

**VILLAGE OF SAND LAKE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
2 E. MAPLE ST
SAND LAKE, MI 49343
JANUARY 6, 2026 7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Doerr, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Doerr, Wright, Helton, Stieg, Camilleri, Latham

Council Members Absent: Christensen

Also present: Several members of the public and Fire Department

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion to adopt the January 6, 2026, Special Council meeting agenda was made by Camilleri, supported by Wright. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *(Limited to 3 minutes per person) The purpose of public comment is to allow the speaker's remarks to be heard; it is not meant to be an opportunity to question or debate members of Council, and substantive questions in issues will not be responded to. All speakers are required to keep to the 3-minute time limit. This ensures consistency and fairness.*

Public Comment Opened at 5:31 p.m.

-Samantha Gore 210 Oak St, at the December 4th meeting it was stated that the deficit resolution had been rectified some had a letter stating that it had not been submitted until December 8th is this the same Deficit Resolution. Were any road grants applied for? Was holiday pay discussed at time of hire. This was originally scheduled for December 22nd were these things that were just forgotten on the December meeting.

Public Comment Closed at 5:32 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Holiday Pay

A motion to adopt Resolution 2025-10 a resolution authorizing premium holiday hourly pay for hours worked during recognized holidays by non-exempt employees in the Village's Department of Public Works was made by Camilleri,

supported by Wright. Roll Call: Doerr-yes, Wright-yes, Helton-yes, Stieg-yes, Camilleri-yes, Latham-yes, Christensen-absent. Motion carries.

b. Deficit Resolution

A motion to adopt Resolution 2025-11 deficit elimination plan for Local Streets was made by Wright, supported by Camilleri. Roll call: Doerr-yes, Wright-yes, Helton-yes, Stieg-yes, Camilleri-yes, Latham-yes, Christensen-absent. Motion carries.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2025-12 deficit elimination plan for the Rubbish Fund was made by Latham, supported by Camilleri. Roll call: Doerr-yes, Wright-yes, Helton-yes, Stieg-yes, Camilleri-yes, Latham-yes, Christensen-absent. Motion carries.

c. Meeting Schedule

A motion to keep the 2026 meetings on the third Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM was made by Camilleri, supported by Helton. Motion passes.

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Public Comment Opened at 5:40 p.m.

-Jason Bergman 2257 Kimball Rd, Doesn't understand how you can pass a resolution without explaining it.

-Samantha Gore 210 Oak St, appreciated the explanation about the resolution.

- Rachel Gokey 176 Oak St, Minutes only state Resolution #'s and they aren't on the website. Deficits are not normal budget amendments are. What's going on with Fire?

-Katy Austin 13840 Sunset Shores DR, Cedar Springs, Were you notified by your attorneys not to respond to public comment. She finds it disrespectful.

-Unknown How much State Funding has been removed?

Public Comment Closed at 5:46 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Stieg – Thanked the board for entrusting him with the vacant seat. Thanked previous council member Merritt for her years of service. Thanked everyone for the public comment. Everyone on the Council has the best interest of the Village in mind. Fire Department was not on the agenda so unable to comment to much however hopes that a resolution can be found. Thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. was made by Wright, supported by Camilleri. Motion carries.