

Town of Alexandria
Regular Board Meeting
January 18, 2023
6:00 pm
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Call town board meeting to order at 6:02 by Supervisor Sweet

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Councilman Fayette -- Present
Councilman Kring -- Present
Councilman Thomas – Present
Councilman Thomson -- Absent
Supervisor Sweet -- Present

Motion to pay Bills: Abstract # 1 December 14, 2022 – January 18,203
Motion by Supervisor Sweet to pay all bills in Abstract # 1. Seconded by Councilman Thomas.
Motion was carried with all voting in favor.

Motion to accept Minutes: Minutes of 28 December 2022.
Motion by Councilman Fayette to approve December 28, 2022, Minutes.
Seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion was carried with all voting in favor.

Privilege of the Floor: No one spoke.

Supervisor Sweet Announced Appointment for 2023

Deputy Supervisor	Mike Fayette
Deputy Clerk	Donna Dutton
Budget Officer	Brent Sweet
Clerk of the Supervisor	Nicole Milsap
Director of Finance	Shawn Thomas
Accounting Firm / Accountant	Grossman St Amour / Mike Lisson
Bookkeeper	Nicole Milsap
Town Office Building Manager	Brad Millett
Town Assessor	Dale Raymo
Town Attorney	Andrew Silver
Town Bank	Watertown Savings Bank
Tax Collector	Sandra Caputo
Collector of Licenses	Sandra Caputo and Donna Dutton
Sub Registrar	Sandra Caputo
Publication of Legal Notices	Sandra Caputo and Donna Dutton

Collector of Town Fees, Rents,
Revenues

Sandra Caputo, Donna Dutton, Nicole
Milsap, Brent Sweet

Engineering & Architect Firm

Fourth Coast, Rob Campany
BCA Architects, Rick Tague

Consultants

Dale Raymo

Health Officer

Chris Symenow and Rob Campany

Historian

Tom Folino

Investment Officers

Shawn Thomas, Ronald Thompson, Gene
Kring

Mileage

IRS prevailing rate for 2023 is .65 cents

Official Newspaper

Thousand Island Sun and / or Watertown
Times

FOIL Officer / Administrator

Sandra Caputo

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Norris Handschuh and Ronald Beach

Supervisor & Town Board Responsibilities:

Brent Sweet – Supervisor – Budget Officer; Liaison to Village, Liaison to Town Courts, Liaison to County, Deposits and Records, Transfer Site & Arena, Grant Applications, Town Property, Personnel, Rink revenues/deposits, Transfer-site revenues/deposits, Liaison to elected state and federal representatives, Liaison to bookkeeper & accountant, town budget.

Ronald Thomson--- Investment Consultant, Accountant/bookkeeping, Liaison to TI Bridge Authority, Assessor, Liaison, I T and Security System Vendors, Enforce Procurement, Purchasing Manager, Chamber of Commerce Liaison, Bed Tax, Liaison to Attorney General

Michael Fayette--Liaison to NYS DOT, Water & Sewer districts/departments, Project Consultant, Policies and Procedure Administrator and Updates, Grant Applications, Foils Consultant, Town Office Personnel and Supplies Management, Audit Control, Union Negotiator, Update special districts ordinances.

Shawn Thomas – Director of Finance-----Highway Department, Water & Sewer districts/departments, Town Recreation Center, TOA Youth Program, Enhancement Projects, Capital Projects, Grant Opportunities, Union Negotiations, Transfer-Site

Gene Kring --Highway Dept., Liaison to Youth Program, Liaison to foil Officer, Redwood Water & Sewer, Personnel, Payroll examiner, Zoning and Planning, Personnel, Liaison Attorney/Legal Services, Liaison to elected state and federal representatives, Liaison to accountant.

Town Water and Sewer Committee-----Dale Raymo, Sandra Caputo, Mike Fayette, Jamie Papin, Jay Gascon, Irene Tibbles

Cemetery Committee-----Tom Petrie, *Morris Weller, Marilyn Canestra, Norris Handschuh,*

Mike Tibbles---- Highway Superintendent, Town Property (docks, ramps etc.), Town Road Rehabilitation & Repair, Town Highway Building & Equipment

Bed Tax Committee: Ashley Carlos - secretary, Ron Thomson, Jim Durand, Gary Williams, Pat Snyder, Sue Boyer, Cathy Garlock

Zoning Board of Appeals---*Kevin Leeson-chairman, Pat Sheldon-vice-chair, Ronald Cole, Tom Gardner, Laurie Handschuh;* Alternate-Mike Shannon

Planning Board---*Rich Leclerc-chairman, Matt Williams, John Cranker, Brian Willix, Andrew Garlock: Alternate-Bob Markert*

Agriculture Committee---*Tom Petrie, Mike Shannon, Dick Campney, Jim Stine*

Town Wide Holiday Festivities Committee—*Matt Chase, Tom Petrie, Dale Hunneyman, Les Dollinger*

Grievance Board-----*TBD - Chairman, Mike Wiser, Kurt Hanni, Phil Felicia, Mike Shannon*

Rt 12 Joint Sewer Board; Alexandria, Orleans, Clayton, Brent Sweet, Michael Fayette, Sandra Caputo, Dale Raymo

Motion by Councilman Thomas to approve 2023 Appointments.

Seconded by Councilman Fayette. Motion was carried with all voting in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Engineer report: 3 bids for Route 12 Sewer # 2 were opened today. Manfred Constructions from Westport, NY, WD Malone from Hannibal, NY and Lawman Heating & Cooling from Sackets Harbor, NY. There was 1 bid for the electrical for Kahrs Constructions in Alexandria Bay. 3 bids for pipeline Manfred was \$8.4 Million, WD Malone was \$8.65 million and Lawman came in a little over \$10. Kahrs was \$2million. This is way over the original estimate. Extras were bid for Keewaydin state park and Krings Trailer Park. Now we need to redraft the EDU's and look at additional funding. Long discussion on current grants and the way forward.

Town Clerks Report Given. Explanation of what is on the report. \$715.31 Clerk Fees were provided to Supervisor for the month of December. Tax Collection is going well. We have taken in Approximately \$1.8 million to date. The Town has been paid in full at \$1,262,025.04 People are asking about paying taxes online. We do have muni pay which is a third-party system they charge about 3 % extra. Or you can have the bank send your check. Otter street

Capital Charges have been sent out. 1 FOIL Request has been completed. Water bills did go out late.

Water Report & DPW Report: Jamie Papin gave report of what additional repairs have been performed this month. Redwood pump station had a leak in a ross valve and when they went to repair has \$2,000 in parts but no more leak. DPW have been plowing and sanding. Replaced pressure tank at town office. Replaced heating elements in hot water tank at ice arena. Helped change blades on Zamboni at ice arena. Have been helping at rink and transfer site whenever needed.

Sewer Report: Jay Gascon reported Jay and Jamie replaced 5 Sewer pumps in December. 1 so far in January. 24 sewer pumps were replaced in 2022 and 20 more pumps are on order should be in by end of the month this brings our total to pumps replaced to 120 Pumps. There are over 200 active uses and we are well on our way to replacing all old pumps when they are no longer able to be rebuild. Price has gone up about \$500 per new pump. Still waiting on UV light system. Doing all required reports.

Arena Report: No report.

Youth Program Report: Counselman Thomas reported the sign ups sheets have gone out for youth basketball but that hasn't work out well due to lack of gym space, as our school doesn't have a gym at this time and they are using up the free time at neighboring facilities. Youth basketball has been backed up to February.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Silver passed out new Local Law 01-2023

Motion by Counselman Thomas and Seconded by Counselman Fayette to introduce LOCAL LAW 01-2023 shall be known as JUNK STORAGE LAW a local law regulating junk storage in the Town of Alexandria and is hereby adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town of Alexandria in Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and of the Town of Alexandria of the Town Law.

Motion by Counselman Thomas and Seconded by Counselman Kring to schedule a public hearing on February 15 at 6pm at the Town of Alexandria Meeting Hall for any comments on the Junk Storage Law. Motioned passed with all in favor.

Clerk will publish notice in Thousand Island Sun.

Mr. Percola is not able to attend this month and asked to reschedule for next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Counselman Kring and seconded by Counselman Thomas to order clothing for the Teamster MEO's at Garlocks. Jackets cost up to \$71.88 and T-shirts up to \$15.63. Motion passed with all in favor.

Counselman Fayette / water & sewer committee introduced new combined water ordinance to the Board. Requesting that the board have a work session to review together and give input. Meeting scheduled for 4pm on Wed 15 February 2023 before next board meeting. Notice to be published in Thousand Island Sun.

EBS -Supervisor Sweet remarked that Mike Lisson and Nicole have been putting data into the new software system and a statement through November has been prepared. They are now working on December and there is a lot of data to be put in for December. Everyone has a copy of the balance sheet.

The Historian's report for 2022 was presented. Supervisor Sweet referred to the report which outlined the many different types of requests that Mr. Folino has received over the past year and the various events that Mr. Folino has participated in representing the town. The board members praised Mr. Folino for his work as historian.

Supervisor Sweet referred to the 80-page hand out from the State Comptroller's Office that he had given to each board member. This handout explains what town board members are supposed to be responsible for

Motion was made by Councilman Fayette and seconded by Councilman Kring to authorize Supervisor Sweet to sign the lease agreement with the Alexandria Ba Chamber of Commerce for 2023. Motion was passed with all voting in favor.

Supervisor Sweet asked Attorney Silver about what the town could do concerning enforcing parking restrictions at a couple of parking lots and a couple of docks. He commented that the town doesn't have an enforcement arm of the town to enforce the restrictions.

Attorney Silver asked if the town had parking ordinances in place now for those locations. Supervisor Sweet explained that the town does. He asked if Attorney Silver would look at this and come back with some regulations that the town could use.

Supervisor Sweet referred to spread sheets for both sales tax revenue and bed tax revenue. Sales tax was \$240,000 over what was budgeted, and the bed tax revenue was \$131,462 which is the highest in 5 years for all four quarters.

Town Clerk Sandra Caputo advised the board that she placed a notice about the NYS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program in the bills of individuals who were passed due on their water bills. The notice is also on the town's website. She also advised the town board that NYS signed legislation that allows towns in any county to adopt a local law offering real property tax exemption of up to 10% for volunteer firefighters. She commented that she wanted to make the town board members aware of these available programs.

Jamie Papin addressed the board with the suggestion of placing the 2017 rink truck on Auction International to sell. Board members agreed that the town needs to line something up for another truck before putting this one in the auction.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilman Kring and seconded by Councilman Thomas to move into Executive Session at 6:50pm to discuss employment of current employees, union negotiations and litigation. Motion was carried with all voting in favor.

The town board meeting reconvened at 7:50pm

Motion was made by Supervisor Sweet and seconded by Councilman Thomas to set the rate of pay for Donna Dutton at \$16.75 per hour effective January 1, 2023. Motion was carried with all voting in favor.

Motion was made by Councilman Kring and seconded by Councilman Thomas to set the rate of pay for Rusty Schultz at \$19.00 per hour effective January 1, 2023. Motion was carried with all voting in favor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Sweet to pay a welder stipend of \$3,000 per year to Greg Coon as long as he is working as a welding MEO for the town with Approval from Pesh that welding be able to be conducted at the town highway barn location.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Kring to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Motion was carried with all voting in favor.

