

**Town of Alexandria Special Meeting
March 5th at 5:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Deputy Supervisor Ron Thomson, , Councilman John Stine, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman Sandra Caputo.

Absent: Supervisor Brent Sweet

Speaker Development Authority of the North Country, Thomas Haynes; Discussed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Alexandria and the Village of Alexandria Bay for the Streetscape Grant.

Guidelines: Commits both parties to pay 50% of the local match and any fees deemed ineligible for the project. Such as:

- * Net interest cost for the bond

- *Funding agent will pay for the bond council but will not pay interest rates

Grant is for \$618,000 dollars: Town will pay \$309,000 and the Village of Alex Bay will be \$309,000

Anticipated \$50,000 for interest cost (bond) / Not eligible to be included as a project expense

Councilman Ron Thomson commented the grant is paid after the monies have been expended. "Spend it first" asked; does the project have to be 100% complete

Haynes stated that it can be done in stages

Haynes stated the MOU lays out that 1)both the Town and Village acknowledges what the scope is. 2) Both commit to paying half 3) All contracts have to be with the town because the grant was awarded to the town. 4) MOU ties the village of Alex Bay; so nobody can back out.

Village Trustee, Brad Millett informed the town board the village already signed the MOU. Millett asked about the interest: If both the Town and Village have the money at the end of the project between one and two years we wouldn't have to bond for the money.

Haynes replied; yes, if you felt you could cash flow this, then you wouldn't have to bond at all.

Councilman Mike Fayette commented that Town is not bonding for the money.

Gary Williams asked a question from the floor: Isn't the village going to give services instead? Millett answered that there is talk about in kind services.

Councilman Ron Thomson stated; the required 25% is coming out of the Fund Balance

Council discussed different scenarios based on if the Village has to bond and what that means for the towns financial obligations.

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Councilman Ron Thomson asked what is the cost to bond: Haynes answered \$24,900 legal expenses. high end.

Haynes stated the way this scope will work is that there are no in kind services in this.

Village Trustee Brad Millett asked who authorized no in kind services.

Haynes agreed *Town does not have to Ban if there not borrowing money.

Councilman Ron Thomson talked about billing the Village and the State quarterly.

Haynes suggested a Term Sheet for the Village. Haynes also stated that the agreement with the Village is to pay the Town at the end of the two years.

Council discussed important details of the agreement and decided to move forward with the MOU.

Motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Downtown Street Scape Improvement project Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Alexandria and the Village of Alexandria Bay for the Streetscape Grant. **Motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette second by Councilman John Stine. Discussion: Councilman Sandra Caputo stated the money has to come out of the right fund.**

Roll Call Vote	Ayes	Nays		
Councilman Mike Fayette	x			
Councilman John Stine	x			
Councilman Sandra Caputo	x			
Councilman Ron Thomson	x			
Supervisor Brent Sweet	Absent		Ayes 4 Nays 0	Motion Passed.

Thomas Haynes discussed the scope of the work program: The work program will be submitted to the Department of State who is funding the grant.

DANC has drafted the workplan based of discussions at meetings – the workplan(draft) will be submitted and reviewed by the Department of State, they could make comments and send the workplan (draft) back. Danc will work through the comments with them, if they are problems with the scope. Danc will bring them back to both boards(committee) to review and discuss. Once the workplan is adjusted it has to be approved by the board again.

Discussion on the (Committee) – Should consist of two board members, one member of the public and same for the Village. Function of the Committee: Project advisor board. They will steer the project. They will make decisions about designs. The committee will bring the information to the Town Board and Village Board. Committee should be appointed by next month.

The Town and The Village of Alexandria Bay will design street scape improvements such as: Sidewalk repairs, Fences, Trash receptacles, Street lights and Planters

The scope will make evaluation of Fuller Street, Church Street ,James Street, Walton Street, Publicly owned Scenic View Park, Publicly owned Capt' Thomson's Park, Village Municipal Office and adjacent locations. Publicly owned docks and boat launches on Holland Street and Crossman Street. Downtown River walk along with improvement to walk ability and access.

Motion to approve submittal of the draft workplan to the Department of State. Motion made by Councilman John Stine seconded by Councilman Sandra Caputo. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1

Motion to adjourn. Motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0 absent 1. Motion Passed.

