

**AAMB
Town of Albion
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2004**

**Present: Supervisor: Frederick Stowell
Councilor: Lillian Stowell
Councilor: Nancy Sheeley
Councilor: Jack Barker
Recording Secretary: Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk
Absent: Councilor: Fred Cronk**

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to order at 6:30PM then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Minutes of 02/10/04: **Motion was made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.**

Reports: 1) Terry Walker, DCO: Mr. Walker reported that the State Inspector had checked out his kennels. As of right now, some improvements need to be done. Mr. Walker stated they would be by the end of the month when the inspector returns. Mr. Walker also stated he would call Mr. DeGraw regarding the dog problem, and he would contact North Country Veterinary Services and check with them regarding dead dog pick-ups.

2) Emil Wells Jr., Hwy Supt.: Mr. Wells reported on the amount of road salt the town now has and would still receive this year. He briefly went over repairs done on the trucks and other equipment from last month. All trucks and equipment have been washed. Mr. Wells left a uniform proposal with the board from Shapiro's. The DOT physicals are all set; everything necessary would be tested. Part-time drivers would only be called during winter hours. Potter Heating has fixed the chimney and furnace; they would be sending a booklet on the furnace. Mr. Wells reported two accidents with snow plows; the first being on Albion Cross Rd near Castor Rd, a car hit the snow bank then bounced off into the rear duals, no damage was done to the snow plow and the car kept going. The second accident was at the intersection of Co. Rte 48 and Centerville Rd.; because of the height of the snow banks neither driver saw the other, only damage done was to the pick-up truck. The town has no fault insurance, which should cover any claim. The roads would be posted for excess weight. The County is raising the dump prices, so the town would now only be picking up metal in the spring clean up. Mr. Wells and 199 other Hwy Superintendents across the State would be going to Albany to ask for money on Wednesday, March 10th.

3) Denise Trudell, Sole Assessor: Mrs. Trudell reported that all seniors have renewed their tax exemptions. She had a meeting with the State Level of Assessment; the town is all set for another year. Mrs. Trudell would hold off one more year on revaluation's because of the County being in bad shape, she doesn't want to raise taxes again.

4) Howard Allen, Town Justice: Supervisor Stowell read the report as submitted by Judge Allen for February 2004. Also, Supervisor Stowell briefly read the letter from the Unified Court System regarding a grant for \$20,000 toward judicial equipment.

Questions from Audience: 1) Mr. David Houde: Asked for an approval letter from the board to the State DMV stating the town's acceptance of his proposed used car lot on the 32 acres he bought on Co Rte 22 South. The car lot would be 600 feet off ST Rte 104; and all the cars would be drivable.

2) Mr. Steve Cronk, President of Os. Co. ATV Club: The ATV Club would like more town roads opened for use. This would be tabled until next month. Mrs. Ford would send copies of the proposed roads to the board along with the minutes.

3) Village Board: The following issues were discussed:

- a) Park Project: Mr. Reff submitted a layout of the proposed park, both boards agreed with the plans.
- b) Smoking in the building: There is NO SMOKING in the building by anyone.

Questions from the Audience continued:

- c) Pre-School: Village has no problem with them being in the building.
 - d) Billing quarterly: Bills need to be submitted to the town clerk by the first Friday of the month, the Fire Contract would be due in April.
 - e) The masonry work outside would be repaired.
 - f) Mayor Trumble would check on the phone lines, how they are hooked up.
 - g) DA drop box: The town said no to one in the hall and the Village agreed.
 - h) Both boards would purchase tables and chairs.
 - i) Parking lot would be paved this spring.
 - j) The Village would be checking on replacement blinds for the windows.
- 4) Mr. Mike Lyons stated he had a problem with information supposedly leaked from the Town Clerk's office. Mrs. Ford stated she did not repeat what was said and pointed out that there were other people in the building at the time; Councilor Barker also stated the same.

Reports continued: 5) Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford reported she disbursed the total of \$58.50 for the month of February 2004. the town received \$27.83, Os. Co. Treasurer received \$24.67 and Ag & Markets received \$6.00. Mrs. Ford also submitted her phone log and petty cash reports. She then briefly went over the letter from the State Health Dept. regarding same sex marriages. She cannot issue a marriage license to anyone of the same sex as she could face a misdemeanor charge. **Motion made by Councilor Stowell seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept the report as stated. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.**

6) Frederick Stowell, Supervisor: **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept the report for February 2004 as read by Supervisor Stowell. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.** Supervisor Stowell also handed out the fund balance and revenue sheets.

Old Business: 1) NOCA Contract: still waiting.

2) Asset Inventory: Supervisor Stowell would give Mrs. Ford a disc.

3) Os. Co. Opportunities jackets: Board voted no (3-1) Councilor Sheeley: nay, Councilor Barker: nay, Supervisor Stowell: nay, Councilor Stowell: aye.

New Business: 1) Public Service Commission regarding cable TV – good for ten (10) years.

2) Supervisor's meeting: Discussion's on sales tax, snow plowing on County Roads, and County's creditability were made.

3) OFT letter: Briefly read by Supervisor Stowell.

4) Federal Regulatory Commission regarding Niagara Mohawk: briefly went over by Supervisor Stowell.

Posted Items: The following would be posted in the hall.

- a) Audiologist (BOCES)
- b) Data Analyst (BOCES)
- c) Director of Technology (BOCES)
- d) Director of Water and Facilities (Town of Scriba)

Supervisor's Correspondences: Supervisor gave the following to the board for review.

- a) Tug Hill Time
- b) Heritage Flag & Banner
- c) Grants Action News
- d) Pulaski Eastern Shores Chamber of Commerce
- e) Central NY Regional & Development 2003 Annual Report
- f) 2003 Annual Community Preservation Report
- g) Oswego County News
- h) Empire State
- i) Quality Communities News
- j) BS & K
- k) 2004 Legislative Program

Motion made by Councilor Stowell seconded by Councilor Sheeley to enter into executive session at 8:53pm to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to re-enter into the regular meeting at 9:20pm. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye.

Audit Bills: General bills, abstract # 3, bills # 54 - # 74 = \$1,941.45. Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept and pay all general bills for March 2004. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.
Hwy Bills, abstract # 3, bills # 38 - # 66 = \$11,265.94. Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept and pay all hwy bills for March 2004 except bill # 65 – Cummins. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye.

Resolution # 5 of 2004

By resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Albion, from this day forward, the Codes Enforcement Officer shall be bound by the following directive:

When the owner or occupant of any property has been given proper written notice of any violation to any Local Law or the New York State Building Codes, and said violator has corrected or resolved that violation within the time allowed, and same owner or occupant creates, allows, or otherwise is found to be in violation of the same Local Law or State Building Code, the CEO shall not issue a second written notice of violation. The CEO shall issue a notice to appear before the Town Court at the earliest possible schedule of the Court, but in no case shall the violator have less than seven (7) days notice to appear.

Dated this 9th day of March 2004.

Motion made Councilor Stowell seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept resolution # 5 of 2004 as read by Supervisor Stowell. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to a close at 9:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy J. Ford
Albion Town Clerk

Dated: March 9, 2004