

**AAMB  
Town of Albion  
Regular Meeting  
May 13, 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 6:30pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes of 04/08/08 & "Special" meeting of 04/29/08: Supervisor Stowell stated resolution # 6 of 2008 needed appropriation account (SA) changed to (DA). Mrs. Ford would correct this before entering the minutes in the official minute book. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept both sets of 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.**

**Presentation # 1:** Mr. Austin Hacker of Babcock & Brown presented the proposed Electrical Transmission Lines from Upstate NY Power Corporation. The power would come from the windmills up north and hook up with the NY State power in Parish, NY. Property owners are being asked for a permanent right of way for a one-time payment that varies from owner to owner. The taxes for these lines would be up to the land-owners. Mr. Hacker handed out a picture of what the lines would look like. Only ten miles of cable is buried underwater, it is cheaper to put the lines above ground. Further discussion was made on the "PILOT" program.

**Presentation # 2:** Ms. Linda Gibbs from the Tug Hill Commission gave her presentation on the Salmon River Watershed Natural Resources update. She went over the progress that has been made, and the three workshops that have been held last year. Ms. Gibbs then stated that the draft report was completed and the last day of public feedback would be June 30<sup>th</sup>. She then briefly went over the draft and what it contained.

There was a moment of silence for fellow town resident Warren Cronk.

**Reports:** 1) DCO: Mr. Cronk reported that he had picked up two beagles from the Village and they have been given homes. There was a problem on S. Albion Rd. and the State Police were involved. Supervisor Stowell read both the police letter and his response letter. At this time the Town cannot get involved until a permanent DCO is hired. Mrs. Ford would place another ad in the paper for a DCO. Councilor Eldred would check with the State Comptroller to see if Mr. Cronk could continue as Town DCO & Hwy Supt. and get paid for both.

2) CEO: Mr. Mowers submitted his report from 04/02/08 to 05/10/08. Mr. Cronk stated it would cost \$2500.00 to get the tanks pumped. Mr. Mowers stated he could not issue a building permit to the town until he receives "Professional Engineer's Plans" for a commercial building. Mr. Cronk would contact someone to help obtain the plans. The tanks would be pumped on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

3) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter reported that the County would be having a surplus equipment auction, and the town is invited to join with any surplus equipment they would like to sell. The County is also having a land auction on September 27<sup>th</sup>; owners have until August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to pay off any owed back taxes. Mr. Potter then stated that there would be an increase to the "CHIPS" money; the County would receive about 13%.

4) Hwy Supt.: Mr. Cronk reported the following: a) Hong Kong Rd is repaired. b) S. Albion Rd is done,

had some trouble on the Wengert property with the loader. c) Dowley Rd needs two pipes to be changed. He would like to "hot-top" it; the County would charge almost the same as to "chip seal" it. d) Temp. Worker Rick Dana would work the Memorial Day week that the permanent workers have off; he would be mowing. e) The Town cemeteries would be mowed before Memorial Day.

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f) He has talked with Eastern Shore Insurance regarding the Hwy policies. Supervisor Stowell stated Councilor Eldred had given him a letter recommending a boiler system for the new barn; two boilers would work. Mr. Morris Thurston recommended a wood stove; which could go inside the barn. Further discussion was made on the heating the new barn. Mr. Cronk then stated that a letter from Chesapeake Bank regarding money owed to Rural Bolt has been handled and it could be disregarded. He also stated that on hwy abstract # 5, bill # 149 was corrected prior to the meeting; the bill had the Town of Orwell's charge on it.

5) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford reported she disbursed for the month of April 2008 the total of \$507.00. The town received \$402.59 (general = \$109.59, part town = \$293.00). Os. Co. Treasurer received \$42.30; NY State DEC received \$ 32.11 and the NY State Dept. of Ag & Markets received \$30.00. The petty cash is at \$25.00. Mrs. Ford also stated that at her conference she learned that the Deputy Town Clerk bill has passed. This now gives the Deputy the same power and duties as the Town Clerk when she is not available and the Deputy listens and answers only to the Town Clerk. Supervisor Stowell gave the M & T reports to file and asked Mrs. Ford to make copies of the Os. Co. Health Dept's report on Water wells for the board. Mrs. Ford also stated that Local Law # 2 of 2007 has been filed with the Secretary of State and is in effect.

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker 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.**

6) Supervisor: For the month of April 2008 Supervisor Stowell read his report.

| <u>Receipts</u>                               | <u>Disbursements</u>                      |
|---|---|
| General Money Market = \$12,184.35            | General Money Market = \$26,237.29        |
| Hwy Money Market = \$41,441.85                | Hwy Money Market = \$27,342.72            |
| <u>Total Monies</u>                           |   |
| General Money Market = \$347,733.67           | General Checking Account = \$1,367.73     |
| Hwy Money Market = \$317,302.36               | Hwy Checking Account = \$3,781.45         |
| Trust & Agency Checking Account = \$7,410.05  |   |
| General Certificate of Deposit = \$200,000.00 | Hwy Certificate of Deposit = \$100,000.00 |
| <u>Grand Total</u> = \$977,595.26             |   |

Fund balances and revenue reports were given. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker 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 #8 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Albion Town Board has agreed to increase the following appropriation account for the purchase of a tractor mower,

NOW, THEREFORE, increase Account DB5110.2 General Repair Equipment Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred (\$21,400.00) dollars, said sum is to be transferred from Account DB599 Highway Part Town Un-appropriated Fund Balance.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 8 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 # 5, bills # 68 - #80 = \$1,164.01. Motion made by Councilor Barker**

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

Hwy: abstract # 5, bills # 123 - #150 = \$30,939.14. Mrs. Ford stated that bill # 136 should be taken out of DB5110.42 not DA5142.42. Councilor Anson Jr. questioned bill # 136 (Mirabito). Supervisor Stowell stated that a bill was never sent. **Motion made by Councilor Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept and pay all hwy bills for May 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

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Supervisor Stowell stated that all hwy bills should come out of a "DB" account starting in June.

**Old Business:** 1) Supervisor Stowell briefly went over the NYS DEC letter and his phone conversation with Mr. Wolford regarding DEC land acquisition.  
2) ATV Club's additional town roads request: The Club is to present a map and justification as to the roads needing to be opened; they would also take fiscal responsibility for all Attorney fees.  
3) Councilor Eldred asked about the old barn being painted and where the paint that was purchased in 11/07 was.

**New Business:** 1) NYS Liquor Authority letter: The license category would be by color as follows: Purple = Mixed Use (M/U), Red = Night Club/Cabaret (NC,CR), Olive= Restaurant Wine (RW), Blue = All other on-premises liquor, and Green = All off-premises licenses and on premises beer/or wine licenses.  
2) Supervisor Stowell asked the board to look over the Annual Audit Requirements for the next meeting.  
3) The next meeting of the Emergency Management would be Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, with the Village of Altmar.  
4) Mrs. Ford stated that Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> WIC would be using the meeting room from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

**Reports continued:** 7) Assessor: Supervisor Stowell went over the NYSORPS letter; the town's equalization rate is now at 83.65%. Mrs. Trudell stated that not a lot of people have requested adjustments to their assessments once she explained the 8% "trend". Councilor Eldred asked about the Agricultural Exemptions. Mrs. Trudell stated the owners have to go through the County to get a Soil & Water test; then the State sends her sealing's to go by. To receive an Ag exemption you have to have a sealant lower than the assessment. Councilor Eldred then requested Mrs. Trudell's statement of "Nobody in the township is receiving an Ag exemption that doesn't deserve one" be put in the minutes.

**Motion made by Councilor Eldred seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to enter into executive session at 8:35pm to discuss Agricultural Exemptions. 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 Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Eldred to re-enter into the regular meeting at 9:32pm. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Supervisor's Correspondences:** Given to the board to review:

- Tug Hill Times
- Grants Action Alert
- Albany Law School

**Audience Comments:** 1) Mr. Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Circuit Rider extended an invitation to the board for the Super Cog that would be held at Katie & Karl's restaurant in Camden, NY on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>. Dinner would be at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7pm.

**Adjournment: Motion made by Councilor Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Barker 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 at 9:35pm.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk