

Town of Alexandria Board Meeting
April 28, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Present: Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman Ron Thomson, Councilman Sandy Caputo, Councilman John Stine, Attorney Bob Slye and Town Clerk Jessica Hudson

Approval of minutes: March 18, 2021 & March 24, 2021 minutes approved. Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman Mike Fayette: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed.

Approval of the bills: Motion made by Councilman John Stine seconded by Councilman Sandy Caputo to approve the bills: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed.

Privilege of the floor – None at this time

6:15pm Open Public Hearing for the Ordinance NO. 1 of 2021: Amending the Redwood Sewer Use Ordinance to allow outside users by contract.

No public questions or comments

6:16pm Closed Public Hearing

Roll Call Vote: To approve Ordinance No.1 of 2021

	Ayes	Nays	
Supervisor, Brent Sweet	x		
Deputy Supervisor Sandy Caputo	x		
Councilman Mike Fayette	x		
Councilman Ron Thomson	x		
Councilman John Stine	x		
	Ayes 5	Nays 0	Motion Passed.

6:17pm Open Public Hearing for the Ordinance NO. 2 of 2021: Amending the Redwood Sewer District User Charge Ordinance as applicable to properties not located within the District boundaries.

No public questions or comments

6:18pm Closed Public Hearing

Roll Call Vote: To approve Ordinance No.2 of 2021

	Ayes	Nays	
Supervisor, Brent Sweet	x		
Deputy Supervisor Sandy Caputo	x		
Councilman Mike Fayette	x		
Councilman Ron Thomson	x		
Councilman John Stine	x		
	Ayes 5	Nays 0	Motion Passed.

Old Butterfield docks have been picked up and paid in full.

New Butterfield docks: Route 37 to deliver docks to ramp.

Old Butterfield docks foaming refund: Received payment

Financial report given to the board for review

2019 Bonadio Audit Status: Draft Copy has been given to the board. Supervisor Sweet stated that the figures tie into the figures of 2016 EFPR group audit.

Engagement letter from Bonadio for a 2020 audit. Motion to accept the engagement letter not to exceed \$14,000 dollars. Motion made by Councilman Sandy Caputo seconded by Councilman Ron Thomson to accept the engagement letter. Discussion on how often the audits should be done. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed.

Yellow House in Plessis: Zoning officer jurisdiction – He will secure.

Perry Property, Rte 12/Otter Street: Scheduling a hearing in connection with a claimed unsafe and dangerous structure located in the Town of Alexandria.

WHEREAS, the Town Codes Enforcement Officer has taken steps to secure a residential structure located at 45381 Otter Street in the Town (tax parcel no. 7.09-1-34); and

WHEREAS, the home and/or property has not been occupied by its owners in some time, and has been apparently occupied by vagrants or squatters, resulting in a report by the Town Zoning Officer, Mr. Norris Handschuh, to the effect that the property is deemed unsafe, and he has therefore condemned it for occupancy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Handschuh reports there are young children living nearby; and

WHEREAS, the property is in such a condition that, if it is not voluntarily cleaned and/or the structure removed, the situation represents a threat to the health and safety of persons nearby; and

WHEREAS, the owners, Oliver Perry, Larry Neddo, and Marion Florence, have failed to respond to numerous attempts to have them remove accumulated rubbish and garbage and to, at the very least, adequately secure the structure to prevent access to it;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria, New York as follows:

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1. The property located at 45381 Otter Street, Alexandria Bay, New York 13607 (tax parcel no. 7.09-1-34) appears to represent a very serious health hazard and, therefore, may be deemed to be unsafe and dangerous;
2. The Town Board is considering whether to order the demolition and removal of the structure on or before June 16, 2021 by the hiring of a contractor or, if performed by the owners, by self-help;
3. Pursuant to Alexandria Local Law No. 3 of 1983, Section 6, the Town Supervisor is authorized to serve a notice upon the owners via certified mail, return receipt requested, notifying them that a hearing will be held before the Town Board in relation to the report of the property's dangerous or unsafe conditions. This hearing will be held at the Town Hall for the Town of Alexandria on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:15 p.m., at which time the owners, or any one of them, may present any evidence they deem advisable in connection with whether the Town should order the demolition of the structure and cleaning of the property;
4. The notice to the owners shall contain a description of the premises, a statement of the particulars in which the building is unsafe or dangerous, an order outlining that, if found to be dangerous or unsafe, the building must be demolished or removed within 30 days of the service of the notice and then concluded within 60 days thereafter, and further a statement that, in the event of neglect or refusal to comply with an ultimate order to demolish and/or remove the building, the Town Board is authorized to provide for its demolition and removal, to assess all expenses thereof against the land on which it is located, and to institute a special proceeding to collect the costs of demolition, including legal expenses;
5. The notice to be prepared by the Town Supervisor shall be served by certified mail to the owners at their address in Alexandria Bay, New York and further by securely affixing a copy of the notice upon the unsafe structure itself; and

6. The Town Supervisor is further directed to file a copy of the notice served in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Jefferson as required by Section 8 of Local Law No. 3 of the year 1983.

Motion to set the hearing for May 19, 2021 @ 6:15pm. Motion made by Councilman Sandy Caputo seconded by Councilman John Stine.

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes	Nays
Supervisor Brent Sweet	x	
Deputy Supt. Sandy Caputo	x	
Councilman Mike Fayette	x	
Councilman Ron Thomson	x	
Councilman John Stine	x	

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed.

Goose Bay Study: More information needed – Rob Campany will keep board updated.

Dannible & McKee LLP/ Sonneborn report, Grossman St Amour/ Slye Report: Supervisor Brent Sweet and Attorney Bob Slye briefly showed the report from Dannibal & McKee LLP compared to the Town of Alexandria addressing the Report, letting the floor see the difference in size. Deputy Supervisor Sandy Caputo spoke to the audience about why these reports have been done and what began the reports in the first place. Caputo stated that Dan Peterson and 43 Free holders signed a petition asking the court to file a lawsuit against the Town for gross negligence in the accounting in the Redwood water & sewer district. Petersons Attorney is Sonneborn and they have accountants which foiled and retrieved the information which took about 22 months to compile. Dannible & McKee LLP Report has been given and now the town has finished their report. The town report has been given to Dannible & McKee LLP and now they have until July to rebuttal the towns report.

Attorney Bob Slye told the floor the statute under General Municipal Law states that if these free holders are correct and the monies of the town are being unlawfully expended – after an investigation and the court finds that they have been, the statute says the people in office can be personally responsible.

Attorney Slye stated he doesn't want to go any further on who pays for what, the towns initial goal is to insure the court is assured there has been no corruption in the town.

Supervisor Brent Sweet read the report from Mike Lisson: Certified Accountant Mike Lisson stated that he started with the most recent filed audit and worked back to 2013 audit. His report stated that he examined the relieves in the Redwood water & sewer district and found no significant issues. His findings show the towns General Fund and Special districts in good standing.

Councilman Ron Thomson read some of the Dannible & McKee LLP Report to the floor.

Rink Update: Given

Route 12 Sewer District Easements: Easements are coming, but would like to go out and talk to people if they have concerns.

DeRue EDU Change: Letter will be sent to the DeRue letting them know about the Edu change.

Federal Stimulus Pkg: The board discussed roads and infrastructure to be used in the stimulus money. Will discuss further once they know more.

Playground needs Lights: Quote is \$3000. Discuss further next meeting

Budget Transfers:

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA
 SUMMARY OF BUDGET TRANSFERS #1
 FYE 12/31/2021

4/28/2021

ACCOUNT	DR	CR
General A		
A19104.1.4 Unallocated Insurance	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 1,800.00
A19724.1.4 City Treasurer Payment		\$ 2,600.00
A19904.1.4 Contingency		
To cover insurance expense due to increase in premiums.		
General B		
A90408.1.8 Workers Comp	\$ 43.00	\$ 43.00
A85104.1.4 Comm Service - CE		
To cover expenses within its own fund.		
General B		
B80104.2.4 Zoning - CE	\$ 835.00	\$ 835.00
B80102.2.2 Zoning - Equipment		
Zoning CE is over due to extra legal costs.		
Hwy DB		
DB90508.4.8 Unemployment Ins.	\$ 872.00	
DB951121.4.1.202 Perm Imp - PS		
To cover UI expense within its own fund.		
RW Sewer		
SS90508.9.8 Unemployment Ins.	\$ 142.00	\$ 142.00
SS81104.9.4 Sewer Admin - CE		
To cover UI expense within its own fund.		
CB Water		
CB90508.16.8 Unemployment Ins.	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
CB83104.16.4 Admin - CE		
To cover UI expense within its own fund.		
OS Water		
OS90508.8.8 Unemployment Ins.	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
OS83104.8.4 Admin - CE		
To cover UI expense within its own fund.		
Rt 12 Water		
SW90508.22.8 Unemployment Ins.	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00
SW83404.22.4 Trans & Dist - CE		
To cover UI expense within its own fund.		

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Motion to accept the Budget Transfers. Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman Sandy Caputo. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed.

IRLC Support Letter: Motion to sign the support letter by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman Sandy Caputo. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed.

Redwood Sewer/Butterfield Camp Rd: Letter of support for a feasibility study. Rob Campany will look into further.

Union Negotiations are still on going.

Cannabis: opt-in/ or out - Tabled

Workplace Anti-Harassment training has been done by most of the employees

Board Meeting to be changed to every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Motion to buy a new computer tower for the bookkeeper. Motion made by Councilman John Stine seconded by Councilman Sandy Caputo. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed.

Motion to go into Executive Session for Union Negotiations. Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman Sandy Caputo. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed.