

Town of Alexandria Adjourned Board Meeting October 5, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman Shawn Thomas, Councilman Ron Thomson. Councilman Kring joined during the meeting by phone.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing on Ordinance No 1 of 2022. An Ordinance amending the Town of Alexandria Sewer Use Ordinance for the Redwood Sewer District.

Public Hearing was opened at 4:00 pm

No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomson to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried with all present voting in favor thereof.

Public Hearing was closed at 4:10

Supervisor Sweet asked what the net effect to the property owner would be. Councilman Fayette explained that it would be an \$85.00 increase per year and would show up on the tax bill. The line item would say Redwood Capital Sewer.

Councilman Thomson asked if the committee was positive that there would now be more parcels contributing than before.

Councilman Fayette responded that there probably(only an estimate) would be about 30 that will now be .5 cap units. He also advised that it is a cap unit, not an edu.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance as originally introduced by Councilman Fayette and seconded by Councilman Thompson and carried with all present voting in favor thereof.

Cheri VanBrocklin, Deputy Clerk, presented the 2023 tentative town budget to the Town Board members.

Privilege of the Floor

Cheri VanBrocklin addressed the chair concerning the job offer from the court office. She offered to stay on as Deputy Town Clerk, if there was no conflict of interest.

Local Law No. 2 of 2022, A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c

INTRODUCED BY

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, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law 3-c.

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 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of 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 judgment 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 judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 4. Effective Date: This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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 to 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 October 19, 2022 to hear all person interested in proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2022, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 2 of 2022 Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for 2023 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 on certified copy in the Office of the County Clerk and one copy with the Secretary of State.

SECONDED BY

Councilman Kring joined by phone.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN THOMAS TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING LOCAL LAW FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022 AT 6 PM. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN THOMSON AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Averdi Containers

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN THOMAS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN THOMSON TO PURCHASE TWO FORTY FT. AVERDI CONTAINERS FOR STORAGE AT A COST OF \$6180 EACH. MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing motion, Supervisor Sweet explained that after extensive checking with vendors, it became apparent that there just were none available from any other vendors. This vendor was the only one that had any available.

Draft Junk Law

Supervisor Sweet asked the board members to take home the draft junk law and to read it over. He stated that it is not a rush deal and that Norris and Ron have some suggestions for changes in it.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilman Thomson to move into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a current town employee and the employment of a future Town of Alexandria employee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

The Town Board moved into Executive Session 4:25pm

The Town Board reconvened into public session at 5:34

Motion was made by Councilman Thomson to change the current court clerk to \$17.69/hr with ½ hour unpaid lunch leave daily, effective October 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried with all those present voting in favor thereof.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomson to hire Cheri VanBrocklin to the position of “confidential clerk to justice” at \$16.61/hr with ½ hour unpaid lunch leave daily, effective October 6, 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried with all those present voting in favor thereof.

Meeting was duly adjourned.