

Regular Scheduled Town of Alexandria Board Meeting
November 6, 2019, 6:00pm

Attendance: Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman John Stine, Attorney Bob Slye, Book Keeper/Clerk to the Supervisor Nicole Milsap, Town Clerk Jessy Hudon.
Absent Councilman Jim Vancour, Councilman Ron Thomson

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to open the public hearing on the 2020 Budget made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Councilman Jim Vancour, Councilman Ron Thomson. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing Open:

Stacy Durand asked some questions about Highway fund and Highway DB, real estate and sales tax. Supervisor Sweet advised there are changes that are going to be made but couldn't be done until after this meeting.

Stacy also asked some questions about bed tax, Clerk to Supervisor line items, Personal Services Deputy Clerk \$19,000 to \$3,000. Per Supervisor the Board felt Jessy is full time Clerk and with some duties that the Clerk to Supervisor has taken over there is no need for a Deputy. The \$3,000 is for during tax season or when Jessy is not here. Stacy verifying then the Deputy will have less hours.

Motion to continue the Public Hearing on 2020 Budget until Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:00pm made by Councilman John Stine, **Seconded** by Councilman Mike Fayette. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Councilman Jim Vancour, Councilman Ron Thomson. **Motion passed.**

Privilege of the Floor:

Book Keeper/Clerk to Supervisor left meeting

Discussion: Supervisor Sweet adv that the insurance policies have been updated to cover our workers at the Bonnie Castle site should anyone get hurt. Per Attorney Slye closing could be 60 days out.

Discussion: DANC Asset Management Plan Supervisor Sweet commented he needs more time to review it, there is a lot of paper work go over. Councilman Mike Fayette commented on concerns over things we are lacking, reserves and water and sewer rates in the Plan. There are several questions still. This is a work in progress.

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Discussion: Supervisor Sweet directed to Attorney Slye to explain the process of taking elected positions and changing them to appointed positions.

Attorney Slye explained "The Municipal Rule allows you to adopt a local law that would change an elected position to an appointed position but it is subject to mandatory referendum. If you were to adopt a local law it wouldn't go on until next Fall, then whoever held the elected position would continue to hold that position until the end of that elected term before the new appointed term would take place, so it would require a mandatory referendum."

Supervisor Sweet commented "this is similar to what we did with the referendum for Bonnie Castle Stables in the sense of by a certain date in August we'd have to have the document put together as far as the referendum." Attorney Slye stated "we'd have to have the proposition submitted to the Board of Elections."

Supervisor Sweet stated "at the next meeting in December when there is a "fuller" board we will probably take that action. What we have to do is advertise a date for a public hearing."

Attorney Slye further explained the process for the vote to be on the ballot next November.

Appoint Town Budget Officer: Tabled

Motion to change from 8 to 10hour workday and the 10 to 8hour work day back for the DPW and Sewer Department to be done by the Town Board each time it gets done made by Supervisor Sweet.

Discussion: Councilman Mike Fayette should be specific dates based on time of the year etc. (hours of daylight) also employees would know already when the dates would change. Will discuss further at next meeting. **Motion Tabled.**

Motion to change process for approval of bills by Department heads made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine.

Discussion: Motion is to have Department Heads, and Trevor (Bogart) come in and review bills to approve them and assure they are to the correct department to be paid.

Vote: All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Councilman Jim Vancour, Councilman Ron Thomson.

Motion passed.

Discussion Town owned Rt12 property: Attorney Slye advised he'd seen paperwork saying the State is taking the position the property be evolved(??) to the Town. If the Town wants to sell the land they will have to sell it at Public Auction and set the terms they want. Supervisor Sweet advised in the Clerk's office we do have a map dated 1937 that that State road was turned over to the Town.

In Supervisor's Sweet's opinion he said you'd think we (the Town) would want to see economic development.

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Discussion December meeting: Some board members have a conflict with the December 18, 2019 meeting date and would like to switch the meeting to December 11, 2019.

Motion to move the Town of Alexandria Monthly Board Meeting to December 11, 2019 at 6pm made by Councilman John Stine, **Seconded** by Councilman Mike Fayette. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Councilman Jim Vancour, Councilman Ron Thomson. **Motion passed.**

Discussion: Proposal for increase in Town Funding to the Alexandria Bay Fire Department. They have asked for a 10% increase in funding, Their funding is \$159,000.00, they are asking for an increase of \$15,900.00. That will affect the tax line item on your (citizens) tax bill that is labeled Town of Alexandria Fire Protection. It's not a district. That would cause the rate to go from \$.50 to \$.55 per thousand. Supervisor Sweet mentioned the possibility of splitting it over 2 years doing half each year so the taxpayers don't have that 10% increase. Councilman Mike Fayette agreed that made a lot of sense to do it that way.

Motion to give the Alexandria Bay Fire Department half of the \$15,900.00 in the 2020 budget then the full amount of the balance in 2021 made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Councilman Jim Vancour, Councilman Ron Thomson. **Motion passed.**

Highway Superintendent Report: Not available

Water Dept. Report: given

Sewer Dept. Report: given

Town Clerk Report: given

Rink Report: Not available from Trevor Bogart, Jamie Papin offered info regarding fuel oil running out

Town Youth Report: given

Zoning Report: Not available

Letter to the Town Board: Not available

Motion to adjourn this meeting, all other Town Business and Public Hearing until Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm and go into Executive Session for Negotiations made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Councilman Jim Vancour, Councilman Ron Thomson. **Motion passed.**

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The Town Board came out of Executive Session at 6:55pm.

Motion to approve Minutes (after corrections on August 21, 2019 & October 16, 2019) for July 3, 2019, July 24, 2019, August 21, 2019, August 29, 2019 and October 16, 2019 made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Councilman Jim Vancour, Councilman Ron Thomson. **Motion passed.**

Motion to add additional cameras at the Highway Barn made by Councilman Mike Fayette, Seconded by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Councilman Jim Vancour, Councilman John Stine. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes taken and recorded by Town Clerk Jessy Hudon
Minutes written by Deputy Clerk Cheri L. VanBrocklin

