like to see businesses' owners (BO) involved in fixing their businesses and projecting a nice community. As a suggestion, a note of recognition to businesses might motivate BO to fix and/or improve their businesses.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council,
Motion made by T. Norton and seconded by A. Hill to adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Leticia Nielsen, Clerk