

Town of Alexandria  
Adjourned Meeting  
April 23, 2024  
5:00 PM  
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Supervisor Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Davidson - Present  
Councilman Hunneyman - Present  
Councilman Kring - Present arrived 5:25 pm  
Councilman Thomas - Present  
Supervisor Sweet - Present

No one for Public Comment

**Highway Garage Projects Building**

Town board members reviewed the detailed paperwork on these projects, the estimated costs, and the monies available to fund them.

Councilman Hunneyman remarked that the dehumidifier and the drain system need to be priority as we should concentrate on getting the moisture out of the building.

Supervisor Sweet advised that the specs are done for the air system and the floor drain. Also, the dehumidifier specs have already gone out to 3 vendors.

Councilman Davidson commented that only one bid has been received for the floor drain.

Board members also discussed money for the highway department to make permanent road improvements and what portion of the funds are CHIPS funds.

The board asked questions of Nicole Milsap, town bookkeeper, concerning the funding. She explained that in DA after the Sales tax goes in next week there should be around \$400,000 and they will have been made whole at this point.

Discussion on CHIPS money and permanent road improvements.

Discussion centered on Lake Street Alley in Redwood which is not owned by the town but has been maintained by the town for at least 30 years. Supervisor Sweet asked if the town wanted to own it.

Councilman Thomas remarked that we ran into this same thing when the town stopped plowing Second Street in Redwood after having done it for at least 10 years.

Supervisor Sweet commented that looking at the dollars and cents, he feels the town will be able to do all these projects.

**BC Stables Auction Status**

Supervisor Sweet stated that, while this is preliminary, Brzostek's Auction Services Inc. would hold an open house on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, from 1pm to 3pm for viewing. The auction would be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 1 p.m. Supervisor Sweet asked if the board had any problem with him taking prospective buyers through the facility prior to that. They had no problem. There is a contract which states a buyback of 2.5% of the bid price. The cost for Brzostek is \$1,300.

Motion was made by Councilman Davidson to exercise the contract for sale of Bonnie Castle Stables thru an Auction with Brzostek on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, with the terms as submitted. Seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Councilman Kring arrived at meeting 5:25 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilman Davidson seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried with all voting in favor thereof to move into Executive Session at 5:30 pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

The town board reconvened in regular session at 6:00 pm

**CD Rates and Amounts**

Supervisor Sweet explained that he would like the following resolution by the board to clarify the rates, amounts and dates of the four CDs currently at Community Bank

**RESOLUTION # 07- 2024**

**CLARIFICATION OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria that the following certificates of deposit are with Community Bank at a rate of 5% for the term of six months:

- April 02, 2024 \$313,411.42
- April 22, 2024 \$218,087.01
- April 22, 2024 \$326,712.16
- April 22, 2024 \$314,102.19

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria accepts these certificates of deposit for the amounts, rates, and terms of six months.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Hunneyman and upon roll call of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Sweet	YES	X	NO	_____
Councilman Davidson	YES	X	NO	_____
Councilman Hunneyman	YES	X	NO	_____
Councilman Kring	YES	X	NO	_____
Councilman Thomas	YES	X	NO	_____

**Pipes at Butterfield Lake**

There is no more information on this at this time, so it won't be discussed during the meeting.

**Road Tour**

It was agreed that the board members would meet on Wednesday at 5:00 pm on May 1, 2024, to do a road tour of the roads listed for improvements. It was agreed later in the meeting to meet with Andrew Garlock at 5:00 pm for an hour and then do the road tour at 6:00 pm.

**MSPEN Grant Worksheet**

Supervisor Sweet explained that this is a list of projects that the board needs to look at and see what they would be interested in doing. Councilman Thomas remarked that some of these on this list are already being addressed by Rob Campney. He stated that the board doesn't want to double down on the ones that are already being worked on by Rob. He also mentioned that regarding the Redwood water tower project and the sewer grant, an income survey is underway for these grants. Councilman Hunneyman agreed. It was agreed that Maureen and Rob should have a discussion as to who is working on which projects. Supervisor Sweet advised that the board had discussed the things that Rob is to work on at a previous meeting.

Councilman Davidson commented that while we could have it in the minutes for who should be working on what, the board should determine what the priorities are for all the projects in accordance with what the board's priorities are. He stated that it makes no sense to spin our wheels for things that we aren't going to pursue. He also remarked that according to the

board's proposed priorities these include the signs, sports complex, the sale of the stables, the procedures policy and onboarding. He remarked that the board needs to stay true to what our strategic plans are. He also commented that the board could clarify who is on which project by sending out emails and then prioritize those projects.

Councilman Thomas commented that while this is true, what projects is the board willing to take on without any of funding - the digital speed sign and the restrooms as well as the financial software?

Supervisor Sweet remarked that he is always bringing up the Redwood Water and Sewer in the meetings because Sandy has put a lot of work into it as they are a constantly changing item due to cost. Therefore, Redwood Water and Sewer need to be put on the priority list.

### **Water Discussion**

Sandy said that from what she has seen from the village budget, the water rates to the town may go down slightly. She explained that the village received \$5 million to overhaul the system but the cost of the project is estimated at \$13 million. They signed a bond for \$8 million. However, the board has changed and is more conservative and understands that when they have 400 EDUs and taking \$8 million, even at 0 interest, for over 30 years is a lot of money. And some of the board members can't swallow raising the EDUs to \$1,000 plus per year, which is about what it would come out to.

Councilman Thomas asked how much the village makes selling water to us.

Sandy explained that the town pays for all of it from the entry points at the end of Church Street to Redwood and from the end of Otter Street to Fishers Landing. She further explained that when the village does their budget, they consider all their costs and decide if it is the cost to treat the water, the distribution in the lines or storage in the tanks. They then come up with a percentage allocated to water and that is how they come up with a rate.

Councilman Thomas asked if they budgeted for a surplus.

Supervisor Sweet remarked that he believes it's 15% profit.

Councilman Thomas asked when the IMA expires. Sandy stated that it would be a while.

Councilman Thomas suggested, since it is such a large project, that perhaps we could sit down and talk with the village and maybe buy into the project.

Councilman Hunneyman remarked that if there was more growth in the village that would help. However, there hasn't been much growth in the past 10 years.

Supervisor Sweet commented that the Redwood sewer pumps are old and will need replacing.

Sandy advised that they have replaced half of them through grant funding.

Supervisor Sweet responded that we still must replace between 40-50% of them and we don't have grant funding at this time. He also remarked that the well cement in the holding tanks needs to be replaced as well.

Councilman Kring stated that the plow truck also needs to be added to the priority list.

### **Procedures Policy**

Councilman Hunneyman asked if the board was going to change any of the procedures for the duties of town officials.

Supervisor Sweet explained that he had received two different sets of amendments and would email them to board members for their review.

### **TIERS**

Councilman Hunneyman asked about the TIERS email that had been forwarded to board members.

Supervisor Sweet explained that the email was from Bobby Cantwell, representing TIERS and asking for money for them from the town.

Councilman Hunneyman remarked that TIERS is on automatic mutual aid. So, when a call for Advanced Life Support comes through from the Town of Alexandria, TIERS responds.

Supervisor Sweet advised that there are new provisions in the law that the Town of Alexandria can be held responsible for paying for ALS calls. He contacted the county to get the number of these calls the town has had. The county responded that they would get the report out as soon as it is completed.

#### **I PAD Idea**

Councilman Thomas commented that we should move forward with this idea. He stated that the board members and Sandy should each have one. Councilman Hunneyman suggested the bookkeeper also. Councilman Thomas remarked that he didn't think she would have a need for one.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilman Davidson at 6:35 pm until May 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm for town business. Motion seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion carried all in favor.