

Town of Alexandria Board Meeting
February 24, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Approved

Present: Supervisor Brent Sweet, Councilman Sandy Caputo, Councilman Mike Fayette, Councilman John Stine and Town Clerk Jessy Hudon.

Absent: Ron Thomson

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve Dec 30, 2020 and January 27, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Supervisor Brent Sweet seconded by Councilman Sandy Caputo. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent (Thomson). Motion Passed.

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the bills. Motion made by Councilman Sandy Caputo seconded by Councilman Mike Fayette. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 Absent (Thomson) Motion Passed.

Privilege of the floor

Councilman Mike Fayette mentioned to the board that he would like to have Judy Cornick, grant writer look into grants for the office bathrooms. The board discussed cosmetic updates that could approve the bathrooms and will allow Judy to research bathroom grants for municipal offices.

Councilman Sandy Caputo stated that a tax payer (Bartlett) asked her why it is so expensive at the transfer site. Caputo asked the board if the Transfer Site can be re-looked at again and what would be fair to everyone.

Councilman Sandy Caputo mentioned how she does not like the fact that a sign is outside the door of this office that states no public bathrooms available. Caputo stated that this is a public building that belongs to our tax payers and the bathroom should be available to use.

Update : Duties of Council changes: Councilman Mike Fayette no longer is involved with Union Negotiations. Strike from 2021 Appointments & Responsibilities.

Update Bonnie Castle: Muraco is still working on the clean-up.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION subject to Permissive Referendum for the sale of real property by the Town of Alexandria to Ronald D. Randall and Judith A. Randall.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting held on the 24th day of February 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria duly adopted a resolution, an abstract which follows, which resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Town Law Article 7.

Pursuant to Town Law §64(2), the resolution authorized the Town Supervisor to sell Town property located near Snow Road, consisting of approximately 0.87 acres of land. The said Town property has not been utilized by the Town of Alexandria and was formerly part of NYS Route 12. Buyers, Ronald D. Randall and Judith A. Randall will pay the Town the sum of \$3,362.00 for the purchase of the real property. The Agreement between the Town and the Buyers is available for inspection at the Town's office.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA , NEW YORK

Motion to Adopt the Resolution subject to Permissive Referendum for the sale of real property by the Town of Alexandria to Ronald D. Randall and Judith A. Randall. Motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette seconded by Councilman Sandy Caputo. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent(Thomson) Motion Passed.

Perry Property – Otter Street/ Rte 12: Condemned and Boarding up procedure: The Town has been inspecting the house on a regular basis, Norris H, Zoning Officer has posted signs on the property.

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Zoning is in the process of condemning the property, the house is has no rear door and is exposed to the elements. The house needs to be boarded up to make it safe and secure.

Motion to follow the guidelines of Attorney Bob Slye to board the property up and cost of material will added to their T & C Taxes . Motion made by Councilman John Stine seconded by Councilman Mike Fayette. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent (Thomson) Motion Passed.

Two Savings accounts / CD : Resolution: Motion to approve the Supervisor to sign the resolution for two savings CDs. Both savings Cd will be for \$300,000 each. One Cd will be for 2 Years with an interest of .45% and the second CD will be for 3 years with an interest of .5%. Discussion by the board. Motion to approve Two Savings CDs by Councilman Mike Fayette second by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent(Thomson). Motion Passed.

Rink Update: Hockey games to begin on the 24th. Discussion on game streaming. Allow one person on each end of the rink to stream the games. Discussion on arena closer, tentative 3rd week in March.

Redwood water tank inspection: Rob Company let the board know that there is work that needs to be done on the inside of the tank. Company addressed concerns of debris or bird(s) getting into the tank, he stated that there are two hatches one on top and one on the side that are closed and latched at all times which prevents anything getting into the tank. Supervisor Sweet stated that Rob has been in the tank and professionals who inspected the tank and no reports about a bird(s) were reported.

DASNY Zamboni Grant Agreement: Motion to approve the Supervisor to sign an agreement with DANC to finish the \$100,000 grant agreement. The Town has been working on this grant for two years and want to complete the grant with the help from DANC. Motion to approve the agreement with DANC and cost not to accede \$7000 dollars. Motion made by Councilman Sandy Caputo seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent (Thomson). Motion Passed.

Supervisor Brent Sweet thanked Councilman Mike Fayette for all the work he has done on the Zamboni grant.

Cemetery Bids to be advertised: Board approved the Cemetery Bids to be a two year contract. Bids will be due by March 24, 2021 @ 4:00pm and to be opened on March 24 @ 6:00pm at the regular scheduled board meeting. Motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette seconded by Councilman Sandy Caputo. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent(Thomson). Motion Passed.

Supervisor Brent Sweet read a text message asking the board if Hax Field in Redwood will be mowed in case the kids are able to play spring sports. Supervisor answered yes, the field will be mowed.

Supervisor Sweet along with the board thanked Village Supervisor Steve Jarvis and Trustees for allowing the Town to use the Village Loader.

Highway, Water & Sewer Report – Given

Water Service Line Break (Rte 26) MCI Company repaired the line, it took them about 3 ½ hours. NYS State Health Dept. was notified and once repaired a water sample was tested. Results came out Satisfactory.

Old Butterfield docks: The board would like to see the old Butterfield docks sold. Discussion on removing the dock cleats or keeping them on for the sale. Motion to put together advertisement to sell docks. Motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette second by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent (Thomson) Motion Passed.

Union Negotiation dates and Times: No dates or times have been scheduled at this time.

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Public Employee Emergency Health Plan: Supervisor Brent Sweet gave the board the rough draft of the plan to review. To be discussed at the March 24th meeting.

Jay Gascon, Sewer Plant Operator rebuilt the charcoal filter floor with aluminum and it's back up and running.

Work-Place Anti-Harassment Training: Supervisor Brent Sweet gave Trident (Insurance) everyone's email address and they will send a link to take the training.

Discussion on accepting mattresses and bed springs at the Transfer Site: The board decided to reject the proposal. The Transfer site will not accept mattresses and box springs.

Vision and/ or Dental Insurance: Motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette seconded by Councilman John Stine to allow employees of the Town who do not have Vision and/ or Dental Insurance to be able to receive it if they pay 100% of the premium (No cost to the Town). Discussion: Councilman Sandy Caputo asked the question, if I want vision/ dental insurance and I pay 100% of the cost, I can get the insurance through the Town. Supervisor Sweet stated yes. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent (Thomson) Motion Passed.

2020 yearly town audits completed according to NYS Comptroller: Supervisor Brent Sweet stated that the 2020 yearly audit has been completed for the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Book keeper, Town Court Clerks. Separate Reports for everyone one of them. All accounts have been deposited in a timely manner, based on their audit all reporting has been done properly. They gave some advice to the board on reconciliation reporting. The board will start using the advice on to help improve the towns reconciliation. Motion to accept the reports was made by Councilman Sandy Caputo seconded by Councilman Mike Fayette. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent (Thomson) Motion Passed.

Hourly Pay for Highway Part-timers: Motion to change the part-time rate for highway dept. to \$18.00 per hour. Motion made by Councilman Sandy Caputo seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent(Thomson) Motion Passed.

Highway Superintendent wages: Tabled

Employee Health benefits contribution for March renewal: Tabled

Supervisor Brent Sweet thanked Jamie Papin for submitting yearly reports on time for the transfer site and landfill.

Supervisor Brent Sweet thanked the Highway Superintendent and the Highway Crew for all their hard work and the 70 + hours spent plowing and keeping the roads safe.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Motion made by Councilman Sandy Caputo seconded by Councilman John Stine. Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent(Thomson) Motion Passed.

Motion to come out of executive session at 9:25pm.

Motion made by Councilman Mike Fayette seconded by John Stine to adjourn the meeting.
Ayes 4 Nays 0 1 absent (Thomson) Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned