

**AAMB  
Town of Albion  
Regular Meeting  
September 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 7:01pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes of 8/08/06 including Public Hearing tabled until 9/14/06. **Motion made by Councilor Eldred seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept both sets of minutes. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Councilor Eldred asked if the minutes were put in the paper? Mrs. Ford stated she would send Augusts minutes to the Salmon River News.

**Village of Altmar:** Mayor Thomas Reff asked if the Town Hwy Dept. could patch up Tar Hill Rd for them? Hwy Supt. Sperling stated it would take 3-4 ton of coal-patch. Mr. Sperling also stated that QPR is around \$90.00 per ton. The Village would pay for the cost of fuel, man-hours and for the material. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to allow the Town Hwy Dept. patch up Tar Hill Rd for the Village, and to be reimbursed by the Village for the cost of fuel, man-hours, and materials. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Mayor Reff also stated that the Village would like to keep Mr. Bob Allen on during the winter as a handyman for the municipal building, when he is not working for the town as a wingman. Mr. Allen would get no more than 20 hours per week. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to have the Village retain Mr. Bob Allen during the winter as the municipal buildings handyman. The Village and Town would split the pay. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Supervisor Stowell stated that he would like to set up a date and time with the Village Board and the State Comptroller to discuss the snow plowing contract; hopefully before the Village does their budget for 2007.

**Questions/Comments from the Audience:** 1) Ms. Linda Gibbs, a Natural Resources Specialist from the Tug Hill Commission presented the Town with a framed map of the Salmon River Watershed area. She then handed out an update on what the Tug Hill Commission has accomplished so far. There will a target meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> in Pulaski, NY at the Snow Memorial Building, to discuss the next step the Tug Hill Commission would take.

2) Mr. Scott Detweiler questioned the sub-division of his property on State Route 13. Supervisor Stowell stated that Christmas & Associates have asked for a 90-day extension.

**Reports:** 1) Mrs. Amanda Waite, Pre-K Director reported that they have started as of Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, and will have school on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> because of the Primary on the 12<sup>th</sup>. She has two 3-year olds & seven 4-year olds. On August 23<sup>rd</sup> the Pre-K Committee held interviews for a new Pre-K Aide. There were a lot of applicants, and they were all qualified. The Committee felt that Ms. Sarah Blount of Lacona, NY was the one to hire. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to hire Ms. Sarah Blount of Lacona, NY as the new Pre-K Aide. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

2) Terry Walker, DCO: Mr. Walker was absent. Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Stumpf of Sloperville Rd. stated that they have a problem with all the dogs running at large on the road. Mr. Stumpf has called and complained to Mr. Walker but he has yet to return the call.

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- 3) Denise Trudell, Sole Assessor: Mrs. Trudell was absent. Supervisor Stowell stated he had received a letter from the Office of Real Property Services stating the application for the 2006 Annual Reassessment Aid being received. Supervisor Stowell also stated that the Amish family (Miller) on Spencer Rd would like to establish a private family cemetery. The Amish would need to come before the board for the request.
- 4) Vern Mowers, CEO: Mr. Mowers submitted his report from 8/01/06 to 9/13/06. Mr. Mowers reported that the fish cleaning stations have been inspected and only a few have yet to see Mrs. Ford for their licenses.
- 5) Howard Allen, Town Justice: Supervisor Stowell read Judge Allen's report as submitted for August 2006.
- 6) Charles Sperling, Hwy Supt.: Mr. Sperling reported on the following: A) the new Truck is running a week behind, probably the end of September before the town gets it. B) Talked with Suit-coat regarding Albion Cross Rd. C) All the sealant is done that he had money for. D) All the mowing is caught up E) He only has two more culvert pipes to put in before winter F) Energy report was submitted to Supervisor Stowell G) Attended a workshop in Watertown, put on by the Tug Hill Commission regarding "Walkabout Communities. H) Talked with Surplus Equipment regarding cement steps he would like to get for the fuel tanks; this would help avoid a hazard I) Possible roof for the fuel tanks, to help defray loss J) Talked with Legislator Potter to see if they could get an emergency grant to help with the salt shed. Senator Wright was also contacted to help. Supervisor Stowell gave Mr. Sperling information on State Conference regarding Local Bridges and Retirement Forums. Mr. Sperling also stated that the town should be receiving another CHIPS check soon.
- 7) Fire Dept.: Supervisor Stowell read the reports for July & August 2006 as submitted by Fire Chief Holcomb.
- 8) Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk: For the month of August 2006, the total disbursed was \$ 1,270.00. The town received \$699.25 (general = \$154.25 & part town = \$545.00); the NY State DEC received \$ 469.60, Os. Co. Treasurer received \$ 68.15 and the NY State Dept of Ag & Markets received \$ 33.00. Phone log was submitted and the petty cash is at \$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.**
- 9) Frederick Stowell, Supervisor: **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept the report as read for August 2006. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Fund balances and revenue reports were also given.

**Resolution # 19 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 September 2006, as follows:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the budget appropriated in the following Accounts DB5132.42 Garage Contractual Expense (heating fuel) is to be raised Six Hundred Fifteen (\$615.00) dollars, said sum is to be transferred from Account DB5110.4 General Repairs Contractual Expense; and Account DB5112.2 Perm Improve Eq & Capital Outlay is to be raised Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars, said sum is to be transferred from Account DB5110.4 General Repairs Contractual Expense.

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

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 19 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, abstract # 9: bills # 165 - # 186 = \$36,243.92. Councilor Stowell stated bill # 165 should be voided because Christmas & Associates are to pay it; this makes the total amount \$35,193.92. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept and pay all general bills for September with correction made. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Audit bills continued:** Hwy, abstract # 9: bills # 192 - #227 = \$44,572.31. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept and pay all hwy bills for September 2006. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** 1) Preliminary Budget for 2007 has been submitted to Mrs. Ford, copies will be sent to the board. There will be a workshop on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

2) Christmas & Associates have requested a 90-day extension on the Detweiler/Maple Landing subdivision. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to allow the 90-day extension to Christmas & Associates. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

3) "NIMS" Resolution:

**Resolution # 20 of 2006  
National Incident Emergency Management Plan  
"NIMS"**

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 September 2006, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has found it necessary to enhance the Town of Albion's ability to manage emergency/disaster situations,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Albion Town Board unanimously approves and adopts the County of Oswego's Emergency Management Plan.

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

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to unanimously approve resolution # 20 of 2006. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

4) Completed a loan with Alliance Bank to get rid of the annual BAN for the hwy garage.

**Resolution # 21 of 2006  
Loan with Alliance Bank**

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 September 2006, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board was aware and approval was given to the Supervisor to obtain a loan for the highway garage,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Albion approves the loan with Alliance Bank with an annual principal payment of \$25,000.00 per year with an interest rate of 4.85% from 2007 – 2014.

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

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept resolution # 21 of 2006. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

5) "NIMS" Certificates: Mr. Sperling would give Mrs. Ford his & the working foreman's. Supervisor Stowell would give his and Councilor's Sheeley & Stowell to Mrs. Ford as well. Councilor's Barker & Eldred still need to take the course.

6) Youth Bureau letter: **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to not participate with the Youth Bureau. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

7) Comptroller's teleconference was held on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

8) Retired Public Employees letter: Meeting in Liverpool on October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

9) Oswego County Health Dept.: In late August & early September, rabies pellets would be dropped in parts of the town to help cut down on the spread of rabies.

10) Retirement meeting: To be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Onondaga Office Building.

11) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Quality Communities Teleconference would be held in Mexico on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

12) National Grid: Once again giving \$50.00 for certain trees to be replanted.

13) Letter to School Board: Supervisor Stowell read the letter written by Councilor Stowell to the APW School Board regarding the Pre-K program. The letter asks if the Pre-K program would be moving into the Altmar Elementary School, since the school has the room.

14) "Unsafe Structure Law": tabled until next month.

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**Supervisor's Correspondence's:** Given to the board for review:

- Tug Hill Times
- Rural Housing Coalition
- Application for Water Quality Projects

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Eldred 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 9:30pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy J. Ford  
Albion Town Clerk