

Town of Alexandria
Regular Board Meeting
February 15, 2023
6:00 pm
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Audio/Video

Call town board meeting to order at 6:15 by Supervisor Sweet. Meeting started late due to internet issues. Could not get the live feed to connect and work.

Roll Call:

Councilman Fayette -- Present
Councilman Kring -- Present
Councilman Thomas -- Present
Councilman Thomson -- Absent
Supervisor Sweet -- Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Abstract # 2-2023 January 20, 2023, thru February 15, 2023, for \$949,279.70 was presented to the board. Motion by Supervisor Sweet to pay all bills in Abstract 2-2023. Seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion was carried with Councilman Kring abstaining due to not having time to review the bill.

Minutes of January 18, 2023, meeting were received late and members wanted additional time to review.

Motion by Councilman Thomas to Open Public Hearing on Local Law 1-2023 known as Junk Yard Law Seconded by Councilman Fayette carried with all in favor.

Rich LaClair addressed he did not see anything in the new law addressing storage units such as Tractor Trailer box containers.

Dave Shaeffer of Harbor Villa's thinks it will be beneficial to the community.

Mike Fayette questioned what Section 12 x6 #10 meant exactly and asked if it needed to be in there. Discussion followed.

Motion by Councilman Fayette to close public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Thomas carried with all in favor.

Motion by Supervisor Sweet to pass Local Law 01-2023 known as JUNK STORAGE Law regulating junk storage in the Town of Alexandria. With the modification to delete SS12x6 # 10. Motion seconded by Councilman Kring.

ROLE CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Sweet	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	
Councilman Fayette	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	
Councilman Kring	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	
Councilman Thomas	YES <u> X </u>	NO <u> </u>	
Councilman Thomson	YES <u> </u>	NO <u> </u>	ABS <u> X </u>

Motion carried with all those present in favor.

Privilege of the Floor: John DeMeurers Sr. of 43496 Mill Street, Redwood addressed snow removal problems. Mill Street did not get plowed this winter and he asked that it be reinstated and taken care of as it has in the past 30 years that he has lived there. The board was unaware that this decision had been made and Councilman Kring said he would go the highway barn in morning and talk to the Highway Superintendent.

Correspondence read from Joe & Enid D’Souza about the wonderful treatment they received from Mickey Welser from the Applewood Inn during the Epic Snow Storm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Engineer report: Rob Champney gave update on RT 12 sewer district # 2. He talked to USDA about additional Funding. Need up to \$7 million in additional funding which will most likely come from Washington. Need to modify bond resolution for up to \$12.5 million and modify the district boundaries. Need public hearing on new district boundaries.

Motion by Councilman Kring to authorize public meeting for Resolution # 1 -2023 for the Supervisor to accept grant for \$20,000 for Otter Street Sewer District Study. Seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion Carried with all in favor.

**Board Resolution #_1-2023_
Otter Street Sewer Study – Authorized Representative**

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Alexandria, Jefferson County, New York, held at The Municipal Building at 46372 County Route 1, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 on February 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sweet, and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT:

Brent Sweet, Supervisor
Michael Fayette, Deputy Supervisor
Shawn Thomas, Director of Finance
Gene Kring, Councilmember

ABSENT:

Ronald Thomson, Councilmember

WHEREAS, the Town of Alexandria has received an Engineering Planning Grant from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation for the Otter Street Sewer Study; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board needs to designate an authorized representative to execute the Grant Agreement to satisfy the requirements for NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Alexandria Supervisor, Brent Sweet is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the Project for the Otter Street Sewer Study and to fulfill the Town of Alexandria's obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement.

It is hereby certified by the undersigned that the foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Town Board of Alexandria during a regularly scheduled board meeting.

Supervisor Brent Sweet	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___
Michael Fayette	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___
Shawn Thomas	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___
Ronald Thomson	YES ___	NO ___	Absent <u>X</u>
Gene Kring	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___

CERTIFICATION:

I, Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk of the Town of Alexandria, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria held on February 15, 2023, and it is on file and of record and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and it is in full force and effect.

Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Thomas to authorize public meeting for Resolution # 2 -2023 for the Supervisor to be prepared to provide matching funds at a minimum of 20% for Otter Street Sewer District Study. Seconded by Councilman Kring. Motions Carried with all in favor.

**Board Resolution #_2-2023_
Otter Street Sewer Study – Authorized Representative**

At a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Alexandria, Jefferson County, New York, held at The Municipal Building at 46372 County Route 1, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 on February 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sweet, and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT:

Brent Sweet, Supervisor
Michael Fayette, Deputy Supervisor
Shawn Thomas, Director of Finance
Gene Kring, Councilmember

ABSENT:

Ronald Thomson, Councilmember

WHEREAS, the Town of Alexandria has received an Engineering Planning Grant from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation for the Otter Street Sewer Study; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is required to provide a local share match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Alexandria authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Otter Street Sewer Study project. Under the Engineering Planning Grant Program, this local match must be at least 20% of the grant award of \$20,000.00. The source of the local match and any amount in excess of the required match shall be provided from the general fund. The maximum local share shall not exceed \$4,800.00 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$24,000.00. The Supervisor may increase this local match through the use of in-kind services without further approval from the Town of Alexandria.

It is hereby certified by the undersigned that the foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Town Board of Alexandria during a regularly scheduled board meeting.

Supervisor Brent Sweet YES X NO Absent

Michael Fayette	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___
Shawn Thomas	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___
Ronald Thomson	YES ___	NO ___	Absent <u>X</u>
Gene Kring	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___

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Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 3-2023

OF

THE TOWN BOARD

OF

THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria, held at the Town offices, 46372 County Route 1, Alexandria Bay, New York, on February 15, 2023 there were:

Present:

Brent H. Sweet, Supervisor

Michael D. Fayette, Councilmember

Shawn Thomas, Councilmember

Gene Kring, Councilmember

Absent: Ronald G. Thomson, Councilmember

WHEREAS, this Board has commissioned St. Lawrence Engineering, DPC to prepare a certain map, plan and report for a proposed sewer district within the Town of Alexandria to be known as the NYS Route 12 Sewer District No. 2, and

WHEREAS, the map, plan and report have been prepared by St. Lawrence Engineering, DPC, a New York State Licensed Professional Engineering Corporation, dated July, 2013, Revised July 2017, Corrected December 2018, Revised August 2019, last revised February 2023 and filed with the Town Clerk for the Town of Alexandria.

NOW, on motion duly made and seconded, it is

FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED that the map, plan and report prepared by St. Lawrence Engineering, DPC, for the proposed Town of Alexandria NYS Route 12 Sewer District No. 2 within the Town of Alexandria is dated July, 2013, Revised July 2017, Corrected December 2018 Revised August 2019 and last revised February 2023 and has been duly filed with the office of the Town Clerk as required by law, and is available thereat for public inspection, and it is

FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED that the boundaries of the proposed Town of Alexandria NYS Route 12 Sewer District No. 2 shall be as appear on the map filed with the Town Clerk and as described on the attached Schedule "A", and it is

FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED that the improvements to be constructed include collection piping, manholes, pump stations and lateral connections to transport the sewage from the improved parcels within the District to the existing sewage treatment plant located off Route 12 in the Town of Alexandria and adjacent to the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority, and it is

FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED that the total maximum amount proposed to be expended for the improvements to service the proposed NYS Route 12 Sewer District No. 2 shall be \$12,500,000, and it is

FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED that the annual cost of the District to the typical property within the proposed District shall be \$694.00, and the annual cost of the proposed District to the typical one family home within the District shall be \$694.00, and it is

FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED that the detailed explanation of the cost to the typical property and the typical one family home is filed with the Town Clerk as Section 5 to the Engineering Report, and it is

FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED that the project is proposed to be financed through grant monies and low-cost loans to be received from the Empire State Development Grant, United States Department of Agricultural-Rural Utility Services, the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, and other funding agencies as may provide funding. The remaining portion of the financing (the local share) shall be obtained through long term municipal bonds, and it is

ORDERED that a public hearing be held on March 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town offices, 46372 County Route 1, Alexandria Bay, New York to hear all persons interested in the proposed NYS Route 12 Sewer District No. 2, and it is further

ORDERED that the Town Clerk shall cause a copy of this Order to be published at least once in the official newspaper for the Town of Alexandria not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing, and shall cause a copy hereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town of Alexandria maintained pursuant to the provisions of the Town Law, not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date designated for the hearing.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Order was made by Councilmember **Thomas** and seconded by Councilmember **Fayette**, and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Sweet	yes X	no ___
Michael D. Fayette	yes X	no ___
Shawn Thomas	yes X	no ___
Ronald G. Thomson	absent	
Gene Kring	yes X	no ___

Dated: February 15, 2023

Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

(Seal)

Engineer Report Cont. Supervisor Sweet Talked about driveway / parking lot at Ice Arena getting redone. It is in bad shape before it gets any worse. Rob looking into it.

Salt Barn at Town Highway Department needing help. Rob is going to reach out to Kyle Felder and see if they can get it done, if not look for someone else.

Zoning Report No site plans, 2 violation letters went out both got fixed. Took in \$1,410.

Town Clerks Report Given.

January \$749.29 was transferred to General Fund from Clerk Account for Clerk's January monthly report.

Taxes are winding down. No more 1st installment payment can be accepted. Tax payers still have the opportunity to make full payments with a 1% interest fee until 1 March, after that all full payments will have to go to county for a 5% penalty and interest. I will be able to collect 2nd and 3rd installments.

Water Report Jamie Papin addressed water testing that other towns have had and said after checking with Converse and DOH said don't get two water tests. Jamie read letter to the Board addressing an email they had received. Conclusion he and Jay take their jobs and responsibilities very serious and would never do anything to put any of their consumers or the Town in any danger.

Sewer Report Jay reported they replaced 3 pumps. Received 20 new pumps. UV system still not here should be here by the end of the month or in March.

DPW Report Jamie reported they replaced glass at the rink. Another back up needs to be ordered.

Arena Report: Season is winding down. Financially in 2022 it was budgeted to take in \$55,000 and they took in \$74,000. School using it during the day and the turf helped with the income increase.

Youth Program Report: Councilman Thomas reported Basketball is under way. 1st and 2nd grade coach is Matt Chase Practice Mondays 3-4 with 15 players signed up. 3rd & 4th grade Coach is Beth Gentner and they Practice Monday 4:15 – 5:15 11 players. 5th & 6th grade girls Coach is Matt Chase with 2 high school varsity girls volunteering Bridget Watson and Madison Davidson. They start 2/16 from 3-4 with 7 girls on the team. 5th & 6th grade boys Coached by Sue Hunter, they practice Sunday at LaFargeville from 1 – 2:30. They have 9 boys on team.

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting: Motion by Supervisor Sweet to refund the following accounts: Acct 2 Robert Banister \$93.20 credit on account due to BA now being charged annually on Taxes. Acct # 325 Robert Sudkamp same scenario \$17.84. Acct # 327 Carmen Lorenzo credit Balance of \$10.85 same as above. Acct # 2000 Rockledge had \$65.80 Credit at time of sale of business. Seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carried with all in favor.

3 other accounts to be closed have had credit balances for 18 months to 3 years. Acct # 36 HSBC \$14.40 / Acct # 110 Credit Balance of \$18.21 / Acct # 223 Credit Balance \$83.27. Talk to Mike Lission to see how to handle.

Changes to EDU Charges recommended:

Acct # 498 Whiskey Wagon Saloon. Currently getting charged 1 edu water and 1 edu sewer. According to ordinance water should be 1.5 for commercial property with DOH benefit.

Acct # 5017 Swan Bay Car Wash. Currently not being charged sewer. Effective next billing have sewer go to 3 EDU's just like sewer.

Acct # 102 – Change is property use. Currently water is 1 EDU and sewer in 1.5 edu's. Property has 2 apartments and 1 accessory use. Water should be 2.5 edu and sewer stays at 1.5.

MuniPay is currently being deposited into the General Fund. Recommend that it go into Water and Sewer Account along with rest of Water and Deposits and get transferred monthly.

Motion by supervisor Sweet to accept recommended changes. Seconded by Councilman Thomas. Passed with all in favor.

There are 4 customers in Theresa that get billed to Theresa and then Theresa bills them and then sends us a payment. One of the 4 customers is our own sewer plant. Seems like a lot of extra works when we do the readings and everything go into UB Max. Why not bill directly. Sandy has spoke to Kim, Theresa's Town Clerk to see if she know of any reason to keep it the way it is and her response was, "no not really." Request Supervisor Sweet write letter to Theresa Supervisor and see if there is interest in doing this. We would need a new IMA, but we should start with all are parties willing.

Motion by Supervisor Sweet to get ahold of Theresa's Supervisor. Seconded by Councilman Kring. Passed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Read court report Filed: Jefferson County Clerk 2/6/2023 3:42PM Index # EF2018-2325.

Mr Alan Fraccola from Thousand Islands Recreation, talked again about his plans for land he would like to purchase from the Town at the Recreation Center. His vision is to have a water

park, amphitheater, cabins, walking trail with education about the area. He is working with Jerry who is a grant writer. He would like to break ground in the fall. It was suggested by the board he get his plans and go to the planning board.

Introduction of New Water Ordinance by Councilman Fayette. Motion by Supervisor Sweet and Seconded by Councilman Thomas to have Public Hearing 15 March 2023 immediately following the 1st public hear. Passed with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jamie Papin discussion about new truck and state bid, pretty much missed the cut off. Can order from FX Caprara and truck in about 4 months.

Motions by Councilman Thomas to order ¾ Ton Dodge F 2500 for Approximately \$47,00truck from FX Caprara Seconded by Councilman Kring motion carried by all.

Motion by Supervisor Sweet to declare Surplus on 2016 F2500 Truck and 2017 F350 Truck to put on Auctions International once new truck comes in Seconded by Counselman Kring. Motion passed all in favor.

Highway Department Fire Alarm System is down. Received 3 bids to get repaired.

1. Doyle Securities \$3,985
2. Citizen Telephone \$6,497
3. NCC Systems \$10,868.

After discussion Motion by Councilman Kring to go with Citizen Telephone. Seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion passed all in favor.

Letter from Matt Williams resigning as Co-Chair of Planning Board to Regular Member of Planning Board. Motion to accept by Councilman Thomas seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion to accept Robert Markert letter of resignation from Board of Assessment Review. Motion by Councilman Kring Seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion Carried all in favor.

Budget Transfers to close out books from 2022. All are within the same funds. Motion by Councilman Fayette seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion Carried all in favor. See Attached

Next Meeting 15 March 2023 at 6pm.

Motion for executive session for discussion on town employee by Councilman Thomas Seconded Councilman Kring. Motion carried all in favor.

