

**AAMB
Town of Albion
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 11, 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 6:37pm, he then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of 04/13/04: **Motion 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 was satisfied, however she would like or requires more shade and a fence around the building rather than the cages. Also flaps not made of rubber on the doors of the doghouses. Supervisor Stowell then read a letter he wrote to North Country Veterinary Services regarding the policy of stray dogs in the Town of Albion. No dogs are to be allowed at the vet's office unless pre-approved by any board member or the Town Clerk; only Mr. & Mrs. Walker can take them. Mr. Walker then reported that State Law says that no dogs are to be picked up unless so ordered by a Judge. Mr. Walker would present a plan and cost estimate next month regarding the requirements of the State Inspector.

Old Business: 1) ATV Club: Mrs. Mary Gaffey, Secretary of the Os. Co. ATV Club was present to ask about the additional town roads the club is asking for. Supervisor Stowell stated that a special meeting would be set up to talk about amending Local Law # 1 of 2003, the "ATV Law". The law needs to be amended if any roads are to be added or taken off.

Question from the Audience: 1) Mr. William A. Mittag asked about the Pineville Bridge? Supervisor Stowell stated he wasn't aware of anything new regarding the status of the bridge, but Co. Legislator Anson would. Mr. Mittag also asked about the wetland project, it was in the paper about filling it in? Supervisor Stowell again stated that the Town would not spend any money, and the issue of liability has not been discussed.

Reports continued: 2) Vern Mowers, CEO: Mr. Mowers submitted his report. Supervisor Stowell briefly read a letter from the Dept. of State regarding membership; Mr. Mowers is already a member. Mr. Mowers and some of the board would be inspecting the township of junk violations; only the board could grant a variance to those who are trying to comply and have "good intentions", but are having difficulty meeting the requirements.

3) Denise Trudell, Sole Assessor: Supervisor Stowell read a letter from the Office of Real Property Services. Mrs. Trudell has been awarded a framed Excellence of Equity Certificate. This would be given at next months meeting so pictures can be taken. **Motion made by Councilor Stowell seconded by Councilor Barker to appoint Mrs. Mellonie Trumble to the Grievance Board for one year. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye.** Grievance Day is May 25th. Also, Supervisor Stowell reported that Frontier is grieving their assessment in the town.

4) Howard Allen Jr., Town Justice: Supervisor Stowell read Judge Allen's monthly report he submitted for April 2004.

5) Emil Wells Jr., Hwy Supt.: Mr. Wells reported that the Village had approached him regarding the culvert on Railroad St., he stated they should contact either the County or a private organization to handle it. Town wide cleanup of metal only is this week. Mr. Wells gave Supervisor Stowell the application for

funding of abandoned cemeteries from the State Division of Cemeteries. Mr. Wells would be attending the Hwy Supt. School this year in Ithaca, NY, June 7th – 9th. The hwy workers have hauled stone; they are now ditching on Townline Rd. Mr. Wells also stated that something has be done with the tires. The board agreed that Mr. Wells could take the tires to K & S Tire. Supervisor Stowell then stated that the FEMA paperwork Mr. Wells had submitted from the 2004 snowstorm would net the town around \$10,000; which would be 75-80% out of the \$12,104.39 reported.

6) Fire Dept.: Supervisor Stowell gave the monthly fire call reports to the board for review.

7) Pre-K: Supervisor Stowell briefly read the minutes of the Parent Group held on 04/21/04. There are already 3-4 3yr olds and 6-7 4yr olds signed up for next year. The Parent Group is thinking about a scholarship. Supervisor Stowell would ask Mrs. Wheeler about this, also Supervisor Stowell read a complaint letter from Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Reff; a legal pad with Pre-K information on it was taken, the tape dispenser was misused and fish food was spilled in a drawer of the desk.

Village of Altmar: 1) Mr. Thomas Reff, Village Trustee & Deputy Mayor discussed the wetland project. Mr. Reff stated Mr. Joe Banach's property wasn't near the wetland area that was to be filled in. The Village would hire a chipper from the County to clean up the brush. Mr. Reff stressed the time frame left to Hwy Supt. Wells; Mr. Reff would like the Hwy Dept.'s help. Mr. Reff also stated that Senator Wright had mentioned another Grant could be obtained to drain the wetland if needed. Mr. Wells would look at the project and offer some suggestions.

New Business: 1) Mr. Mark Sampson is requesting a variance to the property on State Route 13. Mr. Sampson would like to put another trailer on the property where the electric and well are already established from a previous trailer years ago. He plans on renting the trailer. Mr. Mowers has talked with the Dept. of Health because the site mentioned has sat for so long (over 10years). A variance can only be given due to a hardship; and Mr. Sampson's brother Ken owns the land in question. Mr. Ken Sampson is the one to ask for the variance. This issue would be tabled until next month.

Reports continued: 8) Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk: For the month of April 2004 the total disbursed was \$881.00. The Town received \$230.11 for the general fund and \$421.00 for the part town fund. The Os. Co. Treasurer received \$40.27; the NY State DEC received \$152.12, the NY State Dept. of Health received \$22.50 and the NY State Dept. of Ag. & Markets received \$15.00. Mrs. Ford's petty cash and phone log reports were also submitted. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.** Mrs. Ford also briefly went over her conference of April 18th-21st. Mrs. Ford reported she received a letter from the County Treasurer stating the 2004 tax levy has been fully paid and satisfied. Supervisor Stowell gave Mrs. Ford M & T Investment information to file; he also read a letter from the Os. Co. Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Ford is designated as the town's connection to the Chamber with any town function or fundraiser.

9) Frederick Stowell, Supervisor: **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept the report as read by Supervisor Stowell for April 2004. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye.**

Resolution #6 of 2004

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, at the regular meeting of said Board on the 11th day of May 2004, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has found it necessary for the fiscal accuracy of the Town to make certain transfers of funds and to raise the amount originally appropriated,

NOW, THEREFORE, the budget appropriated in the following account DA5132.4 Garage CE is increased \$6,000.00(Six Thousand) dollars; said sum is to be transferred from DA5130.4 Machinery CE.

Dated this 11th day of May 2004.

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept Resolution # 6 of 2004 as stated. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.

Audit Bills: General bills: abstract #5, bills # 99-#111 = \$3,383.27. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept and pay all general bills for May 2004. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye.**

Hwy bills: abstract # 5, bills #94-#127 = \$8,994.49. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept and pay all hwy bills for May 2004. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.**

Village of Altmar continued: 2) Supervisor Stowell stated to Mr. Reff that the town would be purchasing five tables and twenty chairs for the municipal building's meeting room.

Old Business: 1) Councilor Barker was given the information on the new bulletin board to review.

2) NOCA contract: Thursday, June 10th at 7pm at the Orwell Town Hall there would be a meeting with the NOCA representative; the board present stated they would attend.

3) Asset Inventory would be printed out for the Judge, Assessor and Hwy Dept. by Mrs. Ford.

4) American Legion Post # 1435 would like a raise. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to give \$500.00 to the American Legion; and to change general abstract #5 by adding bill # 112 in the amount of \$500.00 to the American Legion Post #1435, said amount would be taken out of appropriation account B8810.2 Cemeteries CE; the total of abstract #5 would now be \$3,883.27. Motion carried. Adopted. (3-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye.**

New Business: 1) Thank You card from Mrs. Florence King regarding the Senior Citizens Group.

2) Supervisor Stowell briefly read the letter that was written by the Town of Richland's Supervisor Jim Atkinson and was sent to all the Co. Legislators that attended the meeting of Town Supervisor's.

3) Code of Ethics is to be reviewed and research options. Mrs. Ford would give copies along with the minutes to the board.

4) DEC letter regarding Brownfield's. Mr. Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission would look into salt contamination and any Grant money available to re-vamp the salt shed.

5) Sub-divisions/Planning Board activity: Mr. Baxter would also check to see if the town could take over the duties of the Planning Board; and he would check to see if the minutes of the Planning Board need to be filed with the Town Clerk.

6) Supervisor Stowell gave the board the 2003 Annual Os. Co. Treasurer Self-Insurance Plan Report.

7) Comptroller letter: Supervisor Stowell briefly read the letter regarding retirement costs.

8) Supervisor Stowell briefly read the Election Commission's letter.

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

- a) Physical Therapist (Central Square Central Schools).

Supervisor's Correspondences: The following was given to the board for review:

- a) Tug Hill Times
- b) Half Shire Historical
- c) Sequoia Lighting
- d) Grant Action News
- e) Quality Communities
- f) Pulaski Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce
- g) Os. Co. Planning Federation Newsletter

Historical Records: Discussion on town owned building in Dugway, which was used for voting. It's on the historical ledger, and maybe it could be refurbished. Tabled until next month.

Questions from the Audience continued: 2) Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission: The new director of the Commission Mr. John Bartow would be meeting one to one with the Town Supervisor's and Village Mayors. 3) Mr. Vern Mowers, CEO asked the board about a template to town residents on the restrictions the town and the State have, they don't agree; maybe the board could review these for next month. Also, on the issue of unsafe structures, once they are down nothing states as on how to remove them. Mr. Mowers would talk with the Fire Dept. on this.

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

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to a close at 9:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk

Dated: May 11, 2004