

**AAMB  
Town of Albion  
Regular Meeting  
March 14, 2006**

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

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to order at 7:07pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes of 2/14/06, including the Public Hearing minutes on the 2006 Fire Contract: Councilor Sheeley stated that there was a correction needed on the statement she made regarding the Hwy bills, (3 39) should be # 39. Mrs. Ford said she would correct it before she entered the minutes into the official minute book.

**Motion made by Councilor Stowell seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept both sets of minutes for 2/14/06 with the correction made. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Reports:** 1) Terry Walker, DCO: Mr. Walker was absent. Supervisor Stowell stated that he has had complaints about a big black dog in Dugway, and on a Rottweiler that might have been hit on State Route 13.

2) Howard Allen, Town Justice: Supervisor Stowell read Judge Allen's report for February 2006. Supervisor Stowell also stated that Mr. Jahada would be asking for a new junkyard license. When Mrs. Ford receives the paperwork a Public Hearing would have to be set. Supervisor Stowell also stated that Judge Allen is asking for an upgrade for his computer. This was tabled until next month.

3) Denise Trudell, Sole Assessor: Supervisor Stowell briefly read the letter he received from the NY State Office of Real Property Services, regarding the 97.80% residential assessment ratio. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Mrs. Trudell has received an award for the town of Albion. Supervisor Stowell would set up the "official photo-op" with a State official from Albany who would present Mrs. Trudell the award.

4) Vern Mowers, CEO: Mr. Mowers submitted his report from 2/01/06 to 3/13/06. Mr. Mowers also reported that he has sent out violation letters, and some residents have responded and have cleaned up their properties.

**Questions & Comments from Audience:** 1) Mr. Omar Davis and Ms. Carolyn Corcoran complained about the culvert in front of their property at 176 castor Rd. Mr. Davis asked when the culvert would be replaced? Mr. Sperling, Hwy Supt. stated that he would try to get to it this year, preferably when school lets out for the summer.

**Reports continued:** 5) Charles Sperling, Hwy Supt.: Supervisor Stowell asked how many boiler quotes have come in? Mr. Sperling stated only two so far. This was tabled until next month. Mr. Sperling reported he has ordered a 48" oblique culvert pipe for Towne line road. Also, his computer and printer need to be replaced. Supervisor Stowell stated he would obtain quotes for the next month.

**Resolution # 6 of 2006  
Allowing Albion Town Hwy Resources to work outside the Town of Albion**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Albion, County of Oswego, New York, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006, and

WHEREAS, it has been discussed and considered that it is sometimes essential for the Town of Albion Highway Department to request help from other neighboring Town Highway Departments to provide equipment, personnel, and/or other resources in order to provide effective, and vital service to the constituents of the Town of Albion, and

WHEREAS, when this situation becomes apparent and considered necessary, the Town of Albion Town Board agrees to allow the Albion Town Highway Superintendent to provide such action on a one for one basis. The Superintendent shall document

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what resources and services are provided to other Townships and also, what other Townships are providing to the taxpayers of the Town of Albion, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent will attempt to the best of his ability to make this process as equitable and uniform for both the taxpayers of the Town of Albion and also the taxpayers from neighboring Townships by reciprocating services to and from other Townships, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as of January 1, 2006, due to rising costs in all resources, equipment that is to be sent to other Townships, shall be full before departing Albion's Township, and, at the end of the workday, this equipment shall be fueled up and topped off at the Township it is working in. The same will take place when equipment is brought into Albion, it shall arrive full of fuel, and will be topped off or filled at the Albion Highway Department at the end of the workday before departing.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006.

**Motion made by Councilor Stowell seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 6 of 2006 as read by Supervisor Stowell. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Mr. Sperling also received truck spec's from MACK @ \$136,000 & International @ \$137,000. These include everything the town needs. International is the State bid, so the town would not have to "bid out" if they went with them. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to purchase a 2006 International that has a tandem axle, large dump truck with snow plow equipment and comes from NY State OGS bid. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Mr. Sperling also reported that the minimum quota for salt has been reached, and the antenna has been put up. Supervisor Stowell then stated that he had contacted OCNB on the BAN; but only got a 4.5% low cost interest rate for the life of the Hwy equipment from USDA Rural Development.

**New Business:** 1) Mr. Steve Cronk President of the Os. Co. ATV Club asked the board if they would consider the clubs request on opening some of the town's roads to help connect the ATV trails. The roads in question are Albion Cross Rd from Hast Drive to Castor Rd, Castor Rd to Towne Rd, Main St. from Mattison Rd to Town of Richland town line. Supervisor Stowell stated that he has researched the procedure the town has to take with the Association of Towns to amend Local Law # 3 of 2003 the "ATV Law". The town of Albion must go through the entire procedure again including another Public Hearing. This hearing will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm before the regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Ford would put it in the paper.

**Reports continued:** 6) Fire Dept.: Supervisor Stowell read the report submitted by Fire Chief Holcomb for February 2006. The monthly call reports will no longer be submitted.

7) Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk: For the month of February 2006, the total disbursed was \$159.50. The town received a check for \$108.67 (\$28.67 for general & \$80.00 for part town); NY State DEC received \$14.16, Os. Co. Treasurer received \$24.67, and the NY State Dept. of Ag & Markets received \$12.00. Mrs. Ford submitted her phone log and her petty cash is at \$15.78, bill # 57 of the general bills for \$9.28 would bring her back to \$25.00. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Mrs. Ford also reported that the list for the Os. Co rabies clinics has been sent, she would have copies available in the box on her office door. The Os. Co. BOE has sent her a letter regarding District # 1 polling site; the BOE is now responsible for selecting the polling sites in the town. Mrs. Ford then gave the town a check for \$523,803.00, the total amount of the 2006 tax warrant.

**Resolution # 7 of 2006**

Records Management Appropriation resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Albion Town Board has found it fiscally equitable to accept a Records Management Grant in the year 2006, and

WHEREAS, in order to do this efficiently the Board agrees to form a State Aid Revenue Fund, A3089, entitled Other State Aid in the sum of \$4,270.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also agrees to make budget modifications in the Revenue and Appropriation account funds of the Records Management Contractual Expense, A1460.4 to reflect this \$4,270.00.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006.

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept resolution # 7 of 2006 as read by Supervisor Stowell. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Both the Town Clerk and Supervisor's books were audited. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept the 2005 Financial Report submitted by Supervisor Stowell. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Reports continued: Frederick Stowell, Supervisor: Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept the report as read by Supervisor Stowell for February 2006. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Resolution # 8 of 2006  
Transfer of funds**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006, as follows:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the budget appropriated in the following Account A1330.4 Tax Collection Contractual Expense is to be raised Five (\$5.00) dollars, said sum is to be transferred from Account A1330.42 Tax Collection Postage.

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 8 of 2006. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye**

**Audit Bills: General bills, abstract # 3: Bills # 52 - # 68 = \$ 63,691.14. Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept and pay all general bills for March 2006. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Hwy bills, abstract # 3: Bills # 63 - # 90 = \$14,485.68. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept and pay all Hwy bills for March 2006. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Village of Altmar: A) Roof Drain: Supervisor Stowell read the quote from Erie Mechanical Contractors. B) Fire Contract: Mrs. Ford has not received a signed contract; she has sent them one of each Supervisor Stowell has signed by certified letter to Mayor Reff. C) Village's request to expand the Municipal Building: The Board agrees not to give the Town's approval to the Village. D) Supervisor Stowell stated that he would like the Town Board to attend the Village Boards monthly meetings, to discuss future contracts for fire and snow removal.**

**Old Business: A) Board of Assessment Review appointment for 2006: Mr. Floyd Boyer and Mrs. Julia Gregory have both agreed to do Grievance Day. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to re-appoint both Mr. Boyer and Mrs. Gregory to the BAR. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.****

B) Mileage reimbursement: **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to raise the mileage reimbursement from .32c per mile to .38c per mile. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**New Business continued:** 2) Lynch Law Office letter regarding claim against the town by Mr. Philip Bubis. There would be a 50-H Examination on April 12, 2006 at 11:00am at the Town Offices.  
3) Telephone: Councilor Sheeley would look into the Time Warner Cable offer of \$39.00 per month including long distance for the towns phones. She would have the information by next month.

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

- Tug Hill Times
- Greenings
- Government Law Center
- Pulaski Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Newsletter
- 2006 Association of Towns Legislative session

**Questions & Comments from Audience continued:** 2) Mr. Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission gave Mrs. Ford information on Energy Audit Program and Loan Fund. She would make copies for the board members. Mr. Baxter would check with OGS on computers and printers for next month. Mr. Baxter then gave Supervisor Stowell a draft copy of a policy that notifies citizens in the event of compromise in the safeguarding of private information.

**Posted Items:** Mrs. Ford would post the following in the hall:

- Social Welfare Examiner
- Social Welfare Examiner (Spanish Speaking)

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to a close at 9:24pm.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy J. Ford  
Albion Town Clerk