

**Town of Alexandria Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 6:00pm**

**Attendance:** Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Ron Thomson, Councilman John Stine, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman Jim VanCour. Accountant Sherry Ferguson, Highway Superintendent Mike Tibbles, Town Clerk Jessy Hudon.

Open Public Hearing for 2019 Town of Alexandria Budget

**Motion** to Open the Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget made by Supervisor Brent Sweet, Seconded by Councilman John Stine. All in favor 5 ayes, nays zero, **motion passed**.

**Discussion:** John Bartlett asked questions about line items on the profit and los vs. actual, Stacey Durand asked about special items under Community Enhancements and increase for the bookkeeper. Accountant Sherry Ferguson discussed the budget items touching on contingency, unexpected items and fund balance. Councilman Jim VanCour touched on the importance of the Plessis playground and needed repairs. John Bartlett also asked about NYS Snow and Ice Contract, those questions answered by Accountant Sherry Ferguson as well. No further comments.

**Motion** by Councilman Ron Thomson to close the Public Hearing, Seconded by Councilman Jim VanCour. All in favor 5 ayes, nays zero, **motion passed**.

The Board has reviewed the 2019 Preliminary Budget and has the following changes:

Employees will receive a 1 and ½% pay increase.

Both Judges will be paid the same

Supervisor salary will be @\$23,500.00

Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk will receive 1 and ½% pay increase

As the 2019 Final Budget for the Town of Alexandria:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Brent Sweet	No
Councilman Jim VanCour	No
Councilman Ron Thomson	Aye
Councilman Mike Fayette	Aye
Councilman John Stine	Aye

Ayes 3 Nays 2

**Motion passed**

**Approval of September and October 2018 minutes:** Per Clerk to be completed for the November meeting.

**No bills presented**

**Discussion:** Update on Gionet Garage progress given by Rob Company

**Discussion:** Redwood resident asking for alternative to cement walls at Mud Lake trail, Supervisor Sweet stated the Board will investigate possible alternatives that will keep ATV's of walking trail.

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**Discussion:** Boundary lines for Mud Lake trail, Supervisor Sweet will contact DEC to see if ever surveyed.  
**Discussion:** Rt 12 Sewer extension given by Rob Company.

**Public Comment:** Randy Truesdell asked about the raise of water rates. Councilman Fayette explained Town and Village are talking about the matter.

**Public Comment:** Mr Fulmer asked about Gionet property once cleared. Supervisor Sweet stated the County will most likely take ownership and auction it to get it back on the tax rolls.

**Public Comment closed.**

**Information:** Supervisor Sweet spoke about the NYS Comptrollers and explained he'd sent an email to the auditor requesting a letter explaining water and sewer overview done earlier in the year. No report will be given to the auditor. Regarding the risk assessment the Town didn't move forward on having it done.

**Targeted Audit:** Engagement letter and contract from Crowley Halloran CPA. The agreed upon procedure to the Route 12 & Redwood for certain periods, the CPA will contact the town on entry date to start the audit.

**Discussion:** Dog Control through Jefferson County, if the Town takes the contract it would be a 5-year term, the County is still discussing contract stipulations and will notify the Town once the contract has been completed for review.

**Fuel Oil bids** will be opened December 19, 2018, at 6pm, the regular scheduled Board meeting.

**Discussion:** RW Sewer Committee minutes now available online, they suggested holding meetings periodically at the Redwood Fire Hall.

**Discussion:** Board would like to schedule a work session to discuss the Village water rate increase, date to be determined.

**Rink Report:** given

**Youth Program:** given

**Highway Report:** given

**Discussion:** Who owns the bridge/culvert on Limestone Rd, Engineer believes County does. In need of repair stated by Hwy Super Mike Tibbles, will need to contact the County to clarify. Board will discuss once ownership is determined.

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**Zoning Report:** Zoning officer Norris Handschuh asked the Board consider a Moratorium on Solar farms, there has been a lot of interest by out of state solar companies wanting to lease land from property owners and the Town doesn't have any by-laws governing the solar farms. Board will discuss further at December 19, 2018 meeting.

Water Operator Report: given

Sewer Operator Report: given

**Property donation:** Owner of a vacant piece of property on County Rt 100 would like to donate it to the Town. **The Board and Zoning discussed, not interested.**

**Amendment** to change the estimated expenditures for the Snow and Ice Agreement due to the severity of the winter during the 2017/2018 the Municipality requests the Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement expenditures be revised to reflect the additional lane miles of state roads that were plowed/treated during the winter season. All terms and conditions of the original contract extension remain in effect as follows:

Original Estimated Expenditures: \$80,951.40    Revised Index Adjustment: \$24,953.70

**Motion** to accept the Index Adjustment amount of \$24,953.70 for the 2017/2018 Snow & Ice Agreement revised made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman Ron Thomson. All in favor 5 ayes, nays zero, **motion passed.**

**Discussion:** The Highway Barn discussed replacing one of the plow trucks, there have been several issues with it & would like to sell it before the Town sinks any more money into it. The replacement will cost \$190,000.00.

**Motion** to approve Wills Wrecker Junk Yard License made by Councilman Jim VanCour, **Seconded** by Councilman Ron Thomson. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** to allow Steve and Patti Moore to officially change the named of their island to be called Little Rocky Pine to be formerly known as Garlock Island made by Councilman Ron Thomson, **Seconded** by Councilman Jim Stine. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** made by Councilman Jim VanCour if a dog owner provides a written document from their doctor stating their dog is for "therapy" then no fee will be charged to license the dog, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. All in favor 5 ayes, zero Nays. **Motion passed.**

**Discussion:** Mr Tim Helmer from Plessis asked if he starts a petition and has everyone on his road (County Rte 3) sign it, will repairs that are needed be addressed. The Board advised they will look at County Rt 3 with the Highway Superintendent and discuss concerns.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Jim VanCour, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. All in favor 5 ayes, zero nays. **Motion passed.**

Minutes taken & written by Town Clerk Jessy Hudon

Minutes "shortened" by Deputy Clerk Cheri L. VanBrocklin

