

Town of Alexandria Regular Scheduled Board Meeting  
August 21, 2019, 6:00pm

Attendance: Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Ron Thomson, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman Jim VanCour, Councilman John Stine, Attorney Bob Slye.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion** to approve minutes of Wednesday, April 17, 2019, Monday, April 29, 2019, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, Wednesday, July 17, 2019 & Wednesday, July 31, 2019 made by Councilman Jim VanCour, Seconded by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor, 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** to approve payment of bills made by Supervisor Brent Sweet, Seconded by Councilman Mike Fayette. Discussion, none. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

**Privilege of the Floor:** citizen asking about what the cost of purchase of Bonnie Castle will mean for tax increase, citizen from Redwood about Redwood ATV trail advocating for a walking/bike trail opposed to ATV use.

**Bonnie Castle Stables status:** given

**Grievances for Redwood Sewer EDU's:** Cilberti grievance, RW Sewer Committee reviewed and concluded would be unbuildable therefore "O" EDU.

**Motion** by Councilman Ron Thomson to make Account #80 Hunter J. Cilberti property a "O" EDU, Seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour. Discussion, none. All in favor 7 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

**Discussion:** Carnegie Bay Water district maintenance fee and water consumption rate. Will be worked on with budget process in Oct/Nov 2019.

**Discussion:** Water and Sewer billing mistakes and corrections; BA, Capital charge and accounts not being charged, charged enough or not at all.

**Motion** to set up bids for replacement of one of the 2 furnaces at the Town/Municipal office, will have specs set up as well, bids to be received by 4:00pm, September 18, 2019 made by Councilman Jim VanCour, Seconded by Councilman Mike Fayette. Discussion, none. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays, **motion passed.**

**Motion** for budget workshop at 5:00pm on Thursday, August 29, 2019 made by Councilman Mike Fayette, Seconded by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays, **motion passed.**

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**Motion** to accept the Resolution to commission St. Lawrence Engineering, DPC to prepare a certain map, plan and report for a proposed sewer district within the Town of Alexandria to be known as the NYS Route 12 Sewer District No. 2, Dated July 2013, Revised July 2017, Corrected December 2018, and Last Revised August 2019 made by Councilman Ron Thomson, Seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour. Discussion, none. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays, **motion passed**.

**Motion** to accept the Resolution setting status under SEQR and Assuming the "Town" as Lead Agency Status for the purposes of the SEQR authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the same made by Councilman Ron Thomson, Seconded by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays, **motion passed**.

**Motion** to approve and allow Supervisor Sweet to sign Bond Counsel (Barclay Damon) agreement letters for Bonnie Castle Stables and Streetscape project with the Village by Councilman Jim VanCour, Seconded by Councilman John Stine. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays, **motion passed**.

**Discussion:** change tax collector status, Supervisor Sweet has received an email from the Association of Towns legal department, they said it could be done by going through a process, he asked Mr Slye to research himself to coincide with what he was advised from the Association of Towns legal department. He will have to verify but once you eliminate the tax collector, the duties devolve to the Town Clerk. You cannot take away duties of a Public Officer unless it goes through mandatory referendum. Will have to check to verify.

**Discussion:** Association of Towns (NYS) regulations for offices, work spaces & who works in what offices. This is in relation to Nicole (bookkeeper) and Deputy Clerk (Cheri Van Brocklin) being able to collect water and sewer rents regarding an email received by the Town Clerk, that the rents would have to be paid at a back door through the back office, posing an inconvenience to the tax payers. It was verified by the Association the Town Clerk is totally in charge of and has access to the files in the vault. No one else, ie: board members, have access to "secure" files in the vault. Any other area of the (clerks) office or who they want to put in the office or the bookkeepers office is totally up to the Town Board. This was clearly explained by the Association of Towns.

Bailey Settlement Rd Reconstruction: update & Board members will sit down with Nicole to better understand figures.

**Motion** to appropriate community enhancement money to pave Stine Rd and Butterfield Lake Rd: **tabled** until see what County price vs. Suit Kote price using DB vs. Community Enhancement money

Engineer Report (Wellesley Island water corp. etc): given

Redwood Sewer Report: given

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Water Dept. Report: given

Town Youth Program Report: none available

Town Clerk Report: none available

Zoning report: given

Highway Superintendent Report: none available

2018 Town Clerk & Tax Collector Audit: ready to be done waiting on response from Town Clerk to schedule.

Budget Transfers:

**Motion** made to accept budget transfers made by Councilman Jim VanCour, Seconded by Councilman Mike Fayette. Discussion, none. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

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Westminster Digital speed sign: residents request to keep the sign there instead of moving, another has been ordered, waiting on it. Should be moved in near future to Otter St.

Current rink opening & closing dates: **tabled**

**Motion** by Councilman Ron Thomson request **denied** for Honorable Judge Gorman for 3 days seminar to in Lake Placid, Seconded by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor for denial, 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

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**Motion** by Councilman Ron Thomson to allow legal fees of \$190.00/hour by Slye Law Offices for the Streetscape DOS grant contract work, Seconded by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

**Discussion:** Report from Crowley & Halloran CPA's, Audit report has been put down at this time due to busy time of year because information wasn't available at the time of request, will get back to as soon as slows down. Also has a new employee that will be working on it.

**Motion** by Councilman Mike Fayette to have Bernier & Carr do the renderings and put together the proposal for Bonnie Castle Stables for \$6,900.00, Seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour.

**Discussion:** Councilman Mike Fayette-getting someone up there to get the weeds etc cut down so the drone can get a good shot of the ground. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

**Discussion:** Asked Trevor Bogart to get some prices to have a tree cut down in the Church Street cemetery, 1 bid received. Should get at least 2 more bids.

**Motion** to adjourn meeting until Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 5pm made by Councilman Ron Thomson, Seconded by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Minutes written by Deputy Clerk Cheri L. Van Brocklin

