

May 10, 2021

Alexander Town Board Regular Meeting/ Public Hearing

Town Hall

7:00 pm

Present: Supervisor David Miller
Town Board: Laura Schmieder, Carol Wolfley, Roy Haller III, Eric Wagner
Town Clerk: Shannon Tiede
Highway Super't: Tom Lowe
Guests: Theresa Thorley, Brandon Snyder, Barb Spring, Jeff Bubel, Heidi and Robert Smith, Joseph Zajazkowski, George and Cathy Uhly, Jamie Bartz, Jodi Laird, Debbie Laird, Joe Higley, John and Mary Volpe, William Wolfley, Linda Ford, Tom Vandenbosch, Steve Mountain, Matt Mahaney

Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for first responders and our military serving around the world.

On motion by Councilperson Wagner, seconded by Councilperson Wolfley, and carried, the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular meeting were adopted.

5– Yes Miller, Haller, Schmieder, Wagner, and Wolfley 0 - No

**By motion made by Councilperson Schmieder and seconded by Councilperson Haller and carried the public hearing for the local solar law was called to order. (7:05pm)*

5– Yes Miller, Haller, Schmieder, Wagner, and Wolfley 0 - No

- Mr. Jeff Bubel addressed the board about a noise issue on Route 98 across from his home. Many other neighbors of that area also attending the meeting to voice their concerns. The town does not have a noise ordinance in place, so they are looking for ways to resolve the problem. Councilperson Wagner asked the residents to call him when and if there is another issue and he would personally go talk to the resident making the noise and try to resolve the problem.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Water District 5- Steve Mountain addressed the board. Randsco hired Morsch to finish up the project. Remaining work left includes getting the antennas for the meter reading systems and paving at the water tank. A meeting was held with Skyline to discuss how many EDU's they would be assessed for debt service, and an agreement will be drawn up. Over \$300,000.00 left in the budget for this project, there is a possibility that the debt service could be less than originally thought.
2. Water District 6- The comptroller's office is still reviewing the application. Residents in WD6 area that are wanting to connect into the WD5 line still need to wait for the establishment of WD6 after approval by the state comptroller.
3. Water District 7- Approx. 90% of the residents that were asked to sign the informal petition were in favor of the water district. The next step will be to have Mountain Engineering draw up some maps and plans. Steve Mountain agreed to start moving forward.

5– Yes Miller, Haller, Schmieder, Wagner, and Wolfley

0 - No

RES. NO. 47: RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

On motion with regret by Councilperson Schmieder and seconded by Councilperson Wolfley the board has accepted the resignation of Katherine Fix from her duties as deputy Town Clerk.

4– Yes Miller, Haller, Schmieder, and Wolfley

1 - No Wagner

RES. NO. 48: RECORDS MANAGEMENT BUDGET TRANSFER

WHEREAS a town board goal for 2021 is to save money by reducing costs and there is the opportunity to reduce the yearly cost of the TZ 400 SonicWALL used in the electronic records management system from \$595 per year to \$385 per year by going to 5-year agreement which would cause A 1410.41 Town Clerk-Records Contractual to be over budget since there are sufficient funds in A 1990.4 Contingent

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that A 1990.4 Contingent be reduced by \$1275 and A 1410.41 Town Clerk-Contractual be increased by \$1275.

Motion made by Supervisor Miller and seconded by Councilperson Schmieder and carried.

5– Yes Miller, Haller, Schmieder, Wagner, and Wolfley

0 - No

RES. NO. 49: REVIEW AND ACCEPT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2021

On motion by Supervisor Miller, seconded by Councilperson Wagner and carried, to accept the Tax Collector's Report for 2021 as presented.

5– Yes Miller, Haller, Schmieder, Wagner, and Wolfley

0 - No

DISCUSSION:

1. Transfer Station- Tires will be getting removed shortly. Councilperson Wolfley looking into getting pricing for Town wide garbage pickup. Wolfley also commenting on how she would like to see the Transfer station close on Wednesdays and just open on Saturdays to help save money.
2. Planning Board Alternate- Supervisor Miller went over the response from the attorney in regards to removing the alternate position.
3. Supervisor Miller asked the board their thoughts on allowing marijuana dispensaries in the Town of Alexander. The Board agreed to think it over.
4. Supervisor Miller advised the board that we are still waiting to hear back from the attorney on the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Darien for Water District 5.
5. The Town Board went over their 2021 Board goals to see what has been accomplished and what they still need to focus on.
6. Supervisor Miller met with a grant writer out of Clarence and was given a proposal that he shared with the Town Board. He has been in touch with other companies and is awaiting responses.
7. Councilperson Wagner asked for detailed reports on what each entity is using in fuel monthly. (Village, Town, School, Fire Dept.) Diesel and unleaded. Superintendent Lowe is going to look into getting those reports for the board to view.
8. National Grid/ Constellation- Supervisor Miller is going to email the board some numbers and ask National Grid for a proposal to bring to the June meeting.
9. Service has been disconnected to the Opera House.

10. Supervisor Miller was contacted by Pete Romano on behalf of Frey's to have a meeting with the board. That meeting will take place at the next Board Meeting on June 14 at 6:30 pm.

REPORTS:

Insurance: Supervisor Miller put in data for renewal.

Building: New water heater was installed. Roof on shed needs replacing. Supervisor Miller is going to take a look at the Hall roof.

CEO/ZEO: Building permits are busy. Footer has been formed on the Batog project and the site has been prepped for the footer.

Clerk: No report.

Tax Collector: Final report on table for boards review.

Dog Control: Clerk will contact enumerator

Games of Chance: No report

Town Justice: Report submitted to the board.

Financial: Tim Batzel sent the board the financials

GAM: 5/20 meeting via zoom.

H'way Superint: Highway has removed a tree from a ditch on Cookson Road Worked on some ditches on Drybridge road. Guys are hauling in stone for chip seal. June 16 and 17 they will be working on Stannard Road.

H'way Equip: Pickup and fuel tanks will be on auction for Wednesday the 19th. Excavator will arrive sometime in May and the Millhead for the skidsteer has been ordered.

Senior Citizen: No report

Town Historian: No report

Payment of Bills:	Motion by: Supervisor Miller		Second by: Councilperson Haller
	Carried 5-0		
General Fund A	Vouchers	87-111	11,511.03
General Fund B	Vouchers	17-20	1163.04
Highway Fund A	Vouchers	13-15	1314.58
Highway Fund B	Vouchers	42-53	6835.07
Capital Fund	Vouchers	20-23	30,298.80

Special Fire/ Water

Vouchers

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Motion to adjourn at 10:05pm made by Councilperson Schmieder and Seconded by Councilperson Haller and carried. 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Tiede, Town Clerk