

Town of Alexandria
 Regular Meeting
 June 19, 2024
 6:00 PM
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Supervisor Sweet called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge to Allegiance

Roll Call:

Councilman Davidson - Present
 Councilman Hunneyman - Present
 Councilman Kring - Present
 Councilman Thomas - Present
 Supervisor Sweet - Present

Motion by Councilman Thomas to accept new bills only on Abstract period 5/17/2024 thru 6/19/2024 in the total abstract amount of \$384,751.21. P/R items \$33,101.83 with Abstract \$351,649.38. Motion seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Discussion that prepays had not been reviewed yet and many of the invoices were missing the first approval signatures. Motion carried all in favor.

Motion by Councilman Kring to accept minutes from June 5,2024. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion was carried all in favor.

Public Hearing reopened:

Continuation of Public hearing of Local Law # 5 - 2024. Attorney Silver was able to give clear guidance to those that are honorary members that would be eligible. He explained that the law is broken into 2 parts. Part 1 is those that have accumulated 5 years of active membership and are currently active. These people would be eligible for the exemption. Part 2 are members that have accumulated 20 years of active membership so long as their primary residency is in the Town. Even if they are not active any longer and are considered honorary members, they would be eligible for the exemption. An honorary member with only 10 years of active membership would not be eligible for the exemption. Councilman Hunneyman addressed the process and stated the Fire Department / Fire Districts will provide a list of eligible members to the Town Assessor and it will be up to the individual to apply for the tax credit with the assessor.

Motion by Councilman Hunneyman to close the Public Hearing on Local Law #5 -2024. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried all in favor.

Motion by Councilman Davidson to adopt Local Law # 5 with the amendment of the draft copy to include the word active in the 3rd paragraph after the word certified. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion passes by rolled call vote.

Local Law # 5 – 2024, Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Real Property Tax Exemption, a Local Law to allow for a 10% tax reduction.

Local Law No 5 of the year 2024

Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson

Title: Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Real Property Tax Exemption

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of the town board of the Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson to provide a real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers as set forth in Real Property Tax Law § 466-a.

SECTION 2. Authority

Real Property Tax Law § 466-a authorizes the town board to adopt a local law providing a real property tax exemption of up to ten percent of the assessed value of real property owned by qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

SECTION 3. Grant of Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers

The Town Board of the Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson hereby provides a real property tax exemption of Ten Percent (10%) of the assessed value of real property for individuals that meet the following qualifications:

- The individual is an enrolled, certified and active member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or volunteer ambulance service that serves the Town of Alexandria and has a minimum of Five (5) years of service; and
- The individual resides in the town and the property receiving the benefit is the primary residence of the individual and is used exclusively for residential purposes, and any portion of the property not used for residential purposes shall be subject to taxation.

SECTION 4. Grant of Lifetime Real Property Tax Exemption for Certain Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers

The Town Board of the Town of Alexandria, County of Jefferson hereby provides a lifetime real property tax exemption of Ten Percent (10%) of the assessed value of real property for any individuals that have been certified by the authority having jurisdiction over an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service as having accrued twenty or more years of active service, so long as their primary residence remains within the Town of Alexandria.

SECTION 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION 6. Effective date

This local law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Enactment:

Motion made by Councilman Davidson to approve and enact.

LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2024 consisting of three numbered pages, including the enactment and certification pages, being:

A Local Law to provide a real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers as set forth in Real Property Tax Law § 466-a.

Seconded by: Councilman Thomas

Roll Call Vote: Board Aye Nay
Members

Brent H. Sweet, Town Supervisor X _____

Dale Hunneyman, Board Member X _____

Shawn Thomas, Board Member X _____

Tim Davidson, Board Member X _____

Gene Kring, Board Member X _____

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Alexandria, New York have certified that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. 5 of 2024 of the Town of Alexandria was duly passed by the Town of Alexandria Board on the 19th day of June 2024 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

Dated: June 19, 2024

Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

Motion to open public hearing on the Redwood Sewer and Water by Councilman Thomas Seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carried all in favor.

Public Hearing for comments on the Redwood Sewer and Water District's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the **2024 program year. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and will make available to eligible local governments approximately **\$25 Million** for the **2024** program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. Town of Alexandria is applying for up to **\$2 Million** in CDBG funds to **make improvements to the Redwood Sewer and Water Districts**. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.**

Rob Campany explained what the Community Development block involved and what was being asked to be improved in both districts. Redwood Wastewater system application is looking to continue with the replacement of pumps, preplacement of control panel at the pump station, upgrading sand in the sand beds, and dosing tanks. The Redwood water system would be looking to upgrade controls at the pumping stations, disinfections system upgrades and painting of the outside of the water tower in Redwood. No one asked any questions or comments from the public. Rob asked that the Town Board allowed questions on the grant to be accepted in writing to the Town Supervisor until July 17.

Motion by Councilman Thomas to close public hearing and continue to allow public questions to be made in writing about either one of the grants to the Town Supervisor until the next meeting July 17. Motion seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion carried all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CONCERNS:

Alexandria Fire Department Chief David VanBrocklin addressed the Town Board about the Alexandria Bay Ambulance looking into doing soft billing, which is now allowed, because of a law passed by New York State. Soft billing means people that use an ambulance their insurance will be billed. Any portion that is not paid by the insurance will be forgiven. The Alexandria Bay Fire Department is also looking into becoming a Fire District. The Department is having a lawyer from Albany come to explain the process and answer questions and the lawyer has said both the Town and Village Boards should be involved. David stated nothing is in stone, it is just being investigated at this point and if all parties agree that we should proceed, then it would need to go to public referendum.

Councilman Thomas asked if they could explain what that would mean, and does it mean that we would have 4 districts? David explained that the coverage area would be the same, but the name would no longer be the Village of Alexandria Bay Fire Department. Walt Dingman explained that it would take the Town and Village out of the fire business. The district would have a board of Commissions and they would do the budgeting and submit to the Town to go on the tax roll the same way Plessis and Redwood do it now. Robert Dickhaut, a Commissioner in the Redwood Fire District explain that in a Fire District, is like two organizations. There is a Fire District, and then the fireman department.

George Martin, Fire Chief from Redwood commented that many community fire districts are starting to consolidate and that would be a difficult conversation to have if a district is owned by the Village. He thinks it is a good idea to go out on there and it may open the door to other things down the line.

Walt Dingman explained that TIERS with the new state laws would be able to bill the Village for certain ambulance calls. This means it would be a cost to the Village Fire Department and that is why they want to go to soft billing, to help offset some of the costs.

Trustee Sandra Caputo from the Village of Alexandria Board also asked the Town Board to consider making an Ambulance District for the Town of Alexandria. Currently some residents, (those in the Alexandria Fire District) of the Town of Alexandria are contributing to Alexandria Fire Protection which includes ambulance protection. However, the other two Fire Districts in the Town, which include Redwood and Plessis do not have ambulance protection and the Village or Alexandria Fire Protection is covering the entire town.

Motion by Councilman Kring and Seconded by Councilman Davidson to take Item #1 Restrictive covenant from New Business out of order. Motion carried all in favor.

Town Attorney Andy Silver explained what a Restrictive Covenant on the former Bonnie Castle Stables would mean to the Town. He read the Resolution and explained all parts so everyone understood what it meant and answered all questions.

Motion by Councilman Thomas and a Second by Councilman Davidson to act on this Restrictive Covenant by declaration against real property Located at 43368/574 NYS Route 12, Town of Alexandria, NY Parcel Number 13.00-3-82.1 approximately 272.39 acres Resolution 2024-11.

**RESOLUTION 2024-11
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS BY DECLARATION AGAINST REAL PROPERTY LOCATED A 43368/574 NYS ROUTE 12, TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, TAX ID NO. 13.00-3-82.1, APPROXIMATELY 272.39 ACRES

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS BY DECLARATION AGAINST REAL PROPERTY LOCATED A 43368/574 NYS ROUTE 12, TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, TAX ID NO. 13.00-3-82.1, APPROXIMATELY 272.39 ACRES (“Property”)

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria held at Town Offices, 46372 Co. Rte 1 Alexandria Bay, N.Y. 13607, on June 19, 2024, at 6 p.m.,

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

PRESENT: Brent Sweet, Supervisor
 Dale Hunneyman, Councilman
 Shawn Thomas, Councilman
 Timothy Davidson, Councilman
 Gene Kring, Councilman

WHEREAS The Town Board by separate resolution may authorize the sale of the Property at a public auction, and

WHEREAS The Town Board considers the Property to constitute a prime development area best suited for commercial and/or residential development that will maintain and enhance the real property tax base of the Town; and

WHEREAS The Town Board considers the protection of its tax base to be an important and essential responsibility that is in the best interests of the Town and its residents; and

WHEREAS The Town Board considers the imposition of a restrictive covenant generally preventing the Property from being removed from the tax rolls or otherwise exempted from real property taxation to be in the best interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS the declaration of such restrictive covenant ("Declaration") being the subject of this resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board considers that such a restrictive covenant should be permanent in nature, should run with the Property and should bind any future Purchaser(s) of the Property from the Town or any other future owner; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has considered the potential environmental impact under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act of the imposition of the restrictive covenant herein provided; and

WHEREAS the Property is currently zoned for commercial use; and

NOW, on motion duly made and seconded, this Board makes the following determinations:

1. The action of imposing the Declaration on the Property is classified as a Type II Action under 6 NYCRR 617.54 and other relevant provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and is accordingly, determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and does not require an environmental impact statement and will not result in a change to the current zoning classification of the Property.
2. The Declaration is approved as to form and content and the Property shall be subject to the restrictions as set forth in the Declaration.
3. The Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the Declaration and sign all other documents and take all actions necessary to record the Declaration in the Office of the Jefferson County Clerk.
4. The foregoing "WHEREAS" recitals are incorporated into this resolution as recognized and authorized actions of the Town Board.
5. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of this Resolution in the official newspaper of the Town of Alexandria within ten (10) days of its adoption and to notify any prospective purchaser of the Property of the existence of the Declaration and the restrictive covenant therein provided.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was made by Councilman Thomas and second by Councilman Davidson, and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Brent Sweet, Supervisor	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Dale Hunneyman, Councilman	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Shawn Thomas, Councilman	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Timothy Davidson, Councilman	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Gene Kring, Councilman	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>

CERTIFICATION:

I, Sandra Caputo, Clerk of the Town of Alexandria, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria held on June 19, 2024, 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.

Dated: June 19, 2024

Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

Andy went on to discuss Resolution 2024-12 on the Sale of the former Bonnie Castle Stables property.

**RESOLUTION 2024-12
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 43368/574 NYS ROUTE 12, TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, TAX ID NO. 13.00-3-82.1, APPROXIMATELY 272.39 ACRES BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 43368/574 NYS ROUTE 12, TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, TAX ID NO. 13.00-3-82.1, APPROXIMATELY 272.39 ACRES BY PUBLIC AUCTION. COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BONNIE CASTLE RECREATION CENTER ("Property")

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria held at Town Offices, 46372 Co. Rte. 1 Alexandria Bay, N.Y. 13607, on June 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.,

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

- PRESENT:**
- Brent Sweet, Supervisor
 - Dale Hunneyman, Councilman
 - Shawn Thomas, Councilman
 - Timothy Davidson, Councilman
 - Gene Kring, Councilman

WHEREAS The Town acquired the Property in 2022, and

WHEREAS The Town Board considers the Property a prime development area best suited for commercial and/or residential development that will maintain and enhance the real property tax base of the Town; and

WHEREAS The Town Board believes that the development of the Property will best be achieved through a public sale and not by continued Town ownership; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has determined that the Property is not needed for municipal purposes and is surplus; and

WHEREAS, The Town has retained the services of Brzosteck’s Auction Co, Inc. to conduct a public auction of the Property scheduled to be held on July 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS The Town Board believes that a public auction will ensure that the Property is sold for fair and adequate consideration; and

WHEREAS The Town Board shall hereafter consider the potential environmental impact of the sale of the Property under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

NOW, on motion duly made and seconded, this Board makes the following determinations:

1. The Town of Alexandria is appointed the lead agency to conduct a review of the sale of the Property under 6 NYCRR 617.54 and other relevant provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and
2. The Property is declared as surplus and not needed for municipal purposes; and
3. The Town is authorized to sell the property at public auction to the highest responsible bidder scheduled to be held on July 17, 2024, or on any subsequently scheduled date pursuant to Section 64 of the Town Law of the State of New York; and
4. Any sale of the Property shall be subject to a permissive referendum as required by Section 64 of the Town Law of the State of New York and related statutes; and
5. The Town reserves the right to bid for the Property at the auction to prevent a sale for less than fair and adequate consideration; and
6. The foregoing "Whereas" recitals are incorporated into this resolution as recognized and authorized actions of the Town Board.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was made by Councilman Kring and second by Councilman Davidson, and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Brent Sweet, Supervisor	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Dale Hunneyman, Councilman	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Shawn Thomas, Councilman	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Timothy Davidson, Councilman	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>
Gene Kring, Councilman	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u> </u>	Absent <u> </u>

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 Sandra Caputo, Town Clerk

REPORTS:

1. Bolton Avenue Recreation Center renovation status: Discussion that 5 grants have been applied for and they are trying for the maximum scope of the project. The Board discussed putting renovation project on the ballet in November and Dale commented that might not be a good idea because that happened with Bonnie Castle Recreation Center and that project never got off the ground after the property was purchased and lots of money spent. He is hearing people are worried about the \$13.5 million price tag and are worried about what it will do with the tax rate. The board agreed all 6 of the scopes of projects need to be looked at with different amounts of grant money from zero to the max and depending on where the Town comes in see what they could do and afford. The Town Board still has work to do with the town accountant to get some of these figures before decisions can be made. Councilman Thomas explained that when an asset is neglected for 50 years and things are not kept up to date, this is what happens, and you end up with a very large expensive project.

2. Engineer Report: Rob Campany reported Butterfield Lake Gazebo is back in place. Supervisor Sweet suggested we may need to get a picnic table or some benches and possibly a

railing to go around the outside. Councilman Hunneyman stated everything that goes in needs to be bolted down. The neighbors are all very happy.

WIIA grant funds application has been submitted for Route 12 Sewer # 2. There is also another round that must be submitted by the end of July.

Progress report for the Highway garage – Mike Hoover will be ready to start in 2-3 weeks. The prefab trench drains will take about 4 weeks to come in and the grates will take a couple of months. There is a fair amount of work to be done before it is needed.

Bids for the electrical at Highway barn included an upgrade to a 400A Service Entrance, 60 KW Generator, and HVAC Wiring. Bids received were as follows:

New Century Electric, Inc from Clayton	\$89,859.11
Tel Inc, Heuvelton, NY	\$89,100.00
Watson Electric, Norwood, NY	\$116,552.00
Kahrs Construction LLC, Redwood, NY	\$84,000.00

Motion to accept Kahrs Construction bid for \$84,000.00 from Councilman Thomas motion seconded by Councilman Kring. Motion carried all in favor.

Rob is still working on speed signs. Rob explained what a NYS Climate Smart Community means, and it is a good thing to do, and it helps with grant applications. You start by passing a resolution and he encourages all his town to do this.

Motion by Councilman Davidson to become a Climate smart Community. Motion seconded by Councilman Kring.

RESOLUTION # 2024-13

A Resolution for the Town of Alexandria Adopting the New York State Climate Smart Community Pledge

At a meeting of the Town of Alexandria, held at The Municipal Building 46372 Co. Rte. 1 Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 on 19 June 2024, there were:

Present:

Brent Sweet, Town Supervisor
Shawn Thomas, Councilman
Gene Kring, Councilman
Dale Hunneyman, Councilman
Tim Davidson, Councilman

WHEREAS the Town of Alexandria (hereinafter “local government”) believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy, and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent, and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Alexandria, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:*

- 1) **Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) **Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) **Decrease energy use.**
- 4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) **Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) **Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) **Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) **Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) **Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) **Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**

A motion to adopt the foregoing order was made by Councilman Davidson and seconded by Councilman Kring and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Brent Sweet	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___
Shawn Thomas	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___
Gene Kring	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___
Timothy Davidson	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___
Dale Hunneyman	YES <u>X</u>	NO ___	Absent ___

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(seal)

Sandra Caputo, Clerk

3. Assessors Report from Marlene Norfolk. The Board of Assessment Review met on May 28th to hear grievances. A copy of the decisions they made is attached. Work has begun on the revaluation program that will take place on the 2026 assessment roll. A tentative plan has been put in place for the summer months of June, July, and August to begin data collection. We will begin the process starting June 25th and 26th. We will be colling information on parcels located on Route 12 that are in map section 13.00 This area was selected so staff would not be interfering with summer residents and visitors along the river and in the Village. Letters advising these property owners that we will be in their neighborhood were mailed out today for this section. There are 272 parcels located within this map section. County staff has done the aerials on all these parcels. It is anticipated that this section will take two weeks to complete. In July we will continue Route 12 with map sections 6.00 and 7.9. In August we will do map sections 7.08, 7.10, 3.16, and 3.00. Data collection on the river and in the village will occur sometime after Labor Day. I will keep you updated on the progress of data collection. The 2024 Final Assessment Roll will be ready July 1st. A “Notice of Filing Completed Assessment Roll with Clerk” will be published advising the public that the roll is open to the public for inspection.

4. Highway Report for Zach Calhoun. Since the last board meeting the guys have finished Swan Hollow Road and are waiting to be scheduled for paving. They have prepped School Street in Plessis. That is waiting to be scheduled for paving as well. Equipment is at Bailey Settlement waiting to replace a 4-foot culvert pipe. Shoulders have been cut, trees and brush have been trimmed. Minor sloping and rock picking is left to do along with the culvert replacement and Bailey will be ready for the train crew. Moving to the hamlet of Redwood next to prep for Black topping. Besides major road works the guys have been busy hauling stone and sand. They hauled to a few other towns and a couple of days for the county as needed. They installed drain lines for the storm gutters on the back of the building. Started to grade back yard to help with better drainage. Had guys help Geronimo Bates and his guys move and set the gazebo at the

head of Butterfield Lake. Bill is making his way around town again. He is currently on the island. We have had the brush tractor on some back roads trimming where needed.

5. Zoning Report. TOA website “supporting documents.”

6. Water Report. TOA website “supporting documents.” Sandy also reported that she made an error when setting up a new account for 43440 -350 NYS Route 37 when a property sold last fall. The error was not discovered until a full billing cycle was completed at the end of March. Instead of water usage an Rsewer charge was applied incorrectly and should be a \$269.29 credit to the sewer and the water was set up as 1.5 EDU and should have been a 1.75 EDU so an additional \$36.93 should be charge. Water billing will be going out at the end of this month.

Motion by Councilman Thomas to give a credit of \$232.36 to acct number 9 at 43440-350 NYS 37. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion carried all in favor.

7. Sewer Report. TOA website “supporting documents.”

8. Clerk Report. All clerk reports were submitted on time \$1,082.62 was turned over to the Town Supervisor. \$200 was for transfer site permits and \$882.62 was clerk fees. Tax Collection is over, and I have reconciled with Jefferson County Deputy Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MSPEN Grants, Comprehensive Plan, Strategic plan: Morgan Spencer gave an estimate of \$50,000 to do the comprehensive plan. Going to do some more research and check with Jefferson County and see what it would cost to have them help us. Dale and Brent were on the committee when the Town did the last Comprehensive Plan, and it was a very long in-depth process, and the county was very helpful. The last plan took 3-4 years to complete.

2. Gazebo at Butterfield Lake: Already discussed it is back in place.

3. Holiday Lights on the poles in Redwood & Plessis: Brent is meeting with Time Helmer next week to go over applications and what needs to be done.

4. Gutter drain discussion: The gutters at the Highway Barn have been installed and are working.

Councilman Hunneyman asked about the Ice Arena gutters. Supervisor Sweet stated that a permanent pipe has been attached to the drain and is directing the water away from the back yards of the two properties that have been having issues with their cellars. It was stated that the homeowners have had water issues in the past and it is not being caused solely because of the ice arena. Supervisor Sweet also stated that he has spoken with the one neighbor to take care of stones and sand she has on the Town property so that the grating can be completed and cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Completed already at beginning of meeting.

2. Resolution to transfer \$\$ from pooled checking into Americu at 5.4%. Supervisor Sweet said there is a substantial amount of money in the pooled checking and would like to take another \$750,000 and put into another CD at Americu. Councilman Kring asked about the upcoming expenses that are coming up at the Highway Barn. It was asked that Nicole give a detailed list of outstanding upcoming expenses and what is available before this action is taken. No action taken.

3. Bids for highway garage electric. Covered under Engineer Report. Bid awarded to Kahrs Construction LLC.

4. Budget transfers: Account DR CR Explanation

General A

13204.01 Independent Auditing	\$1,600.00		To cover auditing cost – 2023 audit pd in 2024
71804.01 Special Facilities – Docks CE	\$5,000.00		To cover cost – Gazebo. Installation – BF Lake
19904.01 Contingency		\$6,600.00	

H – Bonnie Castle Purchase

99019.24 Interfund Transfer	\$149,945.49		To record transfer of
5031.01 Interfund Transfer		\$149,945.49	BCS expenses to CAP Project

Motion by Councilman Thomas to accept budget transfers. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

5. Presentation of May Financials to the Town Board. Supervisor Sweet gave May financial reports to all the Board Members.

6. Discussion out of Town Kids Youth Program: Discussion was about kids visiting from out of town. Councilman Thomas posed the question, "Where do we draw the line, who do we allow to come participate in programs funded at Taxpayer expense, without an out-of-pocket expense / fee?" Points of discussion covered, kids in the Alexandria School district, kids in the Town of Alexandria since we have kids in 4 school districts, seasonal kids who are here visiting grandparents for the summer. Councilman Davidson asked how many kids we are talking about, and the figure was negligible maybe 4-6, and the cost would be the same. Councilman Davidson said we should be inclusive and look at the second and third order effects of what the positive effects are to have these kids here. The board currently agrees the right thing to do is include all at no charge.

7. Bolton Ave recreation center main parking. Supervisor Sweet reported the signs are coming in and should be in place to mark directions to the Carnegie Bay Trail parking by the end of the week. Councilman Hunneyman asked that the arena parking lot be blocked off on June 26 for graduation. Discussion with Zach to get it done. Motion was made by Councilman Davidson that the Bolton Avenue recreation center parking lot will be for arena and school parking only. Boat Trailers will no longer be allowed and will need to go to the Carnegie Bay Trail parking area. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion carried all in favor.

8. Carnegie Bay Trail Parking Lot. Supervisor Sweet reported the Village of Alexandria Bay Board is in favor / agreement with making the Arena Parking lot for parking only and not boat trailers Motion by Councilman Kring to make Carnegie Bay Trail parking area the area where boat trailers are to be stored by tourist and visitors. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

9. Resignation Letter. Supervisor Sweet reported that the Town has received a letter of resignation from Mike Shannon who is a member of the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) because he is leaving the area. Motion by Councilman Thomas to accept Mike Shannon's letter of resignation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion was carried all in favor. Discussion to start looking for a new Board member.

Councilman Davidson went through items on the dashboard to see what the status on certain projects was at.

- Public use of the arena turf? Brent and Shawn replied that Dennis has been told to have 3 time slots where this is allowed. Two weekdays and one weekend day. For this month Monday and Thursday at 3 pm, Saturday's at 10:30 am.
- Tax assessor training & hire? Discussion on timeline of hiring a replacement for Marlene. Brent stated we should be looking at hiring with a date of January 1, start looking at application in November. We currently have 3. That person would work with Marlene until the fall of 2025 and then Marlene would be done.
- Union contract negotiation. It is going to be discussed in executive session.
- Tim asked what was going on with Plessis and Redwood since Alexandria Bay Community Improvement Association has received fund, what are we doing for the other 2. Brent replied Nicole is putting together a list together to show what has been given to the other areas.
- Redwood playground wooden fence that needs repair. Shawn reported that the fence that runs parallel to Route 37 is on the business owner's property (Whiskey Wagon) and once it curves back around it belongs to the Town. Brent stated that he has instructed the DPW that any parts that have broken just pick up and get rid of the debris. Most of the Town Board said take it down. Our portion only.
- Because of water issues at the Highway Barn, Tim wanted there to be situational awareness that the fuel tank project has been moved up a year until 2024 instead of 2025.
- Swan Hollow Culvert Project. What is happening? Rob stated they haven't submitted a permit to DEC yet.

- Financial software. Tyler Industries and G-works have been looked at but need it was 2 months apart. Need to schedule another meeting with both to go over highlights and see make sure that Brent and Nicole are at both, they didn't get to see the G-works demonstration the first time around.
- Employee evaluations. Brent reported nothing has been started.
- Lighting district in Redwood – Brent had sent Irene Tibbles an email the day before and was waiting to hear back from her. Shawn then asked what they were waiting for since they had an opinion from the Association of Towns that said they do benefit, and it should be left the same. Dale commented that this can has been kicked down the road long enough. Councilman Hunneyman made a motion to leave the Redwood Lighting District alone and go with opinion from the Association of Towns that they all benefit. Motion was seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all voted yes.
- Letter of support for Clay shooting range. Gene said it was too late this time around.
- Sign discussion in front of building or on Route 12. Discussion of a new electronic sign and possibly applying for a grant, how much would a sign be guess was \$15,000. If you got funding it would only be 50 /50 plus figure in cost of grant writer. Sandy stated that no one gives her information to go on the electronic sign that we have at the Arena. For now, let just try to use what we have and get as much information out to the residents that we can.
- Dale asked how the I-Pads are coming? They are here and someone from the school has volunteered to set them up.
- Side by side usage in the off season on the roads. To be looked at in the future. What are the legal limits, is it possible.
- Brent gave the Town Board a list of duties that the DPW employees work on in a normal week / day.

Motion by Councilman Thomas to go into executive session at 8:15 pm to discuss Union Negotiations. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion Carried all in favor.

Motion by Councilman Thomas to come out of executive session at 8:47 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried all in favor.

Motion by Councilman Kring to purchase McQuade and Bannigan cut saw for \$2,595.00 Motion seconded by Councilman Davidson Motion carried all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Thomas until Thursday June 27 at 4:30 PM for any town business. Motion seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion carried all in favor.