

**AAMB
Town of Albion
Regular Meeting
October 14, 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 09/11/08: Councilor Eldred questioned "D" from Comments from Audience in regards to Councilor Anson Jr.

agreeing to talk with Mrs. Trudell. Councilor Anson Jr. stated he did agree to it. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept the minutes as submitted. 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 submitted his report from 9/14/08 to 10/14/08. He had 15 calls. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

2) CEO: Mr. Mowers was absent, but he had his report from 9/02/08 to 10/10/08 submitted. Along with his report he had attached a letter stating he has no problem allowing Mrs. June Bice to transfer her deceased husbands junkyard license to her name. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to allow Mrs. Bice to put the junkyard in her name. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Supervisor Stowell then stated that Mrs. Anita Joss would like the board's approval to move into her horse barn. There is no power, and her reason for acceptance is that if the Amish can live without power so could she. This was tabled until a later date.

Old Business: 1) NOCA: Supervisor Stowell received an updated fuel surcharge contract of 10% retroactive to January 2008 the amount being around \$2400.00. Mr. Wayne Dealing was present to listen to the boards concerns and requests for the new NOCA board of directors. Mr. Dealing would represent the town taxpayers and report to the town board exactly where the money is going. He would be paid mileage (.40c/mile) to attend the NOCA meetings and the town board meetings. The next NOCA meeting would be on Thursday, October 23rd at 7pm at the Sandy Creek Town Hall. Mr. Dealing would let the board know if he would accept the position at the next town board meeting.

Reports continued: 3) Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter handed out a comparison of the 2008 Oswego County town's and what everyone is being paid.

4) Town Justice:

Resolution # 18 of 2008

Justice Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, at a regular meeting of said board on the 14th day of October 2008, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Albion Town Board has agreed to allow Judge Howard Allen Jr. to apply for Grant money for the 2008 fiscal year.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2008

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 18 of 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

5) Assessor: Mr. Dave Hastings, Director of the Os. Co Real Property Tax Service was present to explain and answer questions on equalization, re-val's and trending. Os. Co. Legislator Potter then asked Mr. Hastings to explain the grants on the study of the property tax services and the study of tax collection services. Mr. Hastings urges the town to go to a five-member board of assessment review with age diversity. There was a discussion on doing a re-val, and having Mrs. Trudell and her assistant do it.

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to have Mrs. Trudell and her assistant do a re-val with the rate of pay not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars. Motion carried. Adopted (4-1) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye, Councilor Eldred: nay.

6) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter reported the following from the County Legislature:

- Gave the sheriff a 9% raise (reason – the under sheriff was making more)
- Passed a resolution establishing six capital projects to refurbish bridges and culverts
- Awarded a contract to study tax collection services
- Awarded a contract to study the property tax services (assessment improvement grant)
- Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of the deeds for property sold for taxes. The County tax sale brought almost a million dollars
- Changed some fees in the County Clerks office
- Approved six new cars for the County Health Department
- Passed a law to go t flow control (all solid waste generated in the County must stay in the County). They did not outlaw outside burning.

Mr. Potter also gave a copy of the “Oswego County Recycling and Solid Waste Law” – points to consider.

7) Fire Dept.: Supervisor Stowell read the report submitted by Fire Chief Holcomb for September 2008.

8) Hwy Supt.: Mr. Cronk reported the following:

- The workers have hauled 546 loads of sand
- One truck has been harnessed for winter, another would be done by next week
- 8 hour days would begin on Thursday, October 16th
- He has a problem with the air compressor
- He has a problem with the dipping stick on the fuel tanks. A different cap needs to be put on
- He won't be buying anymore cold patch – the price is at \$70/ton
- The woodstove is ready to be picked up at Tractor Supply in Oswego
- The newer loader has a fuel tank leak
- Two Hwy workers have had injuries. Both received hernias from lifting wood. He's working on getting extra men to cover driving

9) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford read the following report for September 2008.

Disbursed: Town Supervisor = \$1,165.90(general fund = \$556.90, part town = \$609.00)

Os. Co. Treasurer = \$49.35

NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets = \$18.00

Petty cash is at \$25.00. Mrs. Ford also stated she had received a FOIL from CSEA regarding non-union members of the town that were not elected. She gave information on the Court Clerk, Assessor, Assessor's Assistant and CEO; she then notified each on the information she gave on them.

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.

10) Supervisor: The following report was read:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$4,793.17	General Money Market = \$24,761.66
Hwy Money Market = \$85,584.12	Hwy Money Market = \$95,548.82
	<u>Total Monies</u>
General Money Market = \$408,275.19	Hwy Money Market = \$350,710.79
General Checking Account = \$1,406.14	Hwy Checking Account = \$4,183.50
Trust & Agency Checking Account = \$7,269.76	Grand total = \$771,845.38

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. 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. Fund balances and revenue sheets were also given out.

Audit Bills: General; abstract # 10, bills # 140 - #149 = \$14,091.17. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept and pay all general bills for October 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**
Hwy; abstract # 10, bills # 238 - #258 = \$14,412.57. **Motion made by Councilor Eldred seconded by Councilor Barker to accept and pay all hwy bills for October 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye**

Old Business continued: 1a) NOCA

**Resolution #19 of 2008
NOCA**

Motion made by Councilor Carl Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Jack Barker, to authorize the payment of \$41,297.15 to NOCA for ambulance service for the calendar year 2009. Please note that the Town Board's approval of said payment is contingent upon approval of the proposed 2009 Town of Albion Town Budget and the execution of an ambulance service agreement between the Town of Albion and NOCA for the 2009 calendar year. On a roll call vote, this motion passed with Board Members voting

Stowell – aye
Sheeley – nay
Anson Jr. – aye
Barker – aye
Eldred – aye

Dated this 14th day of October 2008

Motion made by Councilor Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 19 of 2008. Motion carried (4-1) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye, Councilor Sheeley: nay

New Business: Supervisor Stowell went over the following:

- 1) Teamsters negotiations: The Teamsters have not gotten back on floating holidays.
- 2) NYMIR letter on Vehicle & Traffic Law has been rescinded.
- 3) Christmas & Associates sent an article from the Autumn 2008 issue of "Northern Woodlands" magazine.
- 4) Letter on Shared Services News was given to the board
- 5) NYS DEC Grant application for extracting certain species
- 6) NYS Comptroller letter on securing local governments deposits. Supervisor Stowell has the bank checking on this.
- 7) Public Hearing on the 2009 Preliminary Budget would be on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30pm with the regular board meeting to follow.

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

Tug Hill Times Planning News
Greenings Dept. of State Newsletter
2008 Update from the NYS Assembly Rural Resources Commission

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred 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 9:27pm.

Dated this 14th day of October 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Ford

Albion Town Clerk