

Town of Alexandria
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2023
6:00 pm
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Call the town board meeting to order at 6:00 by Supervisor Sweet.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Board discussions on service contract on copier, cost per sheet, etc. Discussion ended to go into executive session.

Motion by Councilman Thomson to go into executive session for litigation on zoning Seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carries all in favor.

The Town Board left to go to another location so everyone else could stay in place.

Motion by Councilman Kring to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilman Fayette. Motion carried all in favor.

Motion by Councilman Kring to pay Abstract # 6 from 5/19/2023 – 6/21/2023 in the amount of \$480,039.12. Seconded by Councilman Fayette. Motion Carried with all in favor.

Motion by Councilman Kring to approve minutes from 5/17, 5/24, 6/9 seconded by Councilman Thomson. No discussion motion carried all in favor.

Public concerns:

Phil Felicia from Redwood is the Troop Committee Chairman for the 3 scout BSA troops in Alexandria Bay. Cub Scout Pack 65 for boys and girls ages 5-12. Troop 65B for boys ages 12-18 and Troop 65G for girls ages 12 – 18. Phil talked about the accomplishments of the scouts and the many community service activities they participate in. He stated that in the last 7 years there have been 12 Scouts that have achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout. He stated that in the 111-year history of scouting only 2 percent nationwide normally make it to this rank. We have a very successful program. He also added that the Troop 65G had the first female scout, Katharina Probst from Plessis to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Katharina Probst is the second female Eagle Scout for the entire Seaway Trails District and was recognized by the VFW as Eagle Scout of the year for all of New York State, she is making our community proud as well. The reason for his visit was to thank the board for previous donations from the can and bottle return and to let the board know that there is still a need for continued financial support because they had not received anything since 2020 and with the addition of Troop 65G there is another group that could benefit. The Town Board followed up with some questions as to the number of kids that belong to the organization. Phil stated there are close to 20 Cub Scouts, and 6 in both 65B and 65G. Board members asked questions which Phil answered.

Reports:

1. Engineer Reports: Rob Campany talked about car charging stations and grants from National Grid or NYSERTA that come available periodically. Rob asked where they were to be located so that an electrical plan and estimate could be done. He needed to know what level of charger was wanted. There are 3 levels home chargers, a mid-range charger that's 50 amps and then the fast charge that requires a 463-phase service. Rob described the units are a pedestal that come with 2 charging units and often have an internet hook up. You can charge for the service, and it can take a credit card there will be a service agreement with the cube company for the credit card service. After board discussion the consensus was to look at putting 1 or 2 charging stations at the town office, because we have ample parking here. There is an app through DEC that lets people know where these charging stations are

located. Rob will start looking at the electric plan and get an estimate so that when grants become available, we will be ready to apply. The approximate cost per pedestal is \$40,000. There would be a cost to use the charging unit.

Route 26 Water line repair. Rob had the signed agreement for Supervisor Sweet's signature so the contract can be executed. The company is ready to start within a week of getting the signed contract back. It should be a 3-week project. The new line will run right beside the old line and have a shutoff at each end. When they are ready to do the turnover there will be an 8-hour shutdown that will affect about 4 customer users on the line. Health department is classifying this as a Maintenance project and are fine with going ahead with the repairs.

Motion made by Councilman Thomson to allow Supervisor Sweet to sign contract with JL Excavation LLC to execute the contract to replace 1150' of ductile iron water main in Redwood Water District. Seconded by Councilman Kring. No discussion motion carried all in favor.

Butterfield Pavilion location and size has changed a little. D.E.C. has been contacted and are Okay with the changes if deck is put on pipe piles. The new size of the desk is 20' x 20'. Rob is going to get pricing on a pressure treated deck and the cost to have the pipe piles put in. Once this is done, the Highway Superintendent will place the gazebo on the deck.

Redwood water tank bids discussed. Three quotes were received, and each quote had painting of the interior of the bowl and an Alternate No 1 to overcoat the exterior. The interior work is to sandblast the whole thing, take it down to bare metal and to recoat. The video showed big sheets of paint basically coming off and it's really in need of repair on the inside.

Utility Service Co., Inc out of Perry Georgia bid \$216,300 inside and \$71,100 for outside.

Amstar of Western NY Inc from Cheektowaga, NY bid \$210,000 inside and \$137,000 for outside.

Erie Painting and Maintenance from Cheektowaga, NY bid \$222,000 inside and \$312,000 outside.

Rob stressed that the inside is a must to get done and the outside is not in that bad of shape and possibly whoever gets the bids while they had a lift there could take of the rust on the outside and spot repaint the bad spots for a whole lot less. Discussion that there is approximately \$126,000 in reserve in the redwood water district and with the 2 projects of water line repair and water tank repair a loan will need to be taken out and the user rate may be impacted. Rob presented a resolution to award the water tower repair bid.

Board Resolution # 118 Accepting Bid for Contract No. 1 – Interior/Exterior Coating of Existing Storage Tank For Town of Alexandria Redwood Water Storage Tank Repainting Project At a regular meeting of the Town of Alexandria, held at the Town offices, 46372 County Route 1 , Alexandria Bay, New York, 13607, on June 21, 2023, there were: Board Members: Brent Sweet, Supervisor Michael Fayette Shawn Thomas Ron Thomson Gene Kring WHEREAS, the Engineer for the Town of Alexandria, New York, has advertised for bids, and sealed bids have been received by the Town Clerk for the Town of Alexandria Redwood Water Storage Tank Repainting project per Town specifications and which are identified as Contract 1; and WHEREAS, on June 7, 2023, the bids received were publicly opened and read; and WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria has reviewed the bids received with the Town Engineer, and the Town Board accepts the bid submitted by Amstar of Western New York for Contract No. 1 as the lowest qualified bidder. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria accepts the bid from Amstar of Western New York in the amount of two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00). This includes the total Base Bid items, excluding Alternate No. 1 – Exterior preparation and repainting. Alternate No. 1 shall be further addressed and awarded to Amstar once an appraisal and agreement has been reached.; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Supervisor of the Town of Alexandria is hereby authorized and directed to sign all contracts and any other documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project. RESOLUTION Accepting Bid for Town of Alexandria Redwood Water Storage Tank Repainting project The foregoing Resolution was offered by Counselman Thomson, and seconded by Counselman Fayette, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows: Supervisor Brent Sweet, YES NO Absent Michael Fayette YES NO Absent Shawn Thomas YES NO Absent Ron Thomson YES NO Absent Gene Kring YES NO Absent CERTIFICATION: I, Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk of the Town of Alexandria, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria held on June 21, 2023, and it is on file and of record and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and it is in full force and effect.

Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

Parking lot bids There were 3 different bids that Rob reviewed. 1. Paving at the town office Building both front and back with no striping. That would come later when the village did their striping. 2. The arena parking area that borders Church and Bolton Avenue that needs drainage repair and 3. The center parking at the Arena over to Catherine Avenue. Only one bid came in from Clements Paving. Going to hold off on Arena with the thoughts of renovation coming up in the future. The work at the Town Office Building came in at \$23,870. The work at the Arena was \$58,280 and \$85,000 excluding the catch basin work.

Board Resolution # 119
 Accepting Bid for Contract No. 1 – Town Municipal/Arena Parking Lot Repair
 For Town of Alexandria Municipal/Arena Parking Lot Repair Project

At a regular meeting of the Town of Alexandria, held at the Town offices, 46372 County Route 1, Alexandria Bay, New York, 13607, on June 21, 2023, there were:

Council Members:

Brent Sweet, Supervisor	Present
Michael Fayette	Present
Shawn Thomas	Absent
Ronald Thomson	Present
Gene Kring	Present

WHEREAS, the Engineer for the Town of Alexandria, New York, has advertised for bids, and sealed bids have been received by the Town Clerk for the Town of Alexandria Municipal/Arena Parking Lot Repair project per Town specifications and which are identified as Contract 1; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023, the bids received were publicly opened and read; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria has reviewed the bids received with the Town Engineer, and the Town Board accepts the bid submitted by Clement Paving and Excavation LLC for No. 1 as the lowest qualified bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria accepts the bid from Clement Paving and Excavation LLC in the amount of twenty-three thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$23,870.00). This includes the total Base Bid item # 1 only, contingent upon the bid prices including pricing for replacement of subbase and blacktop only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Alexandria is hereby authorized and directed to sign all contracts and any other documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilman Thomson, and seconded by Councilman Kring and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Brent Sweet,	YES <u> </u> X <u> </u>	NO <u> </u> <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u> <u> </u>
Michael Fayette	YES <u> </u> X <u> </u>	NO <u> </u> <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u> <u> </u>
Shawn Thomas	YES <u> </u> <u> </u>	NO <u> </u> <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u> X <u> </u>
Ronald Thomson	YES <u> </u> X <u> </u>	NO <u> </u> <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u> <u> </u>
Gene Kring	YES <u> </u> X <u> </u>	NO <u> </u> <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u> <u> </u>

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Rob Campany, Town Engineer stated the period to submit for water and wastewater grants is currently open between now and the end of July 2023. Asked that 2 resolutions be passed so they can work on funding applications. 1. Was for applications to be submitted for the Otter Street Sewer and the 2. Is for additional funding application for the Route 12 Sewer project.

Board Resolution # 120
Otter Street Sewer – Funding Applications

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Alexandria, Jefferson County, New York held at the Municipal Building at 46372 County Route 1, Alexandria Bay, New York, 13607, on June 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sweet, and upon roll being called the following

were: **PRESENT:** Brent Sweet, Supervisor
Michael Fayette, Deputy Supervisor
Ronald Thomson, Councilmember
Gene Kring, Councilmember
ABSENT: Shawn Thomas, Director of Finance

WHEREAS, the Town of Alexandria, is pursuing funding the Otter Street Sewer Project; and
WHEREAS the Town Board is authorizing St. Lawrence Engineering DPC to apply for funding through NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and USDA Rural Development: and

WHEREAS the Town Board will provide a detailed plan of finance upon receipt of grant and loan funding commitments.

WHEREAS the Town Board need to designate an authorized representative to execute the Grant Application, Funding Agreement, and any associated documents to satisfy the requirements for NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and USDA Rural Development, and other potential funding agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Alexandria Supervisor, Brent Sweet is authorized to execute documents required by NYS EFC and USDA Rural Development and any other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project for the Otter Street Sewer Project and to fulfill the Town’s obligations under the NYS EFC and USDA Rural Development.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilman Thomson, and seconded by Councilman Kring and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Brent Sweet,	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Michael Fayette	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Shawn Thomas	YES <u> </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> X </u>
Ronald Thomson	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Gene Kring	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>

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Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

Board Resolution # 121
Route 12 Sewer District No. 2 – Funding Applications

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Alexandria, Jefferson County, New York held at the Municipal Building at 46372 County Route 1, Alexandria Bay, New York, 13607, on June 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sweet, and upon roll being called the following were:

PRESENT: Brent Sweet, Supervisor
Michael Fayette, Deputy Supervisor
Ronald Thomson, Councilmember
Gene Kring, Councilmember
ABSENT: Shawn Thomas, Director of Finance

WHEREAS, the Town of Alexandria, is pursuing funding for the NYS Route 12 Sewer District No. 2 project due to the increased project costs; and

WHEREAS the Town Board is authorizing St. Lawrence Engineering DPC to apply for funding through NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation. USDA Rural Development, and any other funding opportunities available; and

WHEREAS the Town Board will provide a detailed plan of finance upon receipt of grant and loan funding commitments.

WHEREAS the Town Board need to designate an authorized representative to execute the Grant Application, Funding Agreement, and any associated documents to satisfy the requirements for NYS

Environmental Facilities Corporation and USDA Rural Development, and other potential funding agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Alexandria Supervisor, Brent Sweet is authorized to execute documents required by NYS EFC and USDA Rural Development and any other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project for the NYS Route 12 Sewer District No. 2 project and to fulfill the Town’s obligations under the NYS EFC and USDA Rural Development.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilman Kring, and seconded by Councilman Fayette and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Brent Sweet,	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Michael Fayette	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Shawn Thomas	YES <u> </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> X </u>
Ronald Thomson	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Gene Kring	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>

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Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

Discussion on the culvert / bridge on Swan Hollow Road. Motion by Councilman Fayette to allow Rob to contact 3 or 4 engineering firms to see about their availability and fees to give us options on what can be done for either reconstruction or to replace the culvert. Seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion passed all in favor.

2. Highway report from Superintendent Tibbles. The Mud Lake project is complete, and we hope it is satisfactory with all. The men have started on the Swan Hollow Road reconstruction project. The men will cut shoulders, ditches and replace the culverts where needed. The men have hauled about 3,500 ton of crushed gravel for the reprofiling part of the project. Once done we will move on to Dorr Road. There we will finish installing culvert pipes. The men will then go further with widening and building up the base of the road. I have given Brent an estimate for grinding and profiling in place Barnes Settlement rd., from Babcock’s corners to Limestone rd. We will fit this in between paving Swan Hollow and rebuilding Dorr rd. The men will replace 3 pipes, cut the shoulders, and recycle in place. I would like to ask for \$150,000 to do this project for the citizens of Alexandria. The remainder of time will be spent hauling sand and helping our neighbors with their paving. Thank you for your time gentlemen. Mike and the men.

Zoning Report: May Report 17 Permits, 3 subdivisions, 1 variance granted, 7 violation letters sent, 3 lot lines. Total money taken in \$1,850.

Water & Sewer Committee Report. Discussion on outside user’s fee increase. Motion by Councilman Thomas to increase commercial outside the area users’ rates to \$20 per 1,000 gallons of water. Seconded by Councilman Fayette. Motion passed all in favor.

Supervisor Sweet read the Amendment of the Intermunicipal Agreement between Redwood Water District and the Town of Theresa Water District No. 1. Motion by Councilman Kring to allow Supervisor Sweet to sign and execute the Amended IMA between the Village of Alexandria Bay, Redwood Water District, and the Theresa Water District No. 1

Arena / youth report. Councilman Thomas reported softball and baseball is winding down.

Clerk Report. May’s clerk’s report turned over \$588.80 to the Town / Supervisor. Tax Collection is over. Anyone that hasn’t paid now pays Jefferson County. I turned over \$4,352.89 to the Town / Supervisor for interest on late payments. The second mailing for Otter Street Capital has gone out and we have got 9 more customers that have paid. The ones that haven’t paid by 1 July when water bills are created will get the Capital Charge put on the water bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Sweet presented the Town Board with a summary of expenses that had been charged to the line item for the Dan Peterson Lawsuit. Some charges were in question as to whether they should be charged somewhere else.

Motion by Councilman Thomson to amended last month's motion of \$131,506.21 to be charged for the Redwood Sewer district for legal fees from lawsuit to the lower amount of \$103,218.52 Seconded by Councilman Fayette. After discussion all voted yes.

Motion by Councilman Thomson to credit the general fund of \$12,237.69 and charge the Redwood sewer district for operating expense for the sewer testing seconded by Councilman Kring motion carried with all in favor.

Budget Transfers # 3 6/21/2023

Account	DR	CR
General A		
11102.01.000.00 Justices – Equipment	\$ 190.00	
11104.01.000.00 Justices – CE To cover purchase of a new monitor		\$ 190.00
51322.01.000.00 Garage – Equipment	\$ 37,100.00	
69894.01.000.24 Streetscapes	\$ 111,704.00	
71804.01.000.00 Special Facilities – Docks – CE	\$ 2,000.00	
81604.01.000.66 Brush Pit – CE	\$ 5,000.00	
599.01 Appropriated Fund Balance To cover expenses due to the installation of the fuel system at the town bard, the final Expenses of the Streetscapes project, the extra cost at the Mud Lake project and the extra Expenses at the brush pit, which now has its own line item.		\$ 155,804.00
CB Water		
83404.19.000.00 Transmission / distribution CE	\$ 10.00	
83104.19.000.00 Admin – CE To cover expenses within its own fund.		\$ 10.00

Motion by Councilman Thompson to approve budget transfers Seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried all in favor.

Brush pit cameras. Supervisor Sweet spoke with Mr. Morgia from Doyle and they should be in next week. Supervisor Sweet read the Proposed Local Law # 3

**PROPOSED
Town of Alexandria Brush Pit
LOCAL LAW # 3 - 2023**

Use of the town brush pit is strictly limited for the exclusive benefit of real property located within the Town of Alexandria and for Town taxpayers. Nothing from outside of the Town of Alexandria is allowed in the pit.

The town brush pit is a seasonal operation, opening on March 15th and closing November 15th yearly. No exceptions.

There will be a \$250 commercial seasonal fee for all commercial users.

The town brush pit only accepts tree wood, limbs, branches, brush, and leaves.

There will be no dumping on the shoulder of the road:

The above regulations will be strictly enforced by the code enforcement officer or his/her designee, and any violations of Local Law # 3 will be subject to a fine per offense as follows: First violation fine \$1,000. 2nd violation \$2,000. 3rd and all following violations \$4,000.

Violations of this law may be enforced in any court having jurisdiction over such matters at the discretion of the Town.

Use of the Brush Pit will be monitored by cameras: All violators will be Prosecuted!

Motion by Councilman Thomas to introduce the brush pit New local law # 3. Public hearing to be held on July 19th at 6 pm. Seconded by Councilman Thomson No vote until after public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Sweet provided the board with operating statements, balance sheet, and Profit and Loss statements.

The engagement letter for EFPR is 36 pages long and was given to Andy Silver, Town Attorney for review. Prices list included 2022 for \$33,000 + \$3,000. It was agreed to wait to make any decision until after the Town Attorney can review.

Two slow down signs were placed in Redwood close to the Welcome Signs encouraging drivers to slow down. Signs are on Route 37 and Route 192 entering Redwood.

Rob Campany provided 2 Fencing bids for Goose Bay and Redwood Playground as follows:

Stevens Fence, 25670 Beckwith Road, Evans Mills, NY 13637
Goose Bay Boat Launch \$18,000 Redwood Playground \$15,600

Alpine Fence LLC, 1800 State Rte. 3, Watertown, NY 13601
Goose Bay Boat Launch \$19,710 Redwood Playground Fence Work \$11,515

Agreement was made in 2020 before the project began with Steve Christianson that a 3-foot fence would be placed along his property line and the boat launch, now the other property owner on the other side, Mr. Short, would like a 6-foot fence. Also, a quote for the Redwood playground. After discussion that it would be ascetically displeasing to have one side 3-foot and the other side of the road 6-foot. No action taken Supervisor Sweet / Rob will talk to both property owners to see if a compromise can be made at both sides getting a 4-foot fence. The fence will be placed one foot inside the property line and will need a zoning variance issued. Rob will get revised numbers from the bidders.

Councilman Fayette made a motion to accept Alpine Redwood Playground figure of \$11,515. Seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion on putting in sidewalks along Route 37 in the hamlet of Redwood. Councilman Fayette stated that when an original sidewalk goes in along a state road the state will normally install the sidewalk, but the upkeep and repair / replacement will then fall on the local municipality, which in this case is the town. Supervisor Sweet is going to write letters to elected officials Representative Walenak and Scott Gray to see if we can get any help from the state.

Resolution of Standard Workday for Town Clerk, Sandra Caputo had to be redone because the state rejected the last one. Reason being is because town clerk was appointed it had to go by the Date that the Supervisor's term started. Motion by Councilman Thomson to approved Resolution for Standard Workday seconded by Councilman Thomas. Resolution will be posted for 30 days and then resubmitted. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion on letter of support for US CBP to be located at Former Bonnie Castle Stable Location. Motion passed to do Resolution see below.

Board Resolution # 122
Support of Town of Alexandria hosting the U.S Customs and Border Protection proposed new Facilities.

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Alexandria, Jefferson County, New York held at the Municipal Building at 46372 County Route 1, Alexandria Bay, New York, 13607, on June 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sweet, and upon roll being called the following were:

PRESENT: Brent Sweet, Supervisor
Michael Fayette, Deputy Supervisor
Ronald Thomson, Councilmember
Gene Kring, Councilmember
Shawn Thomas, Director of Finance

WHEREAS the St. Lawrence River is a critical natural resource vital to the economic and environmental health of Alexandria Bay as tourism and fishing along the St. Lawrence River are major economic drivers for the community, supporting numerous local businesses; and

WHEREAS the Thousand Islands Land Trust owns 36 acres of shoreline and upland property in Blind Bay, a shallow bay along the St. Lawrence River in the Town of Orleans, NY, with the express purpose of protecting the bay’s sensitive ecosystem in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS the New York State Department of State has designated St. Lawrence River Shoreline Bays as “Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats”, with specific reference to Blind Bay in this designation. The NYSDOS clearly articulates that this habitat type is irreplaceable.

WHEREAS SUNY USF’s Thousand Islands Biological Station has documented 53 fish species in Blind Bay, including the region’s most important sportfish, the muskellunge (muskie). Muskies have experienced a significant and recent decline due to habitat loss and viral hemorrhagic septicemia.

WHEREAS U.S. Customs and Border Protection (U.S. CBP) has identified the property owned by the Thousand Islands Land Trust in Blind Bay as a potential location for a new 48,000 square foot Border Patrol facility. Per the draft Environment Assessment published in 2022 by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for the facility, the proposal includes administration and support buildings, a detention center, parking for over 100 vehicles, dock/boat ramps, dog kennels, storage for ATVs, snowmobiles, and boats, fuel depot, communication tower, and perimeter fencing & high-intensity lighting.

WHEREAS the proposed Border patrol facility would irreparably harm the Blind Bay ecosystem and disrupt daily life in residential area; and

WHEREAS the Town of Alexandria has offered to sell a portion of the former Bonnie Castle Recreation Center, at the intersection of I-81 and Route 12, to U.S. CBP as the location for their proposed facility. It is adjacent to other commercial businesses and zoned for commercial use, providing safe, easy access to I-81, Rte. 12, and the Thousand Islands Bridge, and multiple boat launches and slips owned by state and local government entities are available within a 2–3-minute drive.

WHEREAS the former Bonnie Castle Recreation Center property owned by the Town of Alexandria, meets U.S. CBP’s needs, without detrimentally impacting the wildlife ecosystems, tourism, and everyday life for residents in the Thousand Islands region; and

WHEREAS a bi-partisan group of elected officials and community organizations have stated public support for the placement of the new Board Patrol facility on the former Bonnie Castle Recreation Center property including Senator Chuck Schumer, US Representative Claudia Tenney, NY Senator Walczyk, NY Assemblyman Gray, Jefferson County Legislator Phil Reed, and the Town of Alexandria. The proposal is also supported by numerous community groups including the Thousand Islands Land Trust, Save the River, the Thousand Islands Park Association, and others.

WHEREAS the Town of Alexandria supports the mission of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to protect and safeguard the borders of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Alexandria, NY as follows:

1. The Town of Alexandria opposes siting a U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility on property owned by the Thousand Islands Last Trust in Blind Bay, Town of Orleans, NY.
2. The Town of Alexandria urges U.S. Customs and Border Protection to work with the Town of Alexandria to site the new facility on the former Bonnie Castle Stables property.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilman Thomson, and seconded by Councilman Kring and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Brent Sweet,	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Fayette	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Shawn Thomas	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>

Ronald Thomson
Gene Kring

YES X
YES X

NO __
NO __

Absent __
Absent __

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Motion by Councilman Kring to allow Scott Thornhill, DANC Representative and Rob Campany, Town Engineer to update Town of Alexandria Project Forms. Seconded by Councilman Fayette. Motion carried all in favor.

Received 3 quotes to replace color copier in the back hall that services the Court Clerks and Zoning.

Xerox Proposal for a Xerox Alta link C8130 was \$6980.00.

Service contract \$192 annually, Black copies billed at \$.0095 per page and color at \$.069.

Northern Copy at a Sharp BP-50C26 Digital Color Copies for \$7,495.00

Didn't give price for service agreement. Black copies at 2 cents per copy and Color at 7 Cents per copy

Advanced Business Solutions offered a Kyocera Omnia – TASK alfa 3554ci for \$6,068.54.

Service Agreement \$858.72 annually includes 26,400 black prints and 16,800 color prints annually. After that black prints are \$.0065 per page and Color prints are \$.05 per page.

Tables until next meeting. Going to find out on average how many copies we make annually.

Dale Raymo, Town Assessor sent Supervisor Sweet a SDG Outpost Proposal on the

recommendation of the County for 2 tablets and software to be used in his role as assessor and in training a new person. Motion by Councilman Thomas to purchase one tablet and the software package. Total cost for 1 year \$1,750. Seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion passed with all in favor.

Lengthy discussion of the equalization rate went from 83% to 70% this year. It's time to get a reevaluation done. The assessor has requested that another person be hired so that the reevaluation can be done. Supervisor Sweet

Motion by Councilman Thompson to adjourn meeting until July 19, 2023, Seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carried all in favor.