

**AAMB
Town of Albion
Regular Meeting
August 12, 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 07/08/08: Councilor Eldred stated that in the NOCA presentation it should be .85c per thousand not .37c. Mrs. Ford would correct the amount prior to putting the minutes in 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) DCO: Mr. Cronk reported: A) He has picked up two puppies from Co. Rte 48. B) There has been a problem on Hong Kong Rd, but he believes this is a neighbor dispute since he cannot find any dogs running at large. C) The dog problem on Church St. in the Village has been cleared up; the dog seems to be gone.

2) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter reported the following: A) One of the resolutions would be urging the International Joint Commission to develop a new plan of management concerning changing the level of Lake Ontario not more than what it has been in the last 50 years. B) Would be selling back four properties to previous owners that were taken by the County for nonpayment of taxes. The last day to reclaim property that was taken for nonpayment would be August 29th. C) They would be accepting a \$50,000.00 Grant to study the assessment system in the County that would pay for a study to apply common standards throughout the County. D) They would award a contract to a Credit/Debit Card Co. to accept payments for County taxes, and at the transfer stations. E) Would propose a resolution that would fund a Ferrous Metal Recovery System at the Energy Recovery Facility. F) They hope to pass a resolution for \$75,000.00 to hire Langone & Associates to study ways to improve the County's radio system. G) Would be paying \$5,320.00 to have the County Fire Tower inspected, the Public Safety Commission was given a tour of the Fire School.

3) CEO: Mr. Mowers was absent, but his report from 07/01/08 to 08/10/08 was submitted.

4) Assessor: Supervisor Stowell stated that hopefully the NYS ORPS would be at our next meeting to go over the Memorandum of Understanding. Supervisor Stowell also stated that Mrs. Trudell has the town back at 100% assessed value with the help of the last "trend". The town would be receiving \$481.56 for the STAR Administrative Aid. Residents with the basic STAR exemption would be receiving \$32,280.00 and those with the enhanced STAR exemption would get \$61,120.00.

5) Town Justice: Judge Allen's report for July 2008 has been submitted.

6) Hwy Supt.: Mr. Cronk reported the following: A) Dowley Rd, S. Albion Rd, Albion Cross Rd., and Hong Kong Rd (just on the replaced culvert) all have been tarred & stoned. B) Councilor Sheeley stated Albion Cross Rd needs a culvert pipe. Mr. Cronk stated it could be changed prior to sealing it. C) The cost of salt would be going up. D) Donation of the old gradal to the BOCES program. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to donate the old gradal to the Os. Co. BOCES Program. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** E) The check for his class registration back in April was sent to the wrong address, but it has been taken care of. F) He would like all the trucks to have dump stickers on them. Supervisor Stowell would go over this with him at a later date.

Supervisor Stowell then went over the following: A) Letter from Ledden Law Firm re: William Scott estate. Money would be coming to the estate. B) Mr. Cronk needs to watch the fund balance sheets, budget restraints, wages, fuel, etc... C) Quotes on the 2003 Chevy: Altmar's Finest Body Shop has completed most of the repairs. They would finish the tailgate and submit the final bill next month.

The town received \$90.00 for the totaled Blazer and \$280.00 for towing/storage fees of the Blazer. D) The old hwy barn repairs: Quote from MTL Design Inc. is \$14,000.00. Supervisor Stowell received an e-mail from NYMIR regarding an emergency contract mode. The town has to pay the \$250.00 deductible. NYMIR would cover the rest. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to go into emergency mode and have the emergency repairs done to the old hwy barn by MTL Design Inc. for \$14,000.00. With the town paying the \$250.00 deductible. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** E) Fuel station: Mr. Cronk reported the steel for the roof has been ordered. F) Supervisor Stowell received two letters from PESH. Mr. Cronk would take care of them. G) Supervisor Stowell gave Mr. Cronk info on Cornell Local Rd's training. H) Mrs. Ford would give a copy of the 2000 Comptroller's Audit to Mr. Cronk so he can make sure the proper procedures and recommendations for dipping tanks, taking equipment inventory and fuel logs are being followed.

7) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford disbursed the following for the month of July 2008:

Town Supervisor = \$627.93 (\$92.43 = general, \$535.50 = part town)	
Oswego Co. Treasurer = \$57.57	NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets = \$48.00
NYS Dept. of Health = \$22.50	Total = \$756.00

Petty cash is at \$25.00. **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.** The September's meeting would be on the 11th due to the primary being on the 9th.

8) Supervisor: For the month of July as follows:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money market = \$4,308.09	General Money Market = \$11,100.23
Hwy Money Market = \$26,431.99	Hwy Money Market = \$26,540.47
<u>Total Monies</u>	
General Money Market = \$294,776.97	Hwy Money Market = \$293,863.54
General Checking Account = \$1,612.11	Hwy Checking Account = \$4,222.68
Trust & Agency Checking Account = \$9,805.13	
General CD = \$200,000.00	Hwy CD = \$100,000.00
Grand total = \$904,280.43	

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

**Resolution #12 of 2008
Budget Modification**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, duly agreed at a regular meeting on August 12th, 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, increase the Revenue Account DA2680 Insurance Recovery by Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety dollars and Ninety-six cents (\$6,790.96). And increase the Appropriation Account DA5130.22 Equipment Fund for Insurance Recovery check received for both small vehicles.

Dated this 12th day of August 2008

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to accept resolution # 12 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 # 8, bills # 105-#126 = \$61,885.33. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept and pay all general bills for August 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye** Hwy: abstract # 8, bills #192 - #220 = \$56,050.93. **Motion made by Councilor Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept and pay all hwy bills for August 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye (he abstained on bill # 220), Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye**

Village of Altmar: The front of the Municipal Bldg is being landscaped. The bill for this month is on general abstract # 8 and Mrs. Ford has billed the Village for half.

Old Business: 1) NOCA: the town has received another contract; NOCA is willing to lower the price but the cover letter and the contract do not have the same amounts. Supervisor Stowell stated that the seven surrounding towns all agree not to pay per assessment. No one has an idea what would happen after the 15th of August. The next NOCA meeting would be on Thursday, August 14th at 8:30pm at the Ringgold Fire Dept. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker that the town board denies the new NOCA contract. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

2) Subdivision law workshop: Supervisor Stowell briefly went over the letter from Mr. Phil Street, Tug Hill Commission and his draft of subdivision regulations he wrote. 3) ST Rte 13 speed limit: Mrs. Diane Graser, charge of the Traffic for the State has to get in touch with Mr. Cronk.

New Business: 1) Teamsters negotiations: Mr. Jeffrey Sherman, mediator and Mr. Brian Hammond, Teamster Local #687 were present. Discussion between the board, mediator and Teamsters was made. Mediator Sherman made several attempts to achieve an agreement, but at this time no agreement was reached. The next meeting with all involved would be on September 11th at 7pm.

2) Budget worksheets are to be turned in next month. Mrs. Ford would send out the forms with the minutes.

3) Heating system: There has been no response on the legal notice that was in the paper for the month of July, Mrs. Ford would place the legal for one more week; with the sealed bids being opened at the 09/11/09 meeting. Councilor Eldred asked Mr. Cronk if he could ask the gentleman that had looked at the heating system before and mentioned ceiling fans to see if he would be interested in bidding.

Reports continued: 9) Tug Hill Commission Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter reported that there would be a meeting on Wednesday, August 13th at the APW High School on "Merging" Internet for Rural Areas Over the Power Lines. This meeting is to see of there's interest in the area for a "merger". The Salmon River Council of Local Government and the Parish Economic Task Force would be co-sponsoring the meeting.

Supervisor's Correspondences:

- Tug Hill Times
- 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 9:23pm.

Dated this 12th day of August 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk