

**ALEXANDER TOWN BOARD
ALEXANDER TOWN HALL
October 15, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Supervisor David Miller
TOWN BOARD: Laura Schmieder, Jerry Krupka, Ronald Merrill, Eric Wagner
HIGHWAY SUPT: Brian Farnsworth
CLERK: Shannon Tiede
GUESTS: Teresa Thorley, Brad McClellan, Tim Hagen, Dale Spring, Sean McPhee, Heidi McPhee, John Goodridge, Rhonda Saulsbury, Steve Mountain

Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our first responders and our military serving around the world.

On motion by Councilperson Schmieder and seconded by Councilperson Wagner and carried, the minutes of the September 9, 2024, regular meeting and October 7, 2024, budget workshop were adopted as amended.
5-Yes Miller, Schmieder, Merrill, Krupka, and Wagner 0 – No

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mercy Flight Report

John Goodridge addressed the board concerning the speed limit on Maplewood Road. He is looking to get it changed to 40 mph. It is a main route for a lot of walkers and joggers, and he is worried about the safety of others.

Rhonda Saulsbury, Town Assessor, addressed the board about the picture project she would like to do in the Town of Alexander. She is looking for approval from the board.

OLD BUSINESS

Water District #6 Update:

County Funded Portion:

- Statewide has filled and sanitized the tank and is sampled for health testing on 10/10/2024.
- Statewide installed the splash pad and protective bollards at the tank overflow piping.
- H&S Fence will be installing the tank fencing and gates in the coming weeks.
- National Grid has connected the site electric service.
- The telemetry scope of work has been finalized and approved by the County and will be added to a change order to Statewide Aquastore's contract. The Board resolution for the change order is prepared for Tuesday's Board Meeting.

Rural Development Funded Portion:

- The Town received reimbursement for \$16,098.37 from Rural Development for the WD#6 road repairs performed in August.
- Began gathering close-out documentation for all WD No. 6 contracts.

NYSEFC WIIA Funded Portion:

- NYSEFC approved grant funding for the purchase of 181 meters and radios.
- Grant funds for \$68,375.01 were deposited and made available for payment to Core and Main.
- The remaining balance of the WIIA grant is \$67,625.99.
- A standardization resolution for instrumentation and control equipment will be presented at the November meeting. This equipment will use the balance of the WIIA funds.

Water District #7 Update:

- We are coordinating with funding agencies to address funding eligibility and project phasing. We are also coordinating meetings with the Town Fiscal Advisors, Town Attorney and Bond Council to discuss options with funding and district formation.
- Coordinating with Deuel Archaeology & CRM to perform the Phase 1B investigation for Phases 1a and 1b (Broadway, Brookville, Old Creek, Molasses Hill and Dry Bridge Roads).
- Field investigations to identify the best installation methods for streams, wetlands, railroad crossings and locate potential easements.
- Continuing to prepare permitting documentation for various agencies including stream and wetland crossings, delineations and SWPPP.
- Submitting contract plans and specifications for agency review for Phase I by the end of month.

Water District #8 Update:

- Met with Town and Village of Attica to verify details from past discussions (water rates, existing system, operator responsibilities, etc.) and discuss the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village and Town and which will be created by the attorneys.
- Received Village of Attica Water Ordinance which may need to be adopted by the Town.
- Drafted Map, Plan and Report and Operation and Maintenance Agreement between the Town and Village of Attica, to be presented to respective attorneys for review.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. 78: CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR HALSTEAD ROAD WATER STORAGE TANK

WHEREAS Statewide Aquastore, Inc. has submitted a request for Change Order No. 1 for the addition of SCADA System Infrastructure and Hosting for Water Management by EYW Companies to be added to the Halstead Road Water Storage Tank Contract and that Change Order No. 1 will increase the contract by Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand dollars and zero cents (\$219,000.00) (attached); and

WHEREAS Mountain Engineering, PLLC. has completed a review of Change Order No. 1 for the Halstead Road Water Storage Tank Contract to Statewide Aquastore, Inc. and has made recommendations for approval; and

WHEREAS Genesee County has reviewed and approved Change Order No. 1 and authorized the Notice to Proceed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Alexander Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute Change Order No. 1 in the amount of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand dollars and zero cents (\$219,000.00) to increase the Halstead Road Water Storage Tank Contract with Statewide Aquastore, Inc. from \$2,189,500.00 to \$2,408,500.00.

Offered by:

Second by:

Ayes:

APPROVED by unanimous vote ()

CERTIFICATION

**STATE OF NEW YORK} COUNTY
OF GENESEE}**

I, Shannon Tiede, Town Clerk of the Town of Alexander, County of Genesee, and State of New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the aforementioned resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Alexander, on the 15th day of October 2024 with the original now on file in my office, and the same is a correct and true copy of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

Dated: October 15, 2024

Shannon Tiede

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Town Clerk

RES. NO. 79: COUNTY SNOW, ICE AND MOWING CONTRACT

On motion by Councilperson Krupka and seconded by Councilperson Wagner and carried the Town Board approved the signing of the 2025 Snow and Ice/ Roadside Mowing contract with Genesee County.

5- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Merrill, Krupka, and Wagner

0- No

RES. NO. 80: ESTABLISHING THE FUTURE EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER UNDER SECTION 6-C OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Alexander met at a regular board meeting at the Town Offices of the Town of Alexander located at 3350 Church Street, Alexander, New York on the 15th day of October 2024, commencing at 6:00 P.M., at which time and place the following members were:

Present:	Supervisor	David Miller
	Council Member	Laura Schmieder
	Council Member	Ronald Merrill
	Council Member	Jerry Krupka
	Council Member	Eric Wagner

Absent: _____

WHEREAS, all Town Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Section 94 of the Public Officers Law (Public Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board seeks to set aside certain monies for the purchase of highway equipment, items which are of great benefit but also of great expense to the Town, and therefore require saving over the course of many years; and

WHEREAS, to save money during the budgetary process, the Town is empowered by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law to establish Reserve Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town desiring to set up a fund for the general purpose of financing highway equipment, can establish a “type” capital reserve fund, which will require permissive referendum upon each expenditure made from the fund throughout the life of the fund (unless the probable usefulness of such expenditure be 5 years or less, as determined in Section 11 of Local Finance Law), but referendum shall not be required to establish such a reserve fund, pursuant to Section 6-c(4) of General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, to meet the permissive referendum requirement of “type” funds, the Town would be required to give notice to the public 30 days prior to the initiation of expenditure for the chance to petition said expenditure and put the purchase to a vote.

NOW ON MOTION OF Supervisor Miller which has been duly seconded by Councilperson Schmieder,

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Highway Equipment Expenditures Reserve Fund for the Town of Alexander” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance a type of equipment. The type of equipment to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the acquisition of highway equipment; and be it further

RESOVLED, that all expenditures made out of this Reserve Fund (except those with a probable usefulness of 5 years or less as determined by Section 11 of Local Finance Law), it being a “type” reserve fund, shall be subject to permissive referendum, and notice of such expenditure must be given to the public at least 30 days prior to its initiation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the monies of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of Alexander; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chief Fiscal Officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund, depositing the moneys in the fund into a separate bank account in New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS); and be it further

RESOVLED, that any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Fiscal Officer shall show the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund; and be it further

FURTHER RESOLVED, except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of the Town Board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law or any other law, including a permissive referendum as required by Section 6-c(4).

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Quorum Present: Yes

Shannon Tiede, Clerk

Dated: October 15, 2024

Town of Alexander

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RES. NO. 81: NEW HIGHWAY MEO

On motion by Councilperson Schmieder and seconded by Councilperson Merrill and carried the board approved the hiring of Forest Hamer as the new MEO for the town highway on recommendation by Highway Superintendent Farnsworth effective October 8, 2024.

5- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Merrill, Krupka, and Wagner

0- No

RES. NO. 82: OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING BY TAX COLLECTOR 2025

On motion by Councilperson Wagner and seconded by Councilperson Schmieder and carried to approve the liability for the Alexander Town Tax Collector for the 2025 tax collection period pursuant to Town Law of the State of New York.

5- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Merrill, Krupka and Wagner

0 – No

RES. NO. 83: PUBLIC HEARINGS DATE AND TIMES FOR NOVEMBER

On motion by Supervisor Miller and seconded by Councilperson Wagner and carried the Town set the public hearings date for November 12th and the times are as follows... Fire Contract public hearing 6:05pm, Tax Cap Override public hearing 6:10pm and the Preliminary Budget public hearing 6:15pm.

5- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Merrill, Krupka and Wagner

0 – No

RES. NO. 84: PRELIMINARY BUDGET APPROVAL

On motion by Councilperson Schmieder and seconded by Councilperson Merrill and carried, the Town Board approved the 2025 Preliminary Budget.

5- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Merrill, Krupka and Wagner

0 – No

RES. NO. 85: HURRICANE PROPOSAL

On motion by Supervisor Miller and seconded by Councilperson Wagner and carried the Town Board approved the new proposal by Hurricane making the monthly payments now \$420.90 and the yearly payments \$780.99. A new Town Clerk computer will be purchased in 2025 and a new Supervisor computer will be purchased in 2026.

5- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Merrill, Krupka, and Wagner

0- No

**Sean Mcphee addressed the board with numbers from the Fire Department showing their expenses expected for 2025.*

DISCUSSION

- The board discussed the pricing for insurance on the water systems
- Supervisor Miller advised he was able to get the furnace up and working on the 3rd floor.
- There is a meeting set for November 7 at 6pm with the village to discuss the Comprehensive Plan
- Supervisor Miller discussed what the funds from the NYSERDA grant can be used for.

REPORTS

Insurance: no report

Building: Belco inspected the elevator 9/17

CEO/ZEO: Matt is on vacation will update the board in November

Clerk: no report

Tax Collector: no report

Dog Control: Enumeration is complete and letters have been sent.

Games of Chance: no report

Town Justice: reports on table

Financial: Sent from Laura Landers LLC to the board

GAM: Next meeting in November

Transfer Station: Tim asked if he could donate the model of the Town Hall to the Holland Landmark Museum

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: there will be 4 more open houses this month.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by: Councilperson Krupka Second by: Councilperson Merrill

5- Yes Miller, Schmieder, Merrill, Krupka and Wagner

0- No

General Fund A	Vouchers	240-276	44,312.98
General Fund B	Vouchers	38-40	662.84
Highway Fund A	Vouchers	13-17	7,890.22
Highway Fund B	Vouchers	151-165	68,374.88
Capital Fund	Vouchers	32-36	137,479.63
Trust and Agency	Vouchers	8	144.00
Special Water	Vouchers	5	68,275.01

Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm made by Councilperson Merrill and seconded by Councilperson Schmieder and carried. 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Tiede, Town Clerk