

**AAMB
Town of Albion
Regular Meeting
December 11, 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 6:39pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes of 11/13/07 with Public Hearing minutes: Councilor Sheeley stated that in Mr. Mowers' CEO report it was Ms. Deonn Casey not Ms. Heather Davis that requested the trailer variance. Councilor Eldred then stated he would like his requested budgetary items Supervisor Stowell went over in New Business listed in the minutes. They are as follows: A) Outside wood-boiler, B) Follow up on NYSERTA, C) Continue repairs to the old hwy barn. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept minutes with additions. 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 submitted his mileage report to Mrs. Ford who put it on the general abstract #12. Mr. Smith stated that November was a slow month. Councilor Sheeley requested addresses and names of those who Mr. Smith sees regarding complaints. He told Councilor Sheeley that he could not give out that information because NY State Dept. of Ag & Markets states so. Mr. Smith will begin the dog enumeration in January 2008. Supervisor Stowell stated that a gentleman in Williamstown would be able to build a dog building 10'x16'. Mr. Dale Wheeler would supply the chain link fence that would be added. The quote will be given at January's meeting.

2) Vern Mowers, CEO: Mr. Mowers was absent, but his report he submitted from 11/02/07 to 12/07/07 was given to the board.

3) Denise Trudell, Sole Assessor: Mrs. Trudell reported that she finally got her computer running. She stated she would be out the week of Christmas and the following week. Mr. Jeff Bartholomew, the NYSORPS liaison and Mrs. Trudell are going over the lower sales year. Mrs. Trudell stated that the lower assessed houses are selling at their prices, but those with more acreage are selling higher than their assessment. She would keep the board apprised with the information she receives from Mr. Bartholomew.

4) Howard Allen Jr., Town Justice: Judge Allen submitted his report to Supervisor Stowell, but the total of calls were not given.

5) Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk: For the month of November 2007 the total disbursed was \$304.00. The town received \$251.19 (general = \$83.69, part town = \$167.50), Os. Co. Treasurer = \$31.37, NYS DEC=\$9.44, NYS Dept of Ag & Markets = \$12.00. Petty cash is at \$25.00, and the phone log has been submitted.

Motion made by Councilor Stowell 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 her new hours would be by 9am to 1pm with evening hours to be decided on by the Organizational meeting. Tax Collector's hours would be the same as the Town Clerks along with the last two Saturday's in January from 11am to 3pm. Mrs. Ford briefly went over a letter from the Os. Co. Treasurer regarding interest rates on installments.

6) Frederick Stowell, Supervisor: For the month of November 2007 as follows:

Receipts
General Money Market = \$36,629.46
Hwy Money Market = \$543.94

Disbursements
General Money Market = \$33,917.73
Hwy Money Market = \$26,426.43

Total Monies
General Money Market = \$377,857.66
General Checking Account = \$784.26
Trust & Agency Checking Account = \$9,393.61
Grand Total = \$608,720.66

Hwy Money Market = \$219,154.73
Hwy Checking Account = \$1,530.40

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor barker 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 balance sheets and revenue reports were given.

Resolution # 21 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 11th day of December 2007, as follows:

WHEREAS, due to fiscal responsibilities of the Township, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to make all necessary year-end transfers to cover and all appropriation overages to all accounts.

Dated this 11th day of December 2007

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 21 of 2007. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

There was a brief discussion on the Hwy tractor and equipment.

Audit Bills: General, abstract # 12: bills # 210 - #135 = \$15,157.72. Councilor Sheeley states that she denies paying bill # 217 due to no proof of training being given with the voucher. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept and pay all general bills for December 2007, except bill # 217; which would be tabled for next month until proof is shown. Total for general bills = \$15,062.72. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Hwy, abstract # 12: bills # 297 - #325 = \$24,611.99. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept and pay all hwy bills for December 2007. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

There was a discussion on the fuel tanks and what kind of cover would help keep the wind down so the tanks wouldn't freeze.

Village of Altmar: 1) There would be a Public Hearing on January 8th at 6:30pm on the 2008 Fire Contract, the regular meeting would follow.

2) Supervisor Stowell stated he gave mayor Reff and fire Chief Holcomb the information on the Foreign Fire tax Fund, the Town of Albion does not do this report.

Old Business: 1) Supervisor Stowell thanked Councilor Barker in attending the Emergency management Meeting with him.

- New Business:** 1) Supervisor Stowell completed the national Grid survey on-line.
2) Supervisor Stowell also completed the CNY Regional Planning survey on the Oneida Lake Water shed.
3) Supervisor Stowell read the NYS DOT safety routes to school letter.
4) Supervisor Stowell stated that he had sent Councilor Eldred's letter to Senator Wright regarding the speed limit in the Village on State Route 13; the Village has been asked to join and make their own resolution on this issue.
5) The next meeting of the Emergency Management would be on Thursday, January 17th at 6:30pm.
6) The Organizational Meeting would be on Thursday, January 3rd at 6:30pm.
7) Dog Law: **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Stowell to accept and pass the proposed Local Law # 2 of 2007 "Dog Control Law", with the revisions in Section E. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**
8) Supervisor Stowell briefly went over NYMIR's insurance report on the corrections needed at the hwy barns.
9) Quick books update: **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to agree on purchasing the 2008 update for \$179.95 before 12/31/07 with free shipping or it would be \$199.95. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Supervisor's Correspondences:

- Tug Hill Times
- NYMIR Newsletter
- Grant Action News
- Oswego County Outlook

Reports continued: 7) Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter gave the board information from the Salmon River Council of Governments on waiving the requirements of the Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals training, and a sample resolution for such a waiver. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to give the Salmon River Council of Governments support. Motion carried. Adopted (4-1) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell; aye, Councilor Barker; aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye, Councilor Eldred: nay.**
Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept the waiver on the Planning Board training. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Stowell: aye, Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

Mr. Baxter also mentioned that Senator Wright stated that roads with higher volumes should be equal to low volume roads when the towns maintain them, but the decision would be left to the towns themselves. Councilor Sheeley requested the hours for tax collecting be put in the minutes. They are 9am – 1pm Mon. – Fri. Evening hours would be given at the Organizational meeting. All hours would be posted in the paper and on the front door of the municipal building.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley 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 8:52pm

Dated this 11th day of December 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Ford

Albion Town Clerk