

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dan Hula, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: Hula, VanEtten, Helton, Stieg, Merritt, Shirey, Johnson

Board Members Absent: None

Also 4 members of the public

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Helton to adopt the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2026-2 and Resolution 2026-3, supported by Merritt. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment Opened at 7:03 pm

-Question about whether or not Hula had spoken to the developer.
Hula has not yet been able to talk to the developer about the school property.

Public Comment Closed at 7:04 pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

REMOVE TYLER KAISER AND MOLLIE DOERR FROM CONSUMERS CREDIT UNION:

A motion to remove Tyler Kaiser and Mollie Doerr from the consumers credit union account was made by Johnson, supported by VanEtten.

Roll call: Hula-yes, VanEtten-yes, Helton-yes, Stieg-yes, Merritt-yes, Shirey-yes, Johnson-yes.
Motion carries.

ALLOW CLERK ONLINE ACCESS WITH COSUMERS CREDIT UNION:

A motion to allow clerk Michelle Lewis to have online access to the consumers Credit Union Account was made by Merritt, supported by Johnson. Motion carries.

ADD TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE CONSUMERS CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT:

A motion to add Chris Stieg and Marcia Helton to the Consumers Credit Union Account was made by Johnson, supported by VanEtten. Motion carries.

TREASURER/CLERK:

A motion to make Michelle Lewis the clerk/treasurer until the May meeting was made by Merritt, supported by Helton. Motion carries.

OPERATOR IN CHARGE:

Hula spoke with Flies & Vandenbrink about having a licensed consultant oversee. Also spoke with B&B out of Moline. DEQ representative has given until Monday to work this out. Helton mentioned Michigan Rural Water. Hula said he talked to Cedar and Howard City and it would not be beneficial to either entity to go that route.

A motion was made by Stieg to get bids from B&B and Flies and Vandenbrink to hire whichever one was the most advantageous,, supported by VanEtten. Motion carries.

BOND ATTORNEY:

It was discussed about having someone look into the bonds or wait until after the May election. Stieg read through the bonds and felt that it was up to the Government if they would come due sooner.

A motion to not go with Clark Hill as a bond attorney was made by VanEtten, supported by Johnson. Motion carries.

CHANGEMAKERS:

A motion to authorize the Hula to call ChangeMakers and request a write down of the bill, if the refused then they would pay the bill was made by Stieg, supported by Johnson. Motion carries.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Hula cleaned up and shared the budget approved at the March 30th meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:

This is a grant managed by the county and the deadline to apply is May 8th.

There are two zoom meetings for this one is April 14 and one for April 15. The Village has gotten this in the past. It was decided that Hula would look into it as he has experience with this.

RESOLUTION 2026-2 OFFICE HOURS OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

A motion to adopt 2026-2 rescinding the requirement to hold office hours for the sitting Village President was made by VanEtten, supported by Stieg. Roll call: Hula-yes, Johnson-yes, Helton-yes, Stieg-yes, VanEtten-yes, Merritt-yes, Shirey-yes. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION 2026-3 VILLAGE PRESIDENT COMPENSATION:

A motion to adopt Resolution 2026-3 to amend the Resolution 2024-7 village president compensation to only \$50 per meeting was made by VanEtten, supported by Johnson. Roll Call: Shirey-yes, Merritt-yes, VanEtten-yes, Stieg-yes, Hula-yes, Johnson-yes, Helton-yes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment opened at 8:02pm

Public Comment Closed at 8:02pm

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Helton – Cemetery Clean up April 18 8:00am to noon

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm was made by Johnson, supported by VanEtten. Motion carries.