

February 13, 2023
Alexander Town Board Regular Meeting
Town Hall 7:00pm

Present: Supervisor David Miller
Town Board: Laura Schmieder, Roy Haller III, Eric Wagner, Thomas Sanfratello
Town Clerk: Shannon Tiede
Guests: Teresa Thorley, Anne Miller, Jerry Krupka, Trish Mohn, Brandon Snyder, Mark Wright, Steve Mountain, Tim Hagen

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 Schmieder, and carried, the minutes of the January 9, 2023, regular meeting were adopted.

5– Yes Miller, Schmieder, Sanfratello, Haller, Wagner 0 - No

COMMUNICATIONS: none.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Water District #6:

County Funded Portion:

- Sergi has completed the installation of service connections and meter pits.
 - Sergi has chlorinated the County portion of the main and the test results have been received indicating it has passed the health sampling. The submission of the results to GCDOH is in process.
 - Coordinating with County for water storage tank approvals.
 - Property acquisition closings with owners are pending.
- The closing happened for the portion of the tank site owned by Dan Miller.

Town Funded Portion:

- Randsco has installed the PVC main along Wortendyke Road and has connected to the existing main at Wortendyke/Pike Roads.
- Randsco has installed main west on Pike and Richley Roads to the Darien town line.
- Randsco's second crew started main installation at Gillate/Walker Roads and installed PVC pipe along Walker to Hickox and north to Dodgeson Road.
- A third crew started main installation at Seward/Stannard Roads and is progressing north on Seward and will be turning east along Sprague Road.
- A Directional Drilling crew has started fusing HDPE pipe and is working at the Hickox/Walker intersection.
- Water main installation will continue on Walker and Sprague Roads. Other crews will be catching up various tie-ins, pressure reducing vaults and directional drill installations.

- 2. Water District #7:** Steve Mountain addressed the board. He handed out a preliminary draft of Water District #7. The projected cost of the project is 18 million 200 thousand dollars. The proposed debt service per household will be \$959.00 and approximately \$1348.00 on average per year including the water charge. There will be roughly 187 units. Steve Mountain and Mark Wright went to a meeting with Rural Development. The town is eligible for 75% grant money. The next step towards this project will be the

informational meeting. Supervisor Miller is going to check with Alexander Central School to see if the Board can get use of the auditorium on either March 8 or 9.

NEW BUSINESS:

RES. NO. 19: TOWN OF ALEXANDER WATER DISTRICT NO. 7 TOWN OF BETHANY TRANSMISSION MAINS LATERAL RESTRICTIONS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Town of Alexander is proposing expanding the scope of the Town of Alexander Water District No. 7 project to pay for the installation of approximately 12,100 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch transmission water mains along portions of Old Creek Road, Creek Road, and US Route 20 Broadway Road in the Town of Bethany; and

WHEREAS portions of the transmission main project area located in the Town of Bethany are also within Genesee County Agricultural District No. 1; and

WHEREAS no water service connections will be made to the transmission water mains; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has filed a Notice of Intent to Undertake an Action Within an Agricultural District to evaluate the impact of providing a source of public water supply within this area on lands within Agricultural District No. 1; and

WHEREAS the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (“Department”) has expressed concern about the potential adverse impact that said public water supply is likely to have on agriculture within the Agricultural District,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board, in recognition of the concerns that have been raised, hereby resolves to adopt the “Lateral Restriction - Conditions on Future Service” specified by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets as follows:

Lateral Restriction - Conditions on Future Service

The Town of Alexander imposes the following conditions, on the management of water/sewer lines located along Old Creek Road, Creek Road and Route 20 Broadway Road in the Town of Bethany within an agricultural district, maps of which are attached to this resolution showing the boundaries of the agricultural district in relation to the parcels indicated:

- (1) The only land and/or structures which will be allowed to connect to the proposed waterline or sewer within an agricultural district will be existing structures at the time of construction, future agricultural structures, and land and structures that have already been approved for development by the local governing body prior to the date of filing of the Notice of Intent by the municipality.

Land and structures that have been approved for development refer to those properties/structures that have been brought before a local governing body where approval (e.g., subdivision, site plan, special permit) is needed to move forward with project plans and the governing body has approved the action. If no local approval is required for the subdivision of land and/or the construction of structures, the municipality accepts the limitation under Public Health Law §1115 that defines a “subdivision,” in part, as “any tract of land which is divided into five or more parcels.” Water and/or sewer service will not be provided to more than a total of four residences, buildings and/or structures on any tract of land which has been divided into parcels after the date of filing of the NOI by the municipality, where no local approval is required and the land is located within a county adopted, State certified agricultural district.

- (2) If a significant hardship can be shown by an existing resident, the lateral restriction to the resident’s property may be removed by the municipality upon approval by the Department. It is the responsibility of

RES. NO. 22: REVIEW OF THE SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR 2022

On motion by Councilperson Haller, seconded by Councilperson Schmieder, and carried, that the 2022 financial records for the Town Supervisor were presented, reviewed, and accepted by the Town Board.

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

RES. NO. 23: REAPPLY FOR GRANT THROUGH NY GREEN

On motion by Supervisor Miller and seconded by Councilperson Schmieder and carried the Town Board approved reapplying for the grant through NY Green for redoing the town's Comprehensive Plan.

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

RES. NO. 24: CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY

On motion by Councilperson Schmieder and seconded by Councilperson Haller and carried the board approves the new Cash Management Policy as written.

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

RES. NO. 25: AUDIT ON TOWN BOOKS FOR 2022

On motion by Councilperson Sanfratello and seconded by Councilperson Wagner and carried the board awards EFPR the bid for the audit on the town books for 2022 in the amount of \$17,500.00.

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

RES. NO. 26: INTERFUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS the 4th quarter 2022 Sales Tax payment of \$103,422.57 was received in Fund B and

WHEREAS in the 2023 Alexander Town Budget those funds are appropriated to be used in the DB Fund

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexander Town Board transfer \$103,422.57 from General Fund B (Outside the Village) to Fund DB (Highway outside the Village).

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

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

RES. NO. 27: AG DISTRICT RENEWAL

On motion by Supervisor Miller and seconded by Councilperson Wagner and carried the board agreed to remove all town properties from Ag district.

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

**Brandon Snyder suggested to the board to extend the smart growth from the Village line to Alexander Darien Townline Road and from the Village line to Molasses Hill Road. Supervisor Miller agreed to look into it.*

RES. NO.28: HIGHWAY GPS AGREEMENT

On motion by Supervisor Miller and seconded by Councilperson Schmieder the board agreed with signing the contract with Verizon Connect for the GPS system for the highway trucks.

4- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Sanfratello, Haller No- 1 Wagner

**Councilperson Sanfratello addressed an email that was sent out to the board by the Supervisor advising that giving access to the GPS to the board members would be a safety issue for the highway department. He questioned how Board members having access could pose a safety issue. Councilperson Haller stated that he would be ok with just receiving reports not needing access to the GPS. Supervisor Miller advised the board members he has reached out to the Town Attorney and is waiting for feedback.*

RES. NO. 29: DOG LIMIT BEFORE KENNEL LICENSE

On motion by Councilperson Schmieder and seconded by Councilperson Sanfratello the board agreed to add into the town's Dog Law a limit of 5 or less dogs per household. If a resident has 6 or more dogs, they will need to apply for a Kennel License which will go before the town's planning board for a special use permit.

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

No- 0

DISCUSSION

1. Supervisor Miller brought up the State snow and ice contract. The board would like more information before agreeing to it, so they decided to table it until the March meeting.
2. The Town board set a public hearing date for the Best Value local law for March 13, 2023, at 6:05pm. The regular meeting that night will begin at 6:00 instead of 7:00.
3. The board went over the wording for the Fire department snow removal contract, and all agreed it was good, but no resolution was passed.
4. Supervisor Miller spoke about the Volunteer Firefighter exemption on taxes. The value would be approximately \$60 reduction in property taxes however they are not eligible if they already receive the NYS exemption.
5. Supervisor Miller shared that the County is offering to provide grant money to local municipalities. The limit is \$5000.00 per municipality. The board would need to submit ideas to the county on what they would like to use the money for. The board decided at this time that the best option would be to move forward with records management and digitizing the Towns records.
6. Supervisor Miller sent a letter to the last known address for Harold Graff about the money owed to him.
7. Supervisor Miller read a certificate the Town received for their efforts during storm Elliott. The Town board would like to recognize Nathan Fix and Tony Johnston for their efforts as well by presenting them with certificates.
8. Supervisor Miller and Councilperson Haller attending a meeting with the Attica Correctional and Wyoming Prisons about recycling, tree planting and the use of having them shred papers for the Town if we had large quantities that needed to be done.
9. Supervisor Miller has contacted Casella about taking glass. He is waiting for feedback.
10. Supervisor Miller spoke about MEGA and possibly switching our accounts.
11. Solar Law- the board agreed to send the proposed law to the town attorney for his input on the wording.
12. Supervisor Miller was contacted by the county about Broadband. They are looking for areas in each township that is still without internet. The clerk was asked to put it on the towns Facebook page for possible feedback.
13. Supervisor Miller shared the clothing reimbursement form the highway department will now use.
14. Supervisor Miller went to a meeting with the County about Sales Tax and filled the board in on what was discussed.

Reports:

Insurance: No report

Building: Belco inspected elevator. Good for another 6 months.

CEO/ZEO: End of year report

Clerk: No report

Tax Collector: January report on table.

Dog Control: No report

Games of Chance: Year end report submitted to clerk.

Town Justice: Report submitted to the board.

Financial: Sent to the board members

GAM: Zoom meeting

H'way Superint: During January the highway dept was plowing and salting roads. Signs were ordered for various places around; some have been put up others are still on order. Most were no parking and zoning signs. There was flooding on the gravel roads a couple times which required repair. They are helping out the Village with some drainage work by the old Cargill plant. Superintendent Lowe has been in contact with FEMA about the storms and they are working through the requests as they can.

H'way Equip: Equipment seems to be holding up. One truck was sent out for a spring repair. Parts and repairs are finally happening for the Kubota mower. The highway dept made crossbars for the pallet racking at the storage barn to help hold up the heavier pieces of equipment on the shelves.

Senior Citizen: No report

Town Historian: End of year report submitted to the board.

Payment of Bills:	Motion by: Supervisor Miller	Second by: Councilperson Haller	
Carried 5-0			
General Fund A	Vouchers	18-48	22,439.80
General Fund B	Vouchers	5-8	11,509.47
Highway Fund A	Vouchers	2-3	10,411.25
Highway Fund B	Vouchers	5-18	23,759.16
Capital Fund	Vouchers	4-9	735,895.51
Special Water 3	Vouchers	1	3,192.00

Motion to adjourn at 10:00pm made by Councilperson Haller and seconded by Supervisor Miller and carried. 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Tiede, Town Clerk