

Town of Alexandria Board Meeting  
May 16, 2018  
Public Hearing on Redwood Sewer Increase  
5:45pm

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members present: Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman John Stine, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman Jim VanCour, Councilman Ron Thompson. Accountant Sherry Ferguson and Town Clerk Jessy Hudon.

Supervisor Brent Sweet opened the Public Hearing on the Redwood Sewer Increase.

Motion made by Councilman John Stine seconded by Councilman Ron Thomson to Open the Public Hearing for discussion. Ayes 5 Nays 0 . Motion Passed.

Councilman Mike Fayette started the hearing off showing slides of the Redwood Sewer district map and the users presently paying up to date. He colored coded the paying users yellow and emphasized the non-paying users in green. Councilman Fayette briefly described the ordinance and how the users are broken down in EDU's. Describing the district challenges the board is facing.

Scott Mueller – Commented from the audience, stating that he and his colleague have met with some of the board members and have offered to help with whatever they can.

Supervisor asked Accountant Sherry Ferguson to talk about the sewer financials. Mrs. Ferguson spoke about the sewer financial status and the overall debt the district has accumulated.

Sewer Plant Operator, Jay Gascon commented that several sewer pumps and grinders are failing and the cost to the district will be upwards of \$ 30,000. Sherry Ferguson commented to the board that an increase is needed not only for improvements but capital costs and reserve funds.

Katherine Reese – Asked what EDU means and what they are proposing for a rate?

Councilman Mike Fayette answered with Equivalent dwelling unit. He also stated that the town needs to be in compliance in order to ask for more funding.

Councilman Ron Thomson – What will be the rate?

Councilman Mike Fayette – There is no reserve and users dropped off the EDU count.

Councilman Ron Thomson – The district is not meeting capital expenses and reserve funds are needed.

Councilman Mike Fayette showed several slides with the projected increases in revenue if all the parcels paid the EDU as it was supposed to be in when the district was established.

Engineer, Rob Company and Accountant Sherry Ferguson both agreed that they have discussed with the board previously that \$650 dollars a year should be the starting point.

Councilman Ron Thomson suggested that when they refinance the bonds they could possibly borrow more money to pay the General Fund back.

Supervisor Brent Sweet announced to the public that the floor is opened. Nobody from the public spoke. The question was asked a second time and again nobody spoke.

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Supervisor Brent Sweet asked the board what the amount should be and do we all agree. The board decided to continue the Public Hearing in the matter of Redwood Sewer Increase until May 30, 2018 at 5.45pm.

Supervisor asked for a motion to Close the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

The Town Board discussed a public hearing on EDU rates for the Redwood Sewer District and determined that some needed to be evaluated.

Supervisor Brent Sweet asked for a motion to have a Public Hearing on EDU Rates for Redwood Sewer on May 30, 2018 following the continuation of the Public Hearing for Redwood Sewer Increase.

Motion made by Councilman Jim VanCour seconded by Councilman Mike Fayette. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Town of Alexandria Board Meeting  
May 16, 2018 @ 6:00pm

**Present:** Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim VanCour, Councilman John Stine, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman Ron Thomson, Attorney Bob Slye, Superintendent Mike Tibbles and Town Clerk Jessy Hudon

**Approval of the minutes** motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette seconded by Councilman Ron Thomson. Ayes 5 nays 0. Motion passed.

**Approval to pay bills:** Motion to pay the bills by Councilman John Stine seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour. 5 ayes 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Public Participation:** Stacey Durand asked the Highway Superintendent to consider putting slow down or speed limit signs up on Kring's Point Rd to avoid any accidents. Mrs. Durand stated that adults and kids, ride bikes and walk on the road during the nice weather.

Highway Superintendent Mike Tibbles stated that Kring's Point Rd is going to be the next highway rd. project. He stated they will be extending the shoulders, graveling and leveling the surface. Tibbles stated he will follow up on the signs and did not comment on when the Rd. re surfacing will take place.

Motion to buy a Ford F35 2009 for the DPW department at the approx.. cost \$13000. Motion by Councilman Jim VanCour seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Supervisor Brent Sweet stated that the Municipal Arena Time Clock is not working and a time clock is needed for the Town Office. He stated the cost for both would be around \$193.99 Pyramid 3400. He commented to board that the time clock policy will have to be updated and would like to discuss changes in the future workshops. All agreed. Motion to purchase the time clocks was made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Jim VanCour. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

**Brief comment on the Teamsters Contract:** Boot and clothing allowance that the town needs to make sure all boots are in compliance and clothing set at certain prices. Highway Supt. commented on the statement. No further discussion.

**Grant discussed:** The grant from Senator Patty Ritchie will secure the purchase of a new Zamboni for the Ice Arena. The grant will be \$100,000 dollars and the town has received quotes up to \$ 100,000. Motion to accept the grant and continue to look into prices. Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour.

Town of Alexandria  
Resolution Accepting the Town of Alexandria and Village of Alexandria Bay  
Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program  
as Complete and Ready for 60-day Regulatory Review  
and Authorizing Submission of the Accepted LWRP to the  
New York State Department of State

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WHEREAS, the Town of Alexandria and Village of Alexandria Bay Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) and Town of Alexandria Waterfront Consistency Review Law were adopted in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alexandria has prepared a 2018 Draft LWRP and amendments to the Town's Waterfront Consistency Review Law in cooperation with the New York State Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Executive Law, Article 42; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Village of Alexandria Bay, as lead agency, previously prepared and evaluated an Environmental Assessment Form concerning the action of adopting the LWRP in accordance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and Part 617 of the implementing regulations of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria accepts the Town of Alexandria and Village of Alexandria Bay LWRP as complete and ready for public review and the Draft LWRP shall be submitted to the New York State Department of State for 60-day review by State, federal, regional agencies, and others pursuant to the provisions of Article 42 of the NYS Executive Law and the Law's implementing regulations at 19 NYCRR Parts 600-603 (hereinafter "60-day review period"); and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that if no substantial revisions are necessary to address comments received during the 60-day review period, the Town of Alexandria and Village of Alexandria Bay LWRP and amendments to the Town of Alexandria Waterfront Consistency Review Law are hereby adopted and authorized for submission to the New York State Secretary of State for approval, pursuant to the provisions of Article 42 of the NYS Executive Law and the Law's implementing regulations at 19 NYCRR Parts 600-603; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the New York State Department of State will work with the Town of Alexandria to revise the Draft LWRP as necessary to address any comments received during the 60-day review period.

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Certified by:

Motion made to accept the Resolution by Councilman John Stine seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

The Town will be hold a Public Hearing on the LWRP on June 20, 2018 @ 6:00pm. Motion was made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Water Operator Report: Mr. Papin stated that his new equipment has come in from Sensus.

Sewer Report: Sewer will hire a Certified Sewer Operator temporarily ( 2 Certified Sewer Operators are needed) Jamie Papin has been working on the Sewer Certification over the last couple months.

Motion made by Councilman John Stine seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Zoning Report:

Highway Report: Trucks are running good, Krings Point Road rebuild, Looking into speed signs, State bid – Suit Koit.

Stacey Durand asked if the shoulders of the road will be extended for walking and running. Hwy Supt, Stated that he will look into the guidelines on extending the shoulders.

Communication radios will be updated at a 30% discount to the town. The software update will help with the data on the fuel system.

Stacey Durand discussed the Youth Program: They are looking to hire a new youth helper. Grasshopper, PeeWee teams started baseball and softball. Keewaydin swim program will be available this year. June 1<sup>st</sup>- Golf starts.

### **Introduce the Local Law Town of Alexandria Waterfront Consistency Review Law**

Local Law No. 1 of 2018

Is hereby amended by this Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 2018

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria as follows:

#### **SECTION I. TITLE.**

This local law shall be known as the “Town of Alexandria Waterfront Consistency Review Law”.

Motion made by Councilman Jim VanCour seconded by John Stine. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Councilman Jim VanCour left the meeting. Did not return.

Schedule a work session on June at 5pm.

Old Gionet Garage on Route 12 update: Roofing material has some asbestos and around wiring. Asbestos should be removed before tear down. Three quotes on Abatement are needed. If removed the rest of the building could be hard filled on site. Rob Company is working to get all the information to the board as it comes in.

Rick Lopez discussed Mud Lake Road. He stated that ATV users are destroying the wetlands and are leaving trash, bottles and trash around. They have put up signs but they are torn down. Erosion to the land is becoming worse and we need to do something to protect that area. Photos shown. Suggestion was to make it into a walking trail. The board tabled the matter until May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chamber Flower Project: Town will participate \$500.00 set price.

Councilman Ron Thomson asked if he should abstain from vote because he is on the Chamber of Commerce board. Attorney stated that he does not have to.

Motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

The municipal Arena: A suggestion to make a conference room in the varsity locker room and remove the locker room has been asked of the board. The board declined the suggestion. The varsity locker room will stay.

Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson Seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0.

Bathrooms in the arena will be priced again and will be discussed at a later meeting.  
Motion to get prices on the bathrooms.

Motion made by Mike Fayette seconded by Councilman Ron Thomson. Ayes 4 Nays 0.  
Motion Passed.

The Arena has Cable TV. The town will look into when it was turned on and the board decided to cancel the cable immediately. Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Mike Fayette. Ayes 4 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Discussion on setting up a breakroom camera.

Goose Bay Certifications have come in to begin work on the docks.

Town Office would like to see a handicapped auto door. The town board agreed its needed. They will get quotes and move forward in installing. Motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Cell phones discussed on whether employees should carry their own or the town issues the phone. The board decided to look into the matter and will determine the best option.

Surplus equipment discussed. Inventory list will be put together and put on surplus sales online.

Fax machine is needed in the office and it will cost the town \$\_\_\_\_\_ to add a fax machine to the main copier in the back hallway. Board agreed to buy the equipment to attach the sharp. Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Highland Cemetery discussed about selling lots. The board will get the cemetery surveyed and see what the actual lot size is.

Meeting was adjourned.

Executive Session for employment history for a particular person.

Town of Alexandria Public Hearing on the continuation of the sewer increase and Public Hearing for the EDU classifications.  
May 30, 2018 @ 5:45pm

Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim VanCour, Councilman John Stine, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman Ron Thomson and Town Clerk Jessy Hudon.

Supervisor Brent Sweet thanked everyone for coming and touched on information discussed at previous public hearings on the increase and edu classification. Councilman Mike Fayette gave a presentation on users in the district. Discussed the deficit the Redwood Sewer has been in for the several years.

Supervisor Brent Sweet ask the board to make a motion to open the Public Hearing on the EDU classifications.

Motion made by John Stine seconded by Councilman Mike Fayette. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Councilman John Stine stated that previous Supervisors allowed users to opt-out and now the district is paying for the past mistakes.

Linda Hartman, Redwood, NY concurred with board member Stine and that the ordinance shows EDU total for that district.

Kay Boliver, Butterfield Lake asked the board what their intentions are to fix the two sewer pods for their cottage. She stated that her neighbor is sharing the line which is a cost by National grid. Her cottages are seasonal only and asked the board if she should be paying a partial seasonal rate.

Rob Campany stated that they have looked at the system and what is in place now is a three unit system joined together.

Kay Boliver: There are pipes sticking out of the grown and are a concern.  
Rob Campany stated they will look into the pipes.

Linda Hartman stated that she remembers when the extensions where placed to help the flow.

Supervisor Brent Sweet stated that he has received calls on pumps running all the time and being close to the lake some of the pumps need to be evaluated. Sewer Operator Jay Gascon has been going through the pumps and keeping a log.

Linda Hartman and Rick Lopez discussed the pump station, the sand beds. Asked about reserve funds.

Board discussed the EDU user rate for Laundromat, buildable lots, amend districts, current zoning standards and ordinance changes.

Supervisor Sweet asked if there are any other questions about the EDU Classifications. No comment.

Supervisor Sweet asked the board for a motion to close the Public Hearing on EDU classification.

Motion made by Councilman Jim VanCour seconded by Councilman Ron Thomson to close the public hearing. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Supervisor Sweet asked for a motion to change the following EDU Classifications.

Laundromat – 02 per machine

Apartment – 1 EDU per apartment

Lots (un buildable) 0

Vacant Buildable lots .25 EDU

Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Jim VanCour Councilman. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Supervisor Sweet asked the board for a motion to Open the Public Hearing on the continuation on the Redwood sewer increase.

Motion made by Councilman Jim VanCour seconded by Councilman Ron Thomson. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

D. Brown, Redwood, NY stated Increase Redwood Sewer is needed.

Linda Hartman, Redwood, NY commented the Increase is much needed.

Supervisor Sweet discussed briefly that the money is accounted for and that all the funds have been properly categorized.

D. Brown: stated that the ordinance needs to change.

Town board discussed rate increases to be billed in July 2018. The board took in consideration what the accountants and Rob Company stated in the last months and determined that the rate needed to go up to \$650.00 annual.

Supervisor Sweet asked the public for more input but no comment at all.

Supervisor Sweet asked the board for a motion to close the Public Hearing on the increase in Redwood Sewer.



Motion made by Councilman John Stine seconded by Mike Fayette, Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion passed.

Supervisor Sweet asked the board for a motion to pass the \$650.00 annual for the Redwood Sewer district.

Motion was made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Discussion re- opened on the Trail matter: The matter was tabled from the last meeting and re-opened to hear more information from Rick Lopez. He brought pictures and discussed the ATV issues behind the sewer plant in Redwood.

The board decided to prohibit ATV's after listening to concerned tax payers that live near the trail.

Motion to prohibit ATV's and to establish a walking trail. Motion made by Councilman Jim VanCour seconded by Councilman Ron Thomson. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

The board decision as directed:

No ATV's.

A barrier will be placed at entrance

Walking trail will be established

Trail Maintenance

Wet lands( discuss with DEC)

Rick Lopez stated he would help with maintenance on the trail.

Motion to accept Rick Lopez's offer with help on maintenance. Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Mike Fayette. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn the board meeting. Motion made by Councilman Ron Thomson seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.

7:00pm Executive Session: employment history for a particular person.