

Town of Alexandria
 Regular Board Meeting
 September 18, 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 August 23, 2024, thru September 18, 2024, with a grand total of \$560,951.49 including Payroll of \$32,479.45, Prepaid bills of \$56,898.35 and this abstract to be paid of \$471,573.69. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

Motion to approve minutes of August 21, 2024, by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carried all in favor.

Public Hearing on Local Law # 6 to amend Local Law # 2 of 2010 for Dog Licensing and Control proposed until next meeting.

Motion by Councilman Thomas to open public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion carried all in favor.

John Holcombe from Westminster Park on Wellesley Island asked to see the law that was being proposed and his concern about putting a too restrictive clause about barking dogs. He stated there are a lot of good dog owners and that dogs provide companionship and protection to their owners. Dogs do bark and he would hate to have to get rid of his dog because it loved to chase and bark at squirrels.

Motion by Councilman Thomas to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carried all in favor.

Public Concerns:

John Holcombe also addressed the speed limit on County Route 100 as you enter Westminster Park. He stated that at the creek it turns into a Town Road and the 30 MPH speed no longer is in effect and it reverts to the state speed limit of 55 MPH which is too fast in his opinion. The road is narrow and there are no shoulders, and a lot of people walk, ride bikes, push baby carriages and it is dangerous. Zach Calhoun confirmed that it is 55 MPH and a town road at that point. He said they can put up yellow speed signs that are just caution signs. Only the state can put up white signs that are enforceable by law. Must go through DOT to have speed limit changed. He made 2 requests first to go through the proper channels to get the speed reduced to at least 35 MPH and second take one side or the other of the road and widen it so the walkers can be safe. Zach said he would investigate the speed reduction, but they just paved that road and if they go any wider, they are out of their right of way. Supervisor Sweet mentioned that it might be possible there are grants for walking trails that could be investigated.

Jim McKinney and Jason Publowski spoke about the Architectural Control Board (ACB) on Wellesley Island. Jim spoke about current new homeowners that are not aware of the covenants that apply to the land they have purchased. Jim is requesting a working relationship with the zoning board so that when applications for that part of the island come in, they are made aware of the covenants on their property. The Town Board said they will review this with their attorney.

Highway Department upgrades: Zach reported that Mike Hoover is just about done with his stage of his project. Mike Karhs's has been there installing the electrically getting ready for the temporary circuit box as they can have the basic functions for the fuel pump, concrete has been poured for the foundation for the generator. The generator has been delivered and will be installed next week. The new sewer pot is online, and the oil-water separator is online. Supervisor Sweet commented that it looks like a different building inside. Great improvement.

Swan Bay culvert. Nothing has been done with it, but a gentlemen stopped by to show the office a map from 1938 that showed where the culvert was located. Sandy made sectional copies of the map, but Rob is going to get ahold of the man and make a better copy and sent it to DEC and see if we can get moving.

Electronic speed signs Redwood: Rob received foundation design today and it has been submitted to NYS Department of Transportation. The price for each sign is \$5,000 which includes the foundation. Rob doesn't recommend ordering signs until permits are received because DOT may not issue the permits.

Route 12 Joint Sewer Committee meeting has been moved to October 2nd. One of the topics is the complaints about odor from the plant.

3. Assessor Report: Marlene Norfolk, Assessor, September monthly report:

The staff from Jefferson County Real Property and myself have been conducting data collection throughout the unit since June 202. We have completed approximately 20% of the parcels in Alexandria.

This week we began the review of the islands. We appreciate the assistance we have received from you and the Town of Alexandria in accomplishing this part of the data collection review process. Our plan is to continue this review process throughout the month of September, weather permitting.

We are pleased to announce that Allan Mace has joined our team in the assessment office. Monday was Mr. Mace's first day. On Monday we acquainted Mr. Mace with the geographical makeup of the town. On Tuesday Mr. Mace accompanied us as we reviewed approximately thirty-five of the islands in our assessing unit. Next week Mr. Mace will be actively involved in our data collection process. I will be mentoring Mr. Mace throughout the revaluation project and with general assessment duties and requirements.

There are 115 permits that must be processed for the 2025 assessment roll. We are in the process of including this task as we do field review of data.

Now that we are in the fall season, staff will be doing data collection in the village and waterfront parcels. Letters will be mailed to property owners in these areas next week to advise them we will be in their neighborhood.

4. Highway Report: Zach Calhoun reported:

- Finished Training at Bailey Settlement and Barnes Settlement Road. Still must put shoulders on them and surface treatment.
- Paved Swan Hollow Road still must do shoulders and surface treatment.
- Have had crew going around trimming trees where needed.
- Bill is on his last trip around town with the mower.
- Have had the brush tractor mowing where needed
- Cleaned up the yard and fixed where the oil water and sewer pot were installed.
- Finishing up odd projects before the weather starts changing.
- Hauled some for the county to the Limestone Road Pipe Job
- Hoping to pave the Village of Redwood and Plessis Streets in the next two weeks.

5. Zoning Report:

6. & 7. Water Report / Sewer Report Jay and Jamie Reported:

- All daily, weekly, and monthly testing reports were performed.
- Water dept continues with lead/copper report.
- we both went to two continuing education classes.
- two sewer pumps were changed out.
- they helped to install a new duplex grinder pump set up at the town barn.
- Dan from village is hauling sludge to Watertown.

8. Clerk Report: Sandy reported that all monthly reports have been completed and sent to the appropriate organizations. \$804.54 was turned over to the Supervisor and \$250 for a transfer site permit. In preparation for water and sewer relevies, 30-day notices have been sent out to late water and sewer customers. Last date to pay the Town is October 11. That does not mean the post mark. I must have the relevies to Jefferson County on Tuesday October 15 and Monday is a Holiday. When I leave Friday night it has to be ready to send. A few people have been upset about the notices and it was explained that because we don't do water shut off the Town has to at some point get these bills paid. The person that came in said she felt people should pay and if they don't, shut the water off.

OLD Business:

1. MSPEN Grants, Comprehensive plan, DRI, NY Forward, public hearing- Motion by Councilman Thomas to sign contract with Morgan Spencer on moving forward with DRI and NY Forward application. Motion seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carried all in favor.
2. Motion to accept gWorks for financial software. Completed on August 21, 2024, meeting.
3. Motion to hire assessor – trainee

Resolution 2024 – 18

At a regular meeting of the Town of Alexandria, held at the Town office, 46372 County Route 1 on September 18, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED that Allan Mace be hired as Town Assessor in Training at a pay rate of \$30.00. With a starting date of September 16, 2024.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilman Davidson and seconded by Councilman Hunneyman, and upon roll call of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Sweet	YES <u> X </u>	NO _____
Councilman Davidson	YES <u> X </u>	NO _____
Councilman Hunneyman	YES <u> X </u>	NO _____
Councilman Kring	YES <u> X </u>	NO _____
Councilman Thomas	YES <u> X </u>	NO _____

Dated 18 September 2024

Town Clerk _____

4. Redwood Sewer District Shut offs: There are 2 properties in the Redwood Sewer District that have had sewer hookup in the past. One belongs to Hilpl and the other is Veins, when the sewer district began there were 3 trailers on the Hilpl that have been removed and the

sewer pot were destroyed. The Veins property the house was demolished, and two adjoining properties were combined. There is nothing in the ordinance that relates to this situation. Councilman Kring is concerned that since there is still a loan on this project can properties opt out. Councilman Hunneyman stated he believes according to the old attorney Joe Russell that EDUs cannot be removed. Supervisor Sweet would like to have a meeting with Rob Company and

5. Zoning Board member replacement: Zoning Office Handschuh requested a second alternate zoning board member.

Resolution 2024 – 20

At a regular meeting of the Town of Alexandria, held at the Town office, 46372 County Route 1 on September 18, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED that Dean Smith be appointed as an alternate zoning board member. With a starting date of September 18, 2024.

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

Supervisor Sweet	YES <u>X</u>	NO _____
Councilman Davidson	YES <u>X</u>	NO _____
Councilman Hunneyman	YES <u>X</u>	NO _____
Councilman Kring	YES <u>X</u>	NO _____
Councilman Thomas	YES <u>X</u>	NO _____

Dated 18 September 2024 **Town Clerk** _____

6. Union Contract will talk about in executive session.

7. Dog Law – After several public comments and letters, it has been decided no action to be taken at this time and work on a barking portion of the law.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Goose Bay Reclamation sign. Motion to go ahead with the sign by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion seconded by Councilman Shawn. Motion carried all in favor.

2. Introduction to legislation to Over-ride tax cap: Motion by Councilman Kring for the introduction of Local Law #6. Motion by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

**LOCAL LAW # 6 OF 2024
LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE 2025 TAX CAP LIMIT**

WHEREAS, according to New York State’s Property Tax Cap legislation, if a town government decides to adopt a budget with a property tax levy that exceeds the level set by the State, the town government must pass a local law to override that cap, and.

WHEREAS, adopting said local law is not predictive of the final tax levy but will provide the Alexandria Town Board flexibility to exceed the Property Tax Cap if it is deemed necessary, and the ensure that any State recalculation of the applicable limit will not make the Town inadvertently out of compliance, and.

WHEREAS a public hearing was held before the Alexandria Town Board on 16 October 2024 to hear all persons interested in proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2023, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 6 of 2024 Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for 2025 is hereby adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Alexandria Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Alexandria Town Board,

RESOLVED, further, that the Alexandria Town Clerk shall publish in the official newspaper of the Town a notice of adoption containing a synopsis of said local law and shall within twenty (20) days file one certified copy in the Office of the County Clerk, and one copy with the Secretary of State.

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA LOCAL LAW No. 6 of 2024

A local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c. Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Alexandria pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Alexandria to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

LOCAL LAW # 6 – 2024

Section 2. Authority: this local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override: The Town Board of the Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy more than the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date: This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

Dated: October 16, 2024

Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

3. Budget Transfers:

General A

Account	DR	CR	Explanation
13204.01 Independent Auditing	\$ 2,425		Cover remainder of 2023 audit
16204.01.000.67 Building – CE – RW Sewer	\$ 1,800		Electricity for RW Sewer Plant To end of year

19104.01 Unallocated Insurance		\$ 4,225	
51321.01 Garage – PS	\$ 500		Cover time spend doing things for the highway garage.
51324.01 Garage – CE		\$ 500	
51322.01 Garage – EQ	\$187,000		To cover renovations costs to date
599.01 App fund balance		\$187,000	
71414.01 Arena / Rec – CE	\$ 1,000		Cover ice paint. Extra costs incurred with grant apps & Engineering fees.
71404.01.000.18 Arena / Rec BCS – CE		\$ 1,000	

Highway DA

51401.03 Brush & Weeds - PS	\$ 700		Cover extra hours for mowing roadsides
51421.03 Snow Removal – PS		\$ 700	

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

4. Presentation of July financials to the Town Board: Supervisor Sweet reported Nicole emailed everyone.

5. ARPA Funds left (\$1,000) that must be committed to approved designation by 12/01/2024:

Supervisor Sweet suggested that they give \$500 to the Alexandria Bay Historical Society and the other to the \$500 to the Redwood Historical Society or one of the youth organizations. He said they needed to do something, or the money would go back to New York State.

Councilman Davidson made a motion to give \$500 to the Redwood Historical Society and \$500 to the Alexandria Township Historical Society this is coming from the left-over ARPA funding given to the Town during covid. Councilman Hunneyman seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

6. Video and audio record zoning and planning board meetings: Supervisor Sweet reported that the planning and zoning board has had some issues recently with recording of events at meeting and suggested that they be live streamed so there would be a record of the events. Councilman Kring made a motion to start live streaming the zoning and planning board meetings. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

7. Resolution to connect the TOA zoning Board to Wellesley Island Architectural Control Board (ACB). The board is going to work with Attorney Silva to see the best way to handle this request.

8. Historical Society. Supervisor Sweet received a letter asking if the Alexandria Bay Historical Society could move back to the Town office building for the winter months, because the museum is closed and winterized for the cold months October 15 thru April 15th, 2025. Motion by Councilman Thomas to allow them to work in the conference room. Motion seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion carried all in favor.

9. Fire Protections Resolutions: Resolution to Hold Joint Meetings with Village of Alexandria Bay.

RESOLUTION TO HOLD JOINT MEETING

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria, having duly convened this date for the purpose of considering the formation of a joint fire district pursuant to the provisions of section 189-a of the Town Law and section 22-2210 of the Village Law, and

WHEREAS such joint fire district would include all parcels of land within the incorporated limits of the Village of Alexandria Bay and all parcels of land in the Town of Alexandria's Fire Protection District, located outside of both existing Fire Districts;

WHEREAS, at least the majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria deems it in the public interest to hold a joint meeting with the Village of Alexandria Bay Village Board, to consider the question of the formation of a joint fire district to include all parcels of land within the incorporated limits of the Village of Alexandria Bay and all parcels of land in the Town of Alexandria’s Fire Protection District, located outside of both existing Fire Districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria, will meet with the Village of Alexandria Bay, and will hold a joint meeting on the 28th day of August, 2024 NY at 6 p.m. at the Village of Alexandria Bay Village Offices at 110 Walton Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, to consider the formation of said joint fire district, and for such other and further action on the part of said Boards with relation thereto as may be authorized and prescribed by law.

The Town Clerk for the Town of Alexandria shall provide a single notice to the media for this meeting and each municipality shall place the notices on their sign board and websites, if any.

Brent Sweet, Supervisor

Shawn Thomas, Councilman

Gene Kring, Councilman

Timothy Davidson, Councilman

Dale Hunneyman, Councilman

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

Dated: August 21, 2024

Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

Resolution was read by Councilman Thomas. Motion by Councilman Thomas to approve the resolution to meet and hold a joint meeting with the Village of Alexandria Bay. Motion seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carried all in favor.

RESOLUTION ON DISSOLUTION OF ALEXANDRIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria having duly convened this date for the purpose of considering the dissolution of the sole existing fire protection district within the Town of Alexandria, pursuant to the provisions of General Municipal Law, Article 17-A, and

WHEREAS, such dissolution of the fire protection district is necessary for the formation of the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District (or as it may otherwise be known), to include all parcels of land within the incorporated limits of the Village of Alexandria Bay and all parcels of land in the Town of Alexandria's Fire Protection District, located outside of both existing Fire Districts; and

WHEREAS, at least the majority of the members of the Town Board endorse a proposed dissolution plan, attached hereto as SCHEDULE A, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Town Board are required to hold a public hearing on the endorsed proposed dissolution plan, which ideally is held at the same time and place as the public hearing to create the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria will hold a public hearing on the 26th day of September, 2024, at the Village of Alexandria Bay Village Offices at 110 Walton Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, at 6:00 pm, to consider the proposed dissolution plan for the dissolution of the existing fire protection district, attached hereto as SCHEDULE A, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish and display the Notice of the public hearing in the following manner: publish Notice of the public hearing in the official newspaper having general circulation in the town's fire protection district, at least ten (10) days before, and not more than twenty (20) days before, the date of the public hearing, and display said Notice on the website maintained by the Town of Alexandria, each where the existing fire protection district is located. Said Notice shall contain a descriptive summary of the proposed dissolution plan and a reference to the public place or places within the existing fire protection district where a copy of such plan may be examined, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Town Clerk shall: cause a copy of the proposed dissolution plan, along with a descriptive summary thereof, to be displayed and readily accessible to the public for inspection in a public place or places within the existing fire protection district; cause the proposed dissolution plan, along with a descriptive summary thereof and a reference to the public place or places within the entity where a copy thereof may be examined, to be displayed on the website maintained by the Town of Alexandria; arrange for the publication of the descriptive summary of the proposed dissolution plan, and a reference to the public place or places within the existing fire protection district where a copy thereof may be examined, such publication being at least once each week for four successive weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation within the Town of Alexandria;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the resolution to be considered at the public hearing is as follows:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria determines that it is in the public interest to dissolve the sole, existing fire protection district pursuant to the proposed dissolution plan for the dissolution of the existing fire protection district, attached hereto as SCHEDULE A, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause a certified copy of this resolution to be duly recorded in the office of the clerk of Jefferson County and shall, within ten (10) days cause a certified copy of this resolution to be filed in the New York State Department of Audit and Control at Albany, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that, as soon as the condition precedent to the approval of the formation of the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District (or as it may otherwise become known), have now been met with the resolution to dissolve the sole, existing fire

protection district, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause a certified copy of the resolution forming the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District to be duly recorded in the office of the clerk of Jefferson County and shall, within ten (10) days, cause a certified copy of the resolution forming the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District to be filed in the New York State Department of Audit and Control at Albany, New York.

Brent Sweet, Supervisor

Shawn Thomas, Councilman

Gene Kring, Councilman

Timothy Davidson, Councilman

Dale Hunneyman, Councilman

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

Dated: August 21, 2024

Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

All Board members signed both Resolutions and passed.

Motion by Councilman Hunneyman to go into executive session at 7:30 pm to talk about personnel. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor

SCHEDULE A

Proposed Plan for the Dissolution of the Existing Town of Alexandria Fire Protection District

The Town Board for the Town of Alexandria hereby proposes, pursuant to General Municipal Law, section 774, the following as its dissolution plan for the dissolution of the sole, existing fire protection district:

(a) the name of the local government entity/entities to be dissolved is (or is akin to) the Town of Alexandria Fire Protection District;

(b) the territorial boundaries of the entity created in place of the existing fire protection district to be dissolved is all parcels of land within the incorporated limits of the Village of Alexandria Bay and all parcels of land in the Town of Alexandria's Fire Protection District, located outside of both existing Fire Districts; and

(c) the local government entity is a fire protection district located within the territorial boundaries of the Town of Alexandria, New York;

(d) the fiscal estimate of the cost of dissolution is less than \$15,000, being primarily legal fees, which also includes the formation of the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District over the existing fire protection district and including the Village of Alexandria Bay;

(e) there are no public employees of the fire protection district to be transferred or

eliminated;

(f) the entity has no assets; the entity does not own any real or personal property; the fair value thereof in current money of the United States of the entities assets is \$0.00;

(g) the entity has no liabilities or indebtedness, bonded and otherwise; the fair value thereof in current money of the United States is \$0.00;

(h) there are no agreements entered into with the Town of Alexandria to carry out the dissolution which will exist as of January 1, 2025. The only present agreement which will terminate in accordance with such contract, is a fire protection contract for the fire protection district;

(i) the manner and means by which the residents of the entity will continue to be furnished municipal services following the fire protection district's dissolution are by the services of the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District once created, into the (former) existing fire protection district;

(j) as there are no assets or liabilities of the entity, there are no terms for the disposition of the entity's assets and the disposition of its liabilities and indebtedness, including the levy and collection of the necessary taxes and assessments therefor;

(k) there are no local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of the entity, and thus, none shall remain in effect after the effective date of the dissolution and none shall remain in effect for a period of time other than as provided by section seven hundred eighty-nine of this title;

(l) the effective date of the proposed dissolution of the existing fire protection district is contingent upon the formation of the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District and dissolution will be effective upon the establishment thereof, which are anticipated to occur no later than thirty days after the public hearing on September 26, 2024;

(m) the public hearing on the dissolution of the existing fire protection district, shall be held on the 26th day of September 2024, at the Village of Alexandria Bay Village Offices at 110 Walton Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, which shall commence at 6:00 pm;

(n) there are no other matters desirable or necessary to carry out the dissolution of the existing fire protection district.

Budget meeting schedule

Motion by Councilman Davidson to go into executive session at 7:25 PM for discussion on employees / personnel Motion seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion carried all in favor.

Motion by Councilman Thomas to come out of Executive session at 7:50 PM. Motion seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carried all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Thomas until September 26, 2024, at the Village Office at 6 PM for a Joint Meeting with the Village Board on the Joint Fire District. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.