

**AAMB
Town of Albion
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2008**

**Present: Supervisor: Frederick Stowell
Councilor: Jack Barker
Councilor: Nancy Sheeley
Councilor: Carl Anson Jr.
Councilor: Ronald Eldred
Recording Secretary: Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk**

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to order at 6:31pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes of 03/11/08: Supervisor Stowell stated the following corrections: A) Reports #2 (a) his statement should be "on where to take the money out of the payroll funds was". B) Reports #7 Hwy cont' (b) Councilor Eldred would also research info on furnaces. C) Reports #7: Mr. Cronk's report – the 2000 not 200 International would have it's hubs replaced. D) Reports #7 regarding the 1990 Van. Supervisor Stowell suggested it could be placed in the swap sheet. **Motion made by Councilor Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept the minutes with corrections made. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Reports: 1) Hwy Dept: Regarding deceased Hwy worker William Scott's sick time. Councilor Eldred reported what he found out from the State Comptroller and with Town Attorney Robert Ventre, they explained why the town could not pay the sick time. The board could do a resolution on paying sick time but could not award retroactively only prospectively. Further discussion with the Town's Attorney on ways the board could pay was made.

2) DCO: Mr. Cronk stated he had a couple of calls. He buried a dog he found in the melting snow bank on Castor Rd. There has been no letters of interest for the DCO position. Mr. Cronk stated he would do another 30-days, and he knows someone who might be interested in the job.

3) CEO: Mr. Mowers was absent, but he had submitted his report from 03/01/08 to 04/07/08 to the board.

4) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter stated what the Town of Orwell had done when one of their Hwy workers passed away. He then reported on what equipment the County is purchasing, what they are spending on the election for Senator Wrights replacement. He also stated that those who the County has foreclosed on have a month before the auction to buy back their property. The County is expanding the Ag District to some who were not on it before. Mr. Potter then read a report on the Pre-K.

5) Sole Assessor: Supervisor Stowell read Mrs. Trudell's recommendation letter for another "trend". The residential parcels would be raised 8% and vacant land would be raised 5% across the board. This would get the Town back to 95% which would constitute 100% by the State and would save the STAR refund for the Town residents. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to allow Mrs. Trudell to do the "trend" of 8% for residential and 5% for vacant land across the board. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Further discussion on "trend" percentages was made.

6) Town Justice: Judge Allen was absent, but his report for March 2008 was submitted. Supervisor Stowell stated he had received a check for \$2,574.48 for the Justice Grant.

7) Fire Dept.: Mr. Cronk stated that on June 7th the Fire Dept would be holding an ATV/Bar-B-Q and a pancake breakfast later on to raise funds for a new Polaris rescue ATV.

8) Hwy cont': Supervisor Stowell stated he would like the counter offers from the board for the Teamsters negotiation by the end of the month. He then read the tractor bid that was placed in the paper. He has received two bids but there was no opening date mentioned. Supervisor Stowell also read the Earth Week letter from the County; he gave the info to Hwy Supt. Cronk. He then read the DEC letter regarding the North Country Wood Biomass Energy Project. Mr. Cronk then gave the following report: A) He would like to spray patch a 2' bar patch down the center of Albion Cross Rd from Bull Run Rd to ST Rte 104. B) Mr. Cronk went over the different prices of different procedures for Albion Cross Rd from Bull Run Rd to ST Rte 104, Dowley Rd from Co Rte 28 to Co Rte 48 and Hasto Rd from Co Rte 48 to Albion Cross Rd.

C) Mr. Cronk has the figures on hauling stone; in summary it would save the town money and wear & tear on the trucks to hire out. D) Both white Dodges have radios; and the green truck is going off the road. E) Dowley Rd would be opened up when the trees are cut down.

New Business: 1) ATV Club: Mr. Cronk stated what town roads need to be added for the ATV trails. They are: Co Rte 48 to Hasto; Hasto to Co Rte 22; Co Rte 28 to Dowely, Dowley to Co Rte 22; and the whole Dowley Rd from Co Rte 48 to Co Rte 28. Mr. Cronk stated that the town would need to agree before the County would give their consent. He would get info on the proper procedure. The ATV Club has no problem with the County Rte's just getting Dowley Rd. Councilor Sheeley asked why he had to go to Camden for an inspection? Mr. Cronk stated that was the closest place to inspect a 10-wheel truck.

Reports cont': 9) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford reported she disbursed \$209.00 for March 2008. The town received \$150.20 (\$80.20 = general, \$70.00 = part town). Os. Co Treasurer received \$25.85; NY State Dept. of Ag & Markets received \$15.00 and the NY State DEC received \$17.95. Her petty cash is at \$25.00. She then gave Supervisor Stowell a check for \$3,662.74 (\$3,241.16 = penalties, \$182.58 = interest, \$239.00 = second notices). This is what she owed the town after she closed her tax books with the County. Supervisor Stowell gave Mrs. Ford the M & T reports and a NYMIR Handbook on Dam Regulations to file. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

10) Supervisor: Supervisor Stowell read the following report for March 2008:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$6,430.51	General Money Market = \$86,645.84
Hwy Money Market = \$33,533.26	Hwy Money Market = \$47,528.88
<u>Total Monies</u>	
General Money market = \$331,977.50	Hwy Money Market = \$336,098.34
General Checking Account = \$1,734.56	Hwy Checking Account = \$475.11
Trust & Agency Checking Account = \$9,454.34	
General Certificate of Deposit = \$200,000.00	
Hwy Certificate of Deposit = \$100,000.00	
<i>Grand total = \$979,739.85</i>	

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

**Resolution #5 of 2008
Budget Modification**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, at a regular meeting of said board on the 8th day of April 2008, as follows:

WHEREAS, it has become fiscally necessary to make Budget Modifications to the current fiscal budget, the Town of Albion Town Board has agreed to increase the following appropriation and revenue accounts,

NOW, THEREFORE, from the Justice Court Equipment Grant, increase Revenue Account A3089 State Aid Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-four dollars and Forty-eight cents (\$2,574.48), and increase Appropriation Account A1110.2 Justice Equipment Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-four dollars and Forty-eight cents (\$2,574.48).

Dated this 8th day of April, 2008

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 5 of 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker; aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell; aye.

Audit Bills: General: abstract # 4, bills # 55 - #67 = \$12,772.50. **Motion made by Councilor Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept and pay all general bills for April 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye**

**Resolution # 6 of 2008
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 8th day of April 2008, 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 DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual Expense is to be raised Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, said sum is to be transferred from Account DA5130.21 Machinery (Annual); Account DA5142.42 Snow Removal (Equip. Fuel) is to be raised Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars; said sum is to be transferred from Account DA5130.22 Equipment Fund.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2008

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 6 of 2008.

Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept and pay all hwy bills for April 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker; aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

Village of Altmar: 1) Supervisor Stowell stated he had talked with Mr. Cronk on the request to share the cost of a new demolition saw blade that was borrowed from the Town of Richland and was used to cut the black top during the well and generator repairs at the Municipal Bldg.

2) Supervisor Stowell had contacted Mayor Reff regarding the land acquisition of the DEC; Mayor Reff stated he was not aware of it.

3) Supervisor Stowell also talked to Mayor Reff about Grants for rural areas on the Fire Dept; that was in the Tug Hill Times.

4) Mr. Paul Baxter stated that the Village Board meetings were now back on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Old Business: 1) NYS DEC: Supervisor Stowell read his response letter on their land acquisition. He sent copies to Assemblyman Barclay and to Senator Aubertine. Assemblyman Barclay has put a halt on this; but Supervisor Stowell has yet to hear back from Senator Aubertine.

2) Frontier Rates: Supervisor Stowell stated the figures Ms. Yost has submitted do not save the town money, so she would get back with another proposal.

3) Wind Power: Nothing new.

New Business cont': 2) Examining Board Vacancies: Supervisor Stowell received two letters of interest for the openings. He then read the letters from Mr. Donnie Little and Mr. Carl Anson Sr.

**Resolution #7 of 2008
BAR Appointments**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, duly agreed at a regular meeting on April 8th, 2008, as follows:

WHEREAS, there has been two vacancies on the Board of Assessment Review; and the Town of Albion has received letters of interest from Mr. Donnie Little and Mr. Carl Anson Sr.,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Albion Town Board appoints Mr. Donnie Little to fill Ms. Julia Stowell-Gregory's term, which expires September 30, 2010; and also appoints Mr. Carl Anson Sr. to fill Mr. Karl Allen's term, which expires September 30, 2009.

Dated this 8th day of April 2008

Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept resolution # 7 of 2008.

Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye. Both men would go to training when the classes become available.

Councilor Eldred asked about the speed limit in the Village? Supervisor Stowell stated the Village hasn't gotten back on it.

3) 315 Area Code: Supervisor Stowell gave the board info from the Public Service Department.

4) Supervisor Stowell went over the Town Finance Schools

- 5) 2000 Audit: Supervisor Stowell asked the board to go over this for next month's meeting.
- 6) The board was given a newspaper article referencing the Town of Parish and it's Sam's Club charge card.
- 7) Supervisor Stowell briefly read the SEMO Audit and he sent back the compliance letter.
- 8) The board was given the Thank You card from the Senior Citizens.
- 9) Supervisor Stowell went over the correspondence from the Association of Towns.
- 10) Supervisor Stowell gave Mrs. Ford a letter of interest for any Clerk position from Mr. Lena Brosnan, who resides in Mexico, NY. Mrs. Ford would file the letter.

Supervisor's Correspondences: Given to the board:

- Tug Hill Times
- Workers Comp newsletter

Reports cont': 11) Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter reported the following:

- a) There is a Salmon River Council meeting coming up – the date hasn't been finalized.
- b) At the end of May, there would be a Super cog.
- c) On Tuesday, June 24th the Tug Hill Commission would be in Parish.

Mr. Baxter then went over the Parish newspaper article in fuller detail and explained how the paper did not elaborate on certain purchases.

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

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to a close at 9:37pm.

Dated this 8th day of April 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Amy J. Ford
Albion Town Clerk