

**AAMB
Town of Albion
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2007**

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

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to order at 6:32pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes of 07/10/07: including Public Hearing minutes regarding Bruce Dennison's subdivision. **Motion made by Councilor Stowell seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept both sets of minutes as submitted. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Reports: 1) Rick Smith, DCO: Mr. Smith showed the board the differences between the catch pole Mr. Walker had purchased and the one used by the DCO from the Town of Williamstown. He would like to purchase one like the Town of Williamstown has because it's safer and easier to handle. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to grant permission for Mr. Smith to purchase a catch pole like the Town of Williamstown's DCO has. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Mr. Smith also reported that both dogs that he had seized have been put down due to the Pitt-bull blood in them; it's difficult to adopt out such dogs. Mr. Smith also gave Mrs. Ford \$20.00 for pound fees; she will have this on her August report. Mr. Bruce LePorte from 354 Towsley Rd. was present to complain about the slow response time of the DCO to pick up a stray Pitt-bull that was dropped off at his home. Mr. Smith explained how he answers his calls, and that Mr. LePorte's situation was not deemed an emergency, and that he would get to his home as soon as he could. Mr. Smith stated that he would take the dog this evening.

2) Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter stated that Monday, August 20th would be the Training Process on Town Budgets from 7-9pm, here at the Municipal Bldg. Mrs. Ford would call and pre-register Councilor's Stowell & Eldred.

3) Vern Mowers, CEO: Mr. Mowers submitted his report from 07/02/07 to 08/11/07 to the board.

New Business: 1) Mr. Bob Mahoney of 341 Co. Rte 52 stated that he would like "NO Parking" signs on Co. Rte 52 from Hog Back Rd south to the Village limit, this would be about 3-400yds. Supervisor Stowell suggested that Mr. Mahoney contact Os. Co. Legislator Milferd Potter. Mr. Mahoney also asked why the Village of Altmar didn't have a reduced speed limit on ST Rte 13? Supervisor Stowell stated that there have been five requests over the years to the State; and there have been fatalities, but the State said there was no cause to lower the speed.

Reports continued:

4) Denise Trudell, Sole Assessor: Supervisor Stowell went over a letter from the NYSORPS regarding the equalization for the town. The town is now at 100% equalization mainly due to the "trend" Mrs. Trudell had done. Mrs. Trudell then stated that there would be refund questionnaires sent out this month, and that the residents need to fill one out to receive a STAR refund, but the seniors wouldn't have to answer anything, they would be sent just the refund.

**Resolution #11 of 2007
Re-Appointment of Sole Assessor**

At the regular meeting of the Town of Albion held August 14, 2007 the following Resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York.

WHEREAS, the Town of Albion has appointed Mrs. Denise Trudell, Sole Assessor for the last six-year term; and

WHEREAS, that term of appointment will expire on September 30, 2007; be it

RESOLVED, that this Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York hereby appoints Mrs. Denise Trudell, Sole Assessor for another six-year term beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2013.

Dated this 14th day of August 2007

Motion made by Councilor Stowell seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept resolution # 11 of 2007. Motion carried. Adopted (4-1) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: nay, Supervisor Stowell: aye. Mrs. Trudell stated she was glad to have two of the town's Councilor's present at the Assessor's meeting. Supervisor Stowell stated that he had signed and returned the MOU (Memo Of Understanding).

5) Howard Allen, Town Justice: Supervisor Stowell stated that Judge Allen had given him back the NYS Unified Court System grant form. Supervisor Stowell said that he had changed something's on it, he then read the letter he sent back explaining why along with a copy of the Judge's budget and resolution # 6 of 2007.

6) Charles Sperling, Hwy Supt.: Mr. Sperling reported the following: *while the town was cutting shoulders and using the Town of Orwell's broom, the broom was damaged in a vehicle accident. The State Police has the report and the car was able to drive away. The insurance companies have been notified; the town did not receive any tickets because their work zone was properly posted. * Tar hill Rd should be done in one-day; he cannot talk the Village Bd. into properly fixing their end. * The 2007 International is back and running. * The 1991 International needs both rear springs to pass inspection. * Towsley Rd is done and it was double sealed. Part of Castor Rd had to be sealed as well due to the oil. * Received a letter from Viking-Cives, they have the Os. Co. plowing equipment bid. * Next week the culvert pipe on Town line Rd would be replaced, and that culvert pipe will be put on S. Albion Rd. * The fuel tanks need some sort of a roof or the diesel fuel would need to be pumped. The retainer needs to be pumped also. * Both "new" trucks are licensed and registered. The minimum bid that he will accept for the 1990 Chevy van is \$2,500.00, he will place the ad and the bids would be opened at the next meeting. * He is still working on the Inter-agreement with the other towns; they are compiling a list of equipment they would like to purchase together by priority.

New Business continued:

2) Mr. Bruce Dennison would like to do another subdivision on property he is purchasing that is beside his other subdivision on County Rte 22 (south). This would be similar to the last subdivision as in the covenants but with more perk tests. The board agreed to walk the property shown to them by the preliminary map Mr. Dennison had brought.

Reports continued:

7) Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk: For the month of July 2007 the total disbursed was \$857.75. The Town received \$753.48 (general = \$100.23 & part town = \$653.25), Os. Co. Treasurer received \$62.27 and the NYS Ag & Markets received = \$42.00. Phone log has been submitted and petty cash is at \$25.00. Mrs. Ford also reported* Local Law # 1 of 2007 has been filed with the Secretary of State on July 2, 2007. *She has posted info regarding the Revolutionary War Encampment at Old Fort Ontario and on the Lois McClure, a replica 1862 canal schooner. *She received a response from Senator Mary Lou Rath regarding the resolution she sent on Assembly bill A.8775 the New York State Taxpayer Protection Act. *She and Mr. Sperling sent their notarized affidavits regarding the Bubis lawsuit against the town to the Lynch Law Firm. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell 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.**

8) Frederick Stowell, Supervisor: For the month of July 2007.

Receipts

General Money Market = \$3,339.49
Hwy Money Market = \$23,551.30

Disbursements

General Money Market = \$12,314.07
Hwy Money Market = \$46,961.20

Total Monies

General Money Market = \$161,892.95
Hwy Money Market = \$141,643.30
General Checking Account = \$1,907.86
Hwy Checking Account = \$3,418.78
Trust & Agency = \$6,167.22
General Certificate of Deposit = \$300,000.00
Hwy Certificate of Deposit = \$150,000.00
Grand Total = \$765,030.11

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred 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. Fund balances and revenue reports were given.

Audit bills: General: abstract # 8, bills # 139 - #160 = \$58,603.70. Mrs. Ford stated that bill # 160 was added at the last minute, with the total corrected. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept and pay all general bills for August 2007. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to give permission to Supervisor Stowell to pay the new truck bond. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell; aye, Councilor Barker; aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

**Resolution # 12 of 2007
Transfer of funds**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, at a regular meeting of said board on the 14th day of August 2007, as follows:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the budget appropriated in the following Account DB5110.42 General Repairs Contractual Expense (Eq fuel) is to be raised Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars, said sum is to be transferred from Accounts DB5110.4 General Repairs Contractual Expense and DB5112.2 Perm Improve Eq & Capital Outlay (\$2,000.00 each).

Dated this 14th day of August 2007

Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept resolution # 12 of 2007. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell; aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell; aye.

Hwy: abstract # 8, bills # 200 - #224 = \$42,209.38. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept and pay all hwy bills for August 2007. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

New Business continued:

3) US Census: Supervisor Stowell read the letter he received. Mrs. Ford would look into and see if her tax roll would be compatible with the census discs.

4) Os. Co. rabies information on the 13th Annual Wildlife Vaccination Project has been posted.

5) Supervisor Stowell briefly went over *Hartford Insurance letter regarding disability claims which the town has none. *Association of Towns letter, and the 2007 Tug Hill Local Leaders Institute Invitation.

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

- Physical Therapy Assistant (BOCES)
- Public Health Nurse

Supervisor's Correspondences: Given to the board:

- Grants Action News
- Tug Hill Times
- Chemicals in Sport-fish & Game

Questions or Comments from Audience: 1) Mr. Sperling stated that the Pineville Bridge is slated for replacement in 2008. This is not a top priority for the County, which has other bridges in worst condition. The Town of Albion does not have any bridges on town roads. Mrs. Ford and Mr. Sperling would look into the Hong Kong Rd bridge abandonment for next month.

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 9:08pm.
Dated this 14th day of August 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Amy J. Ford
Albion Town Clerk