

**ALEXANDER TOWN BOARD AGENDA
ALEXANDER TOWN HALL
April 8, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Supervisor David Miller
TOWN BOARD: Laura Schmieder, Jerry Krupka, Eric Wagner
HIGHWAY SUPT: Brian Farnsworth
ABSENT:
GUESTS: Teresa Thorley, Tim Hagen, Brad McClellan, Gabe and Mike Meyers, Brenda Post, Ron Merrill, Dan Coffey, Brandon Snyder, Dale Spring, Barbara Eddy.

Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Thomas Sanfratello, board member, who lost his life in the line of duty and for our first responders and our military serving around the world.

On motion by Councilperson Wagner and seconded by Councilperson Krupka and carried, the minutes of the March 18, 2024, regular meeting were adopted.

4– Yes Miller, Schmieder, Krupka, and Wagner

0 – No

OLD BUSINESS

1. Water District #6 Update:
Sergi completed the Wright service connection on Dodgeson.
Statewide is scheduled to start foundation work for the tank on 4/22.

2. Water District #7 Update:
Tabulating petition results.
Continue coordinating with Norfolk Southern for petition signature, they are working on their internal process.
SHPO is reviewing Phase 1A report prepared by Deuel Archaeology & CRM.
Request for Phase 1B subsurface investigations will be made after approval by SHPO.
Continuing to prepare permitting documentation for stream and wetland crossings and SWPPP.
Preparing contract specifications.
Contract plans nearly complete for Health Department review.
Coordinating with Rural Development to secure additional grant funding utilizing disaster relief mitigation funding. Initial discussion includes an additional \$1M.
The board discussed how to proceed with the final petition. The carrier was able to collect signatures but did not get dates or initials. Supervisor Miller suggested asking Roy Haller to pass a petition and if he were to decline the board agreed to reach out to Jay Grasso and ask for a quote.

3. Water District #8 Update
The plan is to start the draft report in June.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. 25: PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCK

On motion by Councilperson Krupka and seconded by Councilperson Wagner and carried. The board authorized Highway Superintendent Farnsworth to purchase a one-ton dump truck from Joe Basil in the amount of \$66,650.00.

4- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Krupka and Wagner

0- No

RES. NO. 26: ARPA FUNDS

WHEREAS a plow truck order was cancelled because of cash flow concerns during the 2020 COVID pandemic and

WHEREAS ARPA funds from the federal government in the amount of \$185,845.60 were made available to the Town of Alexander to assist with budget shortfalls and

WHEREAS a new international plow truck was ordered in 2022 and purchased in 2023 to replace the cancelled order and

WHEREAS the Town of Alexander must file a report yearly to the federal government stating how the ARPA funds were used

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tow of Alexander ARPA funds be used to reduce the amount of local taxpayer funds needed to purchase the 2023 International plow truck.

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

4- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Krupka and Wagner 0- No

RES. NO. 27: JOHN DEERE MOWER

Motion was made by Councilperson Wagner and seconded by Councilperson Krupka and carried to give Superintendent Farnsworth permission to purchase a new flail mower not to exceed \$7500.00 only if insurance will not cover the damage to the current flail mower.

4- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Krupka and Wagner 0- No

RES. NO. 28: QUICKBOOKS

WHEREAS the Town of Alexander currently pays \$90 a month for our QuickBooks program for billing and **WHEREAS** the Town could save \$110 per year if they paid annually instead of monthly.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves allowing the Town Supervisor to pay \$970 annually to save \$110 per year for the program.

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

4- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Krupka and Wagner 0- No.

RES. NO. 29: PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT TRAILER

On motion by Councilperson Wagner and seconded by Councilperson Krupka and carried the board approved the purchase of an equipment trailer from Appalachian in the amount of \$6499.00.

Superintendent Farnsworth received two other quotes that were higher. One was from Kaufman for \$6590.00 and the other from George and Swede for \$15,498.00.

4- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Krupka and Wagner 0- No

See resolution no. 30 at end of minutes.

DISCUSSION

- There is a window on the third floor that needs replacing. The clerk is going to call to see if we could get some estimates on just that window and what the companies think about the other windows in the building.
- Supervisor Miller is setting up a walkthrough of the buildings with workers comp and the building committee.
- Mr. Richardson from NYSERTA would like to speak to the board about a grant application. Supervisor Miller is going to set up the meeting for the same day as the May meeting at 5:30pm.
- The board discussed County money that is available for grant writing. Supervisor Miller is going to speak to Jay Grasso about his services and the Clerk is going to check with other local clerks to see who the other towns use for grant writing. The board decided they would like to consider grant writing for design of the new town highway barn and to restore historical buildings due to possibly needing new windows at the Town Hall.
- The Town Assessor will be mailing out the new assessments within approx. one week.
- Councilperson Wagner is going to check with the school district to see who they purchased AEDs from.
- There will be Town Finance schooling in Geneva on May 7-8. Supervisor Miller plans to attend.

- The plastics and cardboard from the Transfer Station get taken to the prison. On the last trip one of our highway guys was told they weren't sure how much longer they could accept it due to lack of workers. For now, we can still take it to the prison however Supervisor Miller is going to contact Casella for a price and to see their options in case in the future we need to look at another option. Supervisor Miller and Superintendent Farnsworth filled out the Ewaste form that is required yearly.
- Supervisor Miller and the clerk have been inputting information into the portal for EFPR Group for the 2023 audit.
- The Republican committee has endorsed Ronald Merrill for the open Town Board member seat. Supervisor Miller advised that he believes it's in the board's best interest to leave the seat open for one month to see who may be interested and then hold interviews at the May meeting.
- Superintendent Farnsworth suggested the Town look into retaining walls and a roof for around the brine tanks.
- The board discussed adding new security measures to the Town's computers through Hurricane. The board agreed to table until May.
- The board agreed to allow the Village to plant a Christmas tree on the Town Hall property to be used yearly for Christmas in the Village. The one that was planted at the Veterans Park did not survive where it was planted.

Reports:

Insurance: no report

Building: no report

CEO/ZEO: Matt Mahaney will provide the board with a written quote this week.

Clerk: no report

Tax Collector: Final report will be presented at the May meeting. Meeting with the County 4/12 to settle.

Dog Control: Contacting Carolyn to see if she is interested in doing a dog enumeration for the Town this year.

Games of Chance: No report

Town Justice: reports on table.

Financial: Sent from Laura Landers LLC to the board

GAM: next meeting will be in May

Transfer Station: no report.

H'way Superint: Brian Farnsworth provided the board with a written report.

H'way Equip: Brian Farnsworth provided the board with a written report.

Senior Citizen: No report.

Town Historian: No report.

Payment of Bills: Motion by: Councilperson Wagner Second by: Councilperson Krupka

4- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Wagner, and Krupka 0- No

General Fund A	Vouchers	77-105	16,997.40
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General Fund B	Vouchers	13-15	674.22
Highway Fund A	Vouchers	5-6	354.61
Highway Fund B	Vouchers	49-62	11,447.58
Capital Fund	Vouchers	7-9	112,140.00
Trust and Agency	Vouchers	1	102.50

Supervisor Miller made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:55pm. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Wagner and carried.

Councilperson Schmieder made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:23pm. Councilperson Wagner seconded the motion and carried.

RES. NO. 30: AUTHORIZATION FOR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO DISCHARGE OR SUSPEND EMPLOYEES

The motion was made by Councilperson Wagner and seconded by Councilperson Krupka and carried to authorize Highway Superintendent Farnsworth to discharge or suspend employees for just cause and enforce reasonable work rules.

4- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Krupka and Wagner

0- No

Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm made by Councilperson Wagner and seconded by Councilperson Schmieder and carried. 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Tiede, Town Clerk