

Town of Alexandria
 Regular Meeting
 May 29, 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 Kring to accept minutes from May 15,2024. Motion seconded by Councilman Hunneyman. Motion was carried all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Sweet reopened public hearing for Local Law # 5 Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Real Property Tax Exemption, a local law to allow for a 10% tax reduction. No one from the public had any comments. The Town Board discussed active service and honorary membership. The concern is honorary membership. The Town Board would like the honorary membership to be left to the discretion of the Fire Chief. The Town Board would like this to be spelled out in the law, so there is no misunderstanding. Public Hearing left open.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CONCERNS:

Saskia De Leeuw of 42 Cornall Street, a neighbor of the Ice Arena expressed concerns about the noise at the Arena during events and would like the back door to be closed. Supervisor Sweet said she could call him at any time there is a problem with noise during events and he would come down. Supervisor Sweet also said Dennis Martin who takes care of the rink could be called. Sweet asked about cleaning up the sand and gravel in the back because they wanted to seed and get things looking better. She said that was her material and she would take care of it.

Judy Fulmer spoke to the Board about Hunt Road. She is in the process of buying parcel # 7.09-1-15 and she wants to make sure the road has not been abandoned. Her biggest concern is having the right of way to her property via the Town Road called Hunt Road. From everyone knowledge it is a road the Town does plow it and has not abandoned.

ENGINEER REPORT: Rob Campany reported Butterfield Lake they are putting the pipes in and should be done tomorrow. Geronimo will do the steel angle iron with the cost of time and materials and the Town will buy the materials.

Rob explained there were two prices for the air ventilation including an intake louver and heat for the Superintendent's Office and electric heat in the parts room. It did not include cut out for 4 openings in the block wall. 4 openings at 18" by 24" for the intake air and a 36" by 36" opening for makeup air for the exhaust fan which were included in the concrete bids.

Mike Hoover gave a bid of \$83,00, which was lower than Empire's bid. On the bid for the trench drains, Rusty Johnson's bid didn't include numbers for new grates, nor did they include cutting out the 5 openings. Rob explained that the board had a couple of things they could do. They could throw out that bid or negotiate with Rusty for the openings and the town could buy the grates directly, which are worth about \$20,000. Or negotiate with Mike Hoover about doing the openings.

Supervisor Sweet stated that the town spent a bunch of money buying new grates two years ago.

Councilman Thomas remarked maybe Mike would cut the holes. It seems the most cost effective.

Rob responded that the town should negotiate the best price they can.

Councilman Hunneyman asked how soon this could be started and commented on how soon the summer will go by and how this needs to be done as soon as possible.

Rob explained that this needs to be sorted out as to who is doing what. He also remarked that it would be easiest to have Mike do the cutting of the holes. Rob will be talking with Mike and will get back to the board. Rob will contact Mike.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas, seconded by Councilman Hunneyman to accept the bid of Rusty Johnson for doing the trench drains and for the town to purchase their own cast iron grates and to accept Mike Hoover’s bid for the H/Vac and ask him how much he would charge to cut his own holes. Motion was carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Rob advised that there would need to be a public hearing scheduled for the HUD applications for the Redwood sewer and water. The date can be set now for the regular June meeting. Rob will email the information to Sandy.

Rob gave the board the resolution he prepared to set the public hearing date for June 19, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilman Kring, seconded by Councilman Thomas to pass the resolution to schedule the public hearing.

Councilman Davidson commented that the board titles should be Councilmen, not trustees.

The resolution called for a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Sweet	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Councilman Davidson	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Councilman Hunneyman	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Councilman Kring	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Councilman Thomas	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No

Rob and Supervisor Sweet advised the board that they had a conference call with Morgan, the grant writer. After discussion, it was agreed to meet with her on June 12th at 5 pm.

Butterfield Lake Ladder

This is in and being used.

Catch Basins at the Arena

Supervisor Sweet spoke with Rob about the fact that we need to check out the catch basins and the downspouts at the arena and look at what is being done at the highway barn with the additional piping coming from the downspouts and try to do a similar thing at the arena. Now the water is just coming out of the downspouts and Supervisor Sweet is worried that the water will go into the neighbors’ houses.

Councilman Thomas asked why this is happening.

Supervisor Sweet explained that 3 of the 4 downspouts are going to proper drainage. Rob commented that he believes that there is a catch basin in the backyard collecting the rest.

Concussion Policy, Abuse Prevention Policy, Sexual Abuse and Molestation Policy

Supervisor Sweet advised that these were received from the town’s insurance carried and copies have been emailed to all board members.

Golf & Court Passes ACS Students

Supervisor Sweet explained that in the past the town has given the village an amount of money to go toward golf and tennis passes for ACS students. Sandy stated that it was up to a certain amount and the village was to let the town know how many students participated. We were to

be given a list, but we never received one. She commented that she doesn't know if it worked. Supervisor Sweet referred to the fees and asked the board for input on the idea of the town paying \$80 toward golf and \$50 toward tennis for each ACS student that wants to do golf or tennis. The student would pick up the pass here and that would be a way to track the passes. In the past, a lump sum was given to the village and there was no way to track the number of passes issued.

Councilman Davidson asked what was budgeted for it. Supervisor Sweet said there was not an individual line item for it, but it could come under youth programs.

Councilman Thomas wondered if the student should go to the village and pay the full amount. And then, come to the town to be reimbursed.

Councilman Kring remarked that he had no problem giving them a gift card to use for the pass but wondered where the cap will be placed.

Councilman Thomas remarked that there should be a cutoff date to receive the passes.

Councilman Davidson commented that we need to look at the amounts we have done in the past and look at the other sports and what the town is spending on them to level the bubble between all the other organized sports and the golf and tennis.

Councilman Thomas remarked that Nicole could get the figures on what the average has been spent on other sports for the past two years, per season and per year.

Supervisor Sweet agreed with Councilman Davidson that the town doesn't even know what type of interest there will be.

Independent Auditor Report

Bill Dashnaw completed this report, which is required by the State. Supervisor Sweet read the report in its entirety, and it will be sent to the Comptroller's Office.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas, seconded by Councilman Davidson, and carried with all voting in favor thereof to move into Executive Session at 7:00 pm to discuss the work history of current employees.