

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 6:34pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes of 6/10/08: Supervisor Stowell pointed out a typing error in the Os. Co. Legislator's report, and also he would like (1/2 month) added to resolution # 9 of 2008 next to March 11, 2008 date to be paid. Mrs. Ford would correct these errors prior to entering the minutes into the official minute book. Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker 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. Supt.: Mr. Cronk reported the following:

A) The stone is all in; price of oil has gone up

B) Dowley Rd is done; S. Albion Rd is being worked on now.

C) Would like to chip seal down the center of Albion Cross Rd.

D) Has a problem with the workers on overtime being paid to the working foreman for a calls they believe should have been made to the senior worker.

E) He has worked things out with Eastern Shore with the prices regarding the vandalism of the old hwy barn and the damages to the 1985 Blazer w/plow and the 2003 Chevy pickup. The Blazer is totaled (back axle is broken off). Mr. Cronk stated that the amount for the damage to the barn (\$8,000.00) is less than the amount it would cost to repair it. Further discussion was made on estimates and repairs needed to the old barn and the two hwy vehicles. Mr. Cronk would obtain quotes from different body shops in and around the township.

F) Had the owner of a furnace company in the Town of Richland come out to see the new hwy barn and give quotes on a heating system. The gentleman suggested ceiling fans, which would help cut cost. Mr. Cronk stated it would take about 30 ? 40 cord of wood per winter to heat the barn. Further discussion was made on woodstoves. Supervisor Stowell gave the board specifications on a heating system. Mrs. Ford would run these in the paper under Legal Notices for the rest of July; the last day the sealed bids would be accepted would be the Friday before the meeting. Discussion on fuel tank coverage was made.

G) Mr. Cronk stated that Mr. George Pfluger had worked 10 ½ hours on welding for the town,

and should be paid \$15.00/hour. The board agreed, but Mr. Pfluger would have to submit an application along with a W4 form and a timesheet.

Supervisor Stowell then suggested that the Town of Albion Hwy Dept. do a town wide cleanup similar to the Village of Lacona. Mr. Cronk stated they would when they get caught up with the roads. Supervisor Stowell then read a letter regarding the Teamster contract; no agreement has been reached so a mediator from Albany would be needed. Supervisor Stowell also read the grievance letter from the two hwy workers Mr. Michael Ford and Mr. James Wheeler regarding unfair overtime being paid. Mr. Cronk then left the meeting.

2) DCO: Supervisor Stowell stated there have been no problems. Councilor Barker stated that Mr. John Perkins, Town of Parish's DCO might be interested in the DCO position.

3) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter read the following report: The County of Oswego would be doing the following: A) Selling back to previous owners properties that were taken from them for taxes. B) Passing a resolution supporting the State on property tax relief. C) Transferring \$1,100,000.00 for paving projects for about 22 miles. D) Setting up Capital reserve funding for bridges, road construction, building renovations, highway & equipment reserve bridges. E) Accepting 5 or 6 Grants. F) Would be voting on the sales tax on gas and diesel over \$2.00.

4) Mr. Jamieson C. Persse from Eastern Shore Associates Insurance presented the board with a coverage outline policy for the coming year (8/23/08 to 8/23/09), which would cost less than last year, but with better coverage. Discussion on fuel tank coverage was made. Mr. Persse would get a quote and contact Supervisor Stowell along with any regulations.

5) Mr. Rich Duvall from NOCA explained the needed increase in the ambulance coverage. Mr. Duvall stated that it would be based on the assessed value of each property, (about \$.85 cents per thousand for the Town of Albion). On July 29th the surrounding Town Supervisor's would be meeting to discuss the increase. Mr. Duvall stated that all NOCA books and call books were available to those interested in looking at them; also anyone could be shown around inside to see how NOCA worked. The Town of Albion has 180 days to cancel the 3yr contract with NOCA; the town is in the 2nd yr. Copies of NOCA's 2008 proposed budget were given out and Mr. Duvall went over each line item and answered questions.

6) CEO: Mr. Mowers was absent, but his report from 6/01/08 to 7/04/08 was submitted. Supervisor Stowell stated that Mr. Mowers has been certified for taking a refresher class as CEO/BI. Supervisor Stowell also stated he had received an e-mail from Mr. Mowers regarding a trailer that is now in the Village trailer park. The new owner wishes to move it into the town, but Mr. Mowers has stated that the rust stains on the outside be cleaned before he issues a permit. The board agreed with Mr. Mowers and they stand behind his recommendations.

7) Sole Assessor: Mrs. Trudell is on vacation until July 22nd. Supervisor Stowell read a memorandum of understanding contract with NYS ORPS. Mr. Dave Hastings, Director of Os. Co. Real Property Tax Services would be at the August meeting to go over assessment issues. Supervisor Stowell suggested that the board attend the 2nd Annual Assessor's Association meeting at the Town of Volney Town Hall on Tuesday, July 22nd at 6 p.m., and that it would be a picnic style dinner.

8) Tug Hill Commission: Supervisor Stowell stated the date for the workshop with Mr. Phil Street would be set next month.

9) Town Justice: Judge Allen submitted his report for June 2008 to the board.

10) Fire Dept.: Fire Chief Holcomb submitted reports from February to May 2008 to Supervisor Stowell.

11) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford disbursed &737.50 for the month of June 2008. The town received \$644.18 (general = \$169.18, part town = \$475.00), Os. Co. Treasurer received \$49.82, NYS Dept of Ag & Markets received \$21.00, and the NYS Dept of Health received \$ 22.50. Petty cash is at \$25.00. Motion made by Councilor Eldred seconded by Councilor Sheeley 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. Supervisor Stowell gave Mrs. Ford a NYMIR Handbook and an M & T report to file.

12) Supervisor: For the month of June 2008, Supervisor Stowell read the following:

**Receipts**

General Money Market = \$13,006.63

Hwy Money Market = \$555.65

**Disbursements**

General Money Market = \$18,945.56

Hwy Money Market = \$21,160.79

**Total Monies**

General Money Market = \$301,569.11

Hwy Money Market = \$293,972.02

General Checking Account = \$1,233.96

Hwy Checking Account = \$4,056.05

Trust & Agency Checking Account = \$11,571.19

General Certificate of Deposit = \$200,000.00

Hwy Certificate of Deposit = \$100,000.00

**Grand total = \$912,402.33**

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. Fund balances and revenue reports were given.

Resolution #11 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 July 2008, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Albion Town Board has found it necessary for the fiscal accuracy of the Town to make a certain transfer of money and raise the amount originally appropriated,

NOW, THEREFORE, the budget appropriated in the following Account DB5110.42 General Repairs Contractual Expense (Equipment Fuel) is to be raised Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, said sum is to be transferred from Account DB5112.2 Perm Improve Capital Outlay.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2008

Motion made by Councilor Eldred seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept resolution #11 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 # 7, bills # 95 - # 104 = \$726.97. Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept and pay all general bills for July 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker; aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell; aye.

Hwy; abstract # 7, bills # 170 = # 191 = \$14,133.27. Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept and pay all hwy bills for July 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 received a letter from Brookfield Power regarding the subdivision on Bridge St & Tar Hill Rd by NY Woods & Water. Brookfield is informing NY Woods & Water of potential flooding, and that the two upstream dams are not flood control structures.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) ATV Club: They are working on insurance coverage.
- 2) Emergency Management: Supervisor Stowell sent an e-mail on 7/07/08 to check on the current status.
- 3) Speed limit on ST Rte 13: No news
- 4) Old Hwy cell phone: No decision on it.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) NOCA: Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to NOT break the 3yr contract with NOCA. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.
- 2) Os. Co Emergency Management would be holding training classes on July 16th from 6-9pm at Sandy Creek, July 29th from 8-11pm at the Co. Hwy Dept in Scriba, and on August 7th from 6-9pm at the Os. Co. Emergency Management Office in Fulton.

3) Supervisor Stowell gave the board a booklet on Local Government from Governor Patterson.

4) Supervisor Stowell read a letter from the town's attorney Mr. Robert Ventre regarding the petition Mrs. Ford sent him from Citizens Telecommunications; they have made a grievance against the State Board of Real Property Services. Mr. Ventre has advised the town not to do anything, and allow the State to handle it.

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

- \* Tug Hill Times
- \* Canal Way Trail Times
- \* ARC Connections
- \* Grant Action News

**Adjournment:**

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley 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 to a close at 9:38 pm

Dated this 8th day of July 2008

Respectfully submitted; Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk