

Town of Alexandria
 Special Board Meeting
 November 6, 2024
 6:00 PM
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Supervisor Sweet called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge to Allegiance

Roll Call:

Councilman Davidson - Present
 Councilman Hunneyman - Present
 Councilman Kring - Present
 Councilman Thomas - Present
 Supervisor Sweet - Present

Motion by Councilman Kring to Pay abstract October 18, 2024, thru November 6, 2024, with a grand total of \$257,976.94 including Payroll of \$20,228.60, Prepaid bills of \$20,605.96 and this abstract to be paid of \$217,142.38 except for a Fleet Bills for \$44.59 that no one has any record of. Corrected amount to be paid \$217,097.79. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

Motion to approve minutes of September 26, 2024, and October 16, 2024, by Councilman Kring. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

Public Hearing on 2025 Budget -- Supervisor Sweet opened the public hearing.

Town Clerk Caputo gave an overview of how the current tentative budget would affect customers in the water and sewer districts.

Redwood Water will see an annual increase of \$12.25

Redwood Sewer will see an annual increase of \$10.00

Otter Street Water will see a decrease of \$14.75

Route 12 Water will see a decrease of \$44.70 – discussion on increase in water usage from commercial customers create more EDU's which makes the cost per EDU cheaper. Because everyone in Route 12 pays a wheeling charge to Otter Street of \$48 per EDU this increase also helps Otter Street water.

Route 12 Sewer (Orleans) has a proposed \$15 per EDU increase. Waiting for Orleans to confirm this increase. They have not had an increase since 2017 when the district was formed.

Carnegie Bay Water will have no change.

Edgewood Water has a proposed increase of \$1,834.00. Sandy explained the history of the district and suggested a 4% increase which would be an increase of \$200. The district has carried a negative fund balance for years, but it is going down estimate is in 6 to 7 quarters it should be even.

No one from the public was present to have a public hearing.

No action was taken on the budget. The main reason is because when the Town received the taxable figures from Jefferson County it is still showing Alexandria Fire Protection instead of Joint Fire District. Supervisor Sweet wants to make sure this goes through on time. Both Roxanne Burns and Stefanie LaPier, Jefferson County Auditor, have told us it will get done.

Public Concerns: None No one present.

Correspondence: There was none.

Reports:

1. Bolton Ave Recreation Center renovation status: Waiting for the grant results for downtown revitalization and NY forward. The proposition numbers from the voting were as follows:

Proposition # 2 on the ballot.

“Do you support the Town of Alexandria Renovation the Sportsplex on Bolton Avenue?”

1,255 Yes Votes or 65.88% to 650 No Votes or 34.12%

Proposition # 3 on the ballot

“Do you support the Town of Alexandria borrowing up to \$9 million for the renovations for the Sportsplex on Bolton Avenue?”

984 Yes Votes or 51.79% to 916 No votes or 48.21%

2. Engineer Report: No Report

3. Assessor Report: No Report

4. Highway Report: Zach Calhoun reported:

Finished putting shoulders on streets in Redwood and School Street. Road work is done for the year.

Delineators have been put out on the roads getting ready for winter.

Trucks are getting ready for winter by putting plows and sanders on them.

Due to the nice weather, the dozer is still at the brush pit.

After Labor Day the flags and banners will be taken down.

Highway Barn: Mike Hoover has completed his part with the air handlers and heaters are online.

The guts for the new breaker box are at least 2 weeks out. Waiting for Mike Kahrs to finish that up.

Supervisor Sweet asked how everything is working and can they tell the difference. Zach replied to a lot of new noises to the fans and when they fired up the heat in his office it was like a sauna.

5. Zoning Report: No Report

6. & 7. Water Report / Sewer Report: No Report

8. Clerk Report: Sandy reported that all monthly reports have been completed and sent to the appropriate organizations

OLD Business:

1. MSPEN has been working on Comprehensive Plan and there will be a public meeting on December 4 for public input

2. Citizen complaint. Supervisor Sweet has talked to Attorney Silver, and he is going to write a letter to the citizens.

3. Dog Law. Local Law No. 7 of 2024. Short discussion on the Dog Law and who would enforce. The Board would appoint someone to be the enforcement officer.

Local Law No. 7 of the Year 2024

A Local Law to Amend the Town of Alexandria Local Law No.2 of 2010 being the Dog Licensing and Control Law of the Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson for the purpose of adding an enforcement provision.

Be in enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria (the “Town Board”) as follows:

Title.

This local law shall be known as Amendment to the Dog Licensing and Control Law of the Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson, being Local Law No. 2 of 2010.

Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this local law is to amend the current Dog Licensing and Control Law of the Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson, being Local Law No. 2 of 2010, to add enforcement provision.

Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to New York Town Law and New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

SEQRA Determination.

The Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of this local law is an unlisted action that will not have the potential for at least one significant adverse environmental impact and that no Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared, and no other determination or procedure is required under the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Severability.

If any provision of this local law is unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this local law shall remain in effect.

Town of Alexandria Dog Licensing and Control Law Amended.

The Local Law No.2 of 2010 titled: "Dog Licensing and Control Law of the Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson is hereby amended by adding Section 15.1 Enforcement, which shall state as follows:

"An appearance ticket may be issued by the Town Code Enforcement Officer or other Individual or Entity appointed by the Town Council, in the local Justice Court and, upon a determination of a violation of this Dog Licensing and Control Law, a fine shall be ordered and levied against the Owner payable to the Town of Alexandria. Any such fine shall be paid in full within 30 days of the order.

In addition to the above-provided penalties, the Town may also maintain an action in the name of the Town in any court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with or to restrain by injunction any violation of this local law.

Motion by: Councilman Davidson to pass

LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2024 known as Amendment to the Dog Licensing and Control Law of the Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson, being Local Law No. 2 of 2010.

Motion Seconded by Councilman Thomas

Roll Call Vote: Board Members	Aye	Nay
Brent H. Sweet, Town Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Dale Hunneyman, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shawn Thomas, Deputy Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Tim Davidson, Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gene Kring, Board Member	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Alexandria, New York have certified that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. 7 of 2024 of the Town of Alexandria was duly passed by the Town of Alexandria Board on the 6th day of November 2024 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

Dated: November 6, 2024

Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

Adopted this 6th day of November 2024. (3 pages total)

4. Board of Assessment Review: Jefferson County is looking for our member listing to be returned ASAP. We currently only have 2 people, Kurt Hanni and Robert Crowe. There is an ad in the newspaper, and we have no interest.

New Business:

1. Budget Transfers:

General A	Debit	Credit	Explanation
14404.01 Engineer – CE	\$6,000		To cover M. Spencer – Grant writing
50104.01 Supt of Hwy – CE	\$ 500		Cover Conference Exp.
51321.01 Garage – PS	\$5,000		cover extra time spent Working on highway barn.
51322.01 Garage -EQ	\$4,100		Same as above
71404.01 Arena / Rec CE	\$10,000		Expenses getting arena Ready for winter and Grant writing.
75204.01 Historical Prop (A Bay)	\$ 500		ARPA going to org in 24
75204.01.000.23 Historical Prop (Redwood)	\$ 500		ARPA going to org in 24
81604.01 Refuse / Garbage – CE	\$ 6,000		Increase cost in trash Removal to end of year
16202.01 Buildings – EQ		\$32,600	
General B			
36204.02 Safety Inspections – CE	\$300		To cover mileage exp to End of year
36201.02 Safety Inspections – PS		\$ 300	
Highway DA			
51302.03 Machinery – EQ	\$20,000		Cost of Pickup Truck
51401.03 Brush & Weeds – PS	\$ 2,305		Brush pit costs
51481.03 Serv to Other Gov'ts – PS		\$ 9,200	
90308.03 Social Security		\$ 1,305	
90508.03 Unemployment Insurance		\$ 1,800	
97856.03 Installment Purchase		\$10,000	
Highway DB			
51101 General Repairs – PS	\$20,000		cost general road repair
51122.04 Permanent Improvements - CE	\$ 9,150		cost in Perm improve

51121.04 Permanent Improvements - PS

\$29,150

Motion by Councilman Hunneyman to approve budget transfers. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

2. Financial Statements: Supervisor Sweet reported financial statements will be ready for the next meeting.

3. Floating Dock Surplus: Motion by Councilman Kring to declare the floating docks at the highway barn as surplus. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion passed all in favor.

4. Old Ice Resurface machine surplus: Motion by Councilman Thomas to declare old Ice resurface machine surplus. Motion seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Discussed, there are no parts left on it to use. Motion passed all in favor.

Highway Superintendent Calhoun asked if they wanted to declare the old Ford 6610 Tractor that was used at the Stable to mow the lawn. It is currently parked behind the highway barn and his department has no use for it. Motion by Councilman Thomas to declare the Ford 6610 tractor as surplus. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

5. Venmo as tax collection possibility. Clerk Caputo explained that at her monthly tax collection class the State Lawyer Katie Hodgdon had stated that Venmo could be a way that tax collectors could use to receive taxes. Katie stated there needs to be a policy in place by the Town Board to do this. Councilman Davidson stated that Alexandria Central accepts Venmo. Motion by Supervisor Sweet to give Clerk Caputo permission to investigate Venmo as a government entity to collect Town Taxes. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried all in favor.

6. Danc agreement for GIS: Supervisor Sweet reported that Attorney Silver has the document and is reviewing.

7. Screws to secure the roof at Salt Barn. Motion by Councilman Davidson to go with Felders contracting to secure the screws at Salt Barn. They had the lowest quote. Motion seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion passed all in favor.

8. Transfer Site: Short discussion on closing the Transfer Site one day a week during the winter. Everyone seemed to be in favor, Brent is going to provide the Board with a daily breakdown of sales, to pick the slowest day. The question was asked what would happen to Dennis and it was said he could fill in at the Ice Arena or DPW.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Thomas until November 18, 2024, at 6 pm for a meeting to continue the public hearing on the budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

Meeting ended at 6:32 pm