

Reconvened Town of Alexandria Board Meeting  
November 20, 2019, 6:00pm

**Attendance:** Deputy Supervisor Ron Thomson, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman John Stine.  
**Absent:** Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour, Attorney Bob Slye, Town Clerk Jessy Hudon.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes:** January 29, 2019, February 20, 2019, February 25, 2019, March 20, 2019, March 25, 2019 & November 13, 2019.

Motion to approve minutes made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine.  
Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour. **Motion passed.**

### **Approval to pay bills:**

**Motion** to approve bills with the **exception** of the **Citizens Telephone Company** and the **Barrett Paving** bill made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour. **Motion passed.**

**Privilege of the Floor:** None

**Discussion:** Town Supervisor Brent Sweet attending REDI funding grant acceptance in Albany. Also attending is Mayor Steve Jarvis, Supervisor Elect for Clayton Lance Peterson, Rob Company and Gussie Withington.

**Discussion:** Deputy Supervisor Ron Thomson would like to propose the line item, the Highway Superintendents pay, in 2019 it was \$53,468, right now it is proposed for a 2% raise. Would like to amend the budget to keep it the same for 2019. Right now the 2020 budget line item would be \$53,468. If any rationale needed for that in the past there have been discussions in regards to GPS units being taken out of Town owned equipment after it was agreed to. Also monitoring cameras at the Town Barn being turned off. They are there for a reason, to protect the Town equipment. Also there was a situation with a wireless camera being installed by Citizens Telephone for \$2000 to monitor conditions on Route 192. The other reason is the Highway Superintendent has relinquished part of his duties that "we" (the Town) pay him for which is monitoring the Town roads by having his Deputy Superintendent at the time on overtime and charge the town \$.58 per mile for the use of his personal vehicle to go through the upper portion of the Town of Alexandria. The Board did end up putting a stop to that. Prior to that he was allowing the Deputy Superintendent to maintain his private parking lot and driveway at his home in exchange for that. That was stopped and then "we" (the Town) for 208 miles plus about 8 hours of overtime.

**Motion discussed** by Deputy Supervisor Ron Thomson to amend the 2020 Budget on one-line item and that is the Highway Superintendent so that the 2020 pay will be exactly the same as the 2019 pay. Advised was not certain if he could make that motion or not running the meeting. Asked if any other Board member would like to make that motion.

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**Motion** made by Councilman John Stine to amend the 2020 Budget on one-line item that is the Highway Superintendent so that the 2020 pay will be exactly the same as the 2019 pay, **Seconded** by Councilman Mike Fayette. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour. **Motion passed.** Budget amended.

**Motion** to approve and adopt the 2020 Budget as it was just amended made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour. **Motion passed. Budget adopted.**

**Discussion:** Update on burned trailer at Parkers Trailer park, Norris and Attorney are working on action. Verified with Zoning Officer Norris Handschuh there are children that live in the area. There are rats there. The son has been stalling to clean it up because of lack of money. Deputy Supervisor Thomson mentioned usually most insurance policies have fire insurance. There is an uncertainty if there was fire insurance or not in the case. Councilman Fayette inquired to Zoning Officer Handschuh why is the son stalling, Handschuh confirmed because he doesn't have the money to pay for the cleanup. Deputy Supervisor Thomson declared it sounds like the only way the property will get cleaned up is if the Town cleans it up and puts the bills to the taxes on the property/parcel. Zoning Officer Handschuh advised the Attorney Slye is working on a Resolution Have the Town take over the property to get something done in the near future, right now there is too much snow. There is a possibility of a family member trying to help clean it up.

**Discussion:** Update on Grossman St Amour audit, according to Supervisor Sweet there has been **no update received.**

**Discussion:** Update on Crowley Hallorhan Examination, **no update received.**

**Budget Transfers:**

**Motion** to approve Budget transfers made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour. **Motion passed.**

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**Discussion:** Woods vs Town of Alexandria. Zoning Officer Handschuh advised it was a 5:1 vote not to appeal. Deputy Supervisor inquired what the issue is, he isn't familiar with it. Zoning Officer Handschuh advised an individual on Wellesley Island was given a variance to turn a garage into a cottage but he could only use it himself or his family and it was found that he was renting it out. Zoning officer Handschuh advised "we" (the Town zoning) pursued him about it (for restricted zoning/use). According to Officer Handschuh the Judge did not look at the real issue that it was about. To confirm again the Zoning Board voted 5:1 not to pursue it. Discussion between Board members. The cost to pursue would be expensive, well over \$8,000.

**Motion** to accept the recommendation for the Zoning Board not to pursue the case any further made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Superintendent Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour. **Motion passed.**

**Discussion:** Next Town Board meeting changed to Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**Discussion:** DOS Streetscapes Grant and Resolution. Village Trustee Judy Fulmer was present. (There is no Resolution available, Deputy Supervisor Thomson called Supervisor Sweet to inquire if there is a Resolution that is needed to be voted on tonight). A motion is needed to agree to go forward with the project.

**Motion** to move forward with the DOS Streetscapes project with the Village of Alexandria made by Councilman John Stine, **Seconded** by Councilman Mike Fayette. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Superintendent Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour. **Motion passed.**

**Discussion:** Thomson Park Improvements through Town's budgeted line item "Village Improvement". Councilman Mike Fayette expressed he had spoken Supervisor Brent Sweet as well as Village Trustee Brad "Shookie" Millet about this project. What they are in favor of is replacing the entire fence all the way around with a gate in the front. The lighting portion, benches and tables. The regrading around the playground equipment could be done by the Village DPW. He stated he'd like to look into some grants and get some figures. Deputy Supervisor inquired if this is from the 2019 budget or the 2020 budget? Councilman Fayette advised the 2019 Budget, there is at least \$20,000. Will discuss further at the December 11, 2019 meeting.

**Discussion:** Attorney researching the action necessary to make the tax collector a separate position and changing wage amounts of elected officials due to changes in job duties all by public referendum.

**Discussion:** Hire grant writer/writers to apply for BCS (Bonnie Castle Stables) projects; letters have been sent out.

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**Discussion:** Authorize Deputy Clerk to send dog owners a letter about licensing dogs that have received (rabies) vaccinations.

**Motion** to allow letters to be sent to dog owners about licensing dogs that have received (rabies) vaccinations made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour. **Motion passed.**

**Privilege of the Floor:** none

**Motion** to adjourn meeting until next meeting on December 11, 2019 made by Councilman Mike Fayette, **Seconded** by Councilman John Stine. Discussion, none. All in favor 3 ayes, zero nays. Absent Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Jim Vancour. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 6:31pm

Minutes recorded

Minutes written by Deputy Clerk Cheri L. VanBrocklin