

**AAMB  
Town of Albion  
Regular Meeting  
August 11, 2009**

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

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to order at 6:33pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes 07/14/09 including the Special Minutes regarding opening bids for the Hwy Dept's Heating & Fuel Upgrade. **Motion made by Councillor Anson Jr. seconded by Councillor Barker to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councillor Barker: aye, Councillor Sheeley: aye, Councillor Anson Jr.: aye Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Reports:** 1) Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter reported there were a couple of Tug Hill workshops coming up, the first one in September on "Planning Basics" in Central Square; date & time still to be set. The other workshop would be on "ATV/Snowmobiles" held sometime in mid-October possibly in Redfield with date & time & definite place yet to be set.

2) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter read the following report: A) The next meeting of the Legislature would be on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> @2pm. B) They would be implementing the additional 1% in sales tax keeping it at 8%. This would mean approximately \$8,750,000. This would keep from increasing Property Taxes by 24%. C) Fixing a time & place for a hearing for extending Property tax exemptions to veterans who served in the cold war era. It would be held September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Legislative Chambers in Oswego. D) Sold back to previous owners five properties that were taken by foreclosures. Any property to be reclaimed by previous owners must be done by Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 @2pm. E) Awarding a contract to Mac Knight Architects for \$6,650.00 for services related to roof repair on the County Legislative Office Building. F) Awarding a contract for \$12,250.00 to C&S Engineering for engineering on four bridge projects: South Jefferson St., Osceola Rd., Panther Lake Rd, Lehigh Rd. Also establishing three Capital Projects on bridges on Pendergast Rd., Myers Rd., & Co. Rte 54 not to exceed \$20,000 each. G) They are also establishing a Capitol Project for \$250,000 that would result in the ERF selling warm water to Interface after they have run it through their steam turbines and used it to make electricity. H) They are awarding a contract to Motorola to prepare a detailed cost estimate for the new radio system. I) They are authorizing transferring \$11,000 for the Sheriff's to buy new clothes for newly hired personal. J) Passed a resolution to finish to study for reducing energy cost at Banner St. Health Complex. Mr. Potter also reported that the Primary & General Elections would be held only at the Municipal Bldg. (District #1). The County has combined both Districts due to the cost of the new voting machines. Also, the Pineville Bridge is marked for replacement in 2010.

3) CEO: Mr. Mowers was absent, but his report from 07/01/09 to 08/07/09 was submitted.

4) Hwy Supt.: Supervisor Stowell briefly read the letter from Barton & Loguidice, P.C. regarding the proposal for the construction oversight and tank closure services for the Heating & Fuel Upgrades. **Motion made by Councillor Barker seconded by Councillor Anson Jr. to accept and give approval for Supervisor Stowell to sign the contract as read. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councillor Barker: aye, Councillor Sheeley: aye, Councillor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Mr. Cronk would post the Worker's Compensation Bulletin at the Hwy Dept.

Mr. John La Valley owner of La Valley Brothers Construction Co. from Wolcott, NY was present to go over the final details of the Heating & Fuel System Upgrades they had bid on and were awarded. He gave a brief description of the work that would be completed and that he would not be paid until the job was done.

**Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to give Supervisor Stowell the approval to sign the contract with La Valley Brothers Construction Co. allowing them the “green light” to proceed with the project they were awarded. Motion carried. Adopted (3-1) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye, Councilor Sheeley: nay.** Small discussion on placement of the air compressor’s and fuel tank overflow precautions. Hwy Cronk then gave the following report: A) Chips money for 2010 has been signed for. B) Bought new cutting edges, cost would be around \$700.00. C) Would like a new lock system for the front door. D) The new credit cards for fuel are locked up, each truck would have it’s own number assigned. The tanks would still need to be dipped, and the drivers would still need to document the amount of fuel taken and for which equipment it was for and sign and date the paperwork.

5) DCO: Mr. Cronk stated the dog he picked up from Le Blanc’s on Barber Rd has been hit & killed after he decided to adopt it. Small discussion on Hwy accounts was made.

6) Assessor: Mrs. Trudell was absent, but Supervisor Stowell read the following report: A) There were 37 appointments held for Grievance Day. There were some with multiple parcels and there were a few people who were confused and didn’t really need to be there. It went very well. B) There have been 2 small Claims Assessment Reviews filed. One of them is a vacant land parcel that does not qualify for a SCAR. C) The total Assessed value of Albion in 2008 was \$14,252,572.00. The total Taxable Value of Albion in 2008 was \$9,024,739.00. D) The total Assessed value of Albion in 2009 is \$16,109,887.00 .The total Taxable Value of Albion in 2009 is \$10,376,552.00 (roughly a 9% increase in taxable value). E) The new STAR exemptions will be Basic: \$34,610 and Enhanced: \$69,330. (2008 was Basic: \$32,280, Enhanced: \$61,120). F) By reviewing the sales that have occurred since July 2008, it appears that our assessments are in line with sales on average. Supervisor Stowell then briefly went over a letter from the NYSORPS stating the town’s equalization ration is at 100%.

***New Business:*** 1) NYMIR servicing agent Mr. Jamieson C. Persse gave the board a coverage outline for the town’s insurance renewal. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to accept the renewal from NYMIR from 08/23/09 to 08/24/2010. Total cost being \$19,198.59 (which is \$983.75 less than last year). Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

***Reports continued:***

7) Town Justice: Judge Allen’s report was given to the board. Supervisor Stowell read the letter from the NYS Unified Court System requesting a copy of the resolution acknowledging the audit of the Justice books. Mrs. Ford would send the information. Judge Allen then stated that NYS is requesting a separate phone line for a credit card machine. Small discussion on this topic was made. Judge Allen would hold this request until next year (after this years budget is finalized), since there is no money budgeted this year.

8) Fire Dept: Supervisor Stowell read Chief Holcomb’s report for July 2009.

9) NOCA Director: Mr. Dealing’s July & August 2009 reports were given to the board. Small discussion on mileage and what is considered adequate was made. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to accept the mileage vouchers submitted for last month and this month from Mr. Dealing and to cap the mileage at \$500.00 and to budget the same for next year. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

***Comments from Audience:*** 1) Mr. Gary Bubis requests a variance for a 20yr old trailer that would take the place of an existing trailer, which would be 82’ from the road. Mr. Mowers would check continually on the up keep of this trailer. Mr. Bubis would have to show Mr. Mowers proof of ownership. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to grant this variance to Mr. Bubis. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Reports continued:**

10) Town Clerk: For the month of July 2009 total disbursed was \$675.00. Town = \$604.60 (general = \$54.60/part town = \$550.00), Os. Co. Treasurer = \$32.90, NYS Dept of AG & Markets = \$15.00, NYS Dept of Health = \$22.50. Petty cash is at \$25.00. Mrs. Ford then stated her Tax Collector's program would need to be upgraded from DOS to the Internet. She has enough money in her Tax Collector's accounts to cover the cost. She also stated her DECALS system is up and running, thanks to ACC Tech Services (whose bill is on the general abstract #8). **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

11) Supervisor: As read by Mr. Stowell for July 2009 as follows:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$4,584.97	General Money Market = \$16,773.66
Hwy Money Market = \$19,004.59	Hwy Money Market = \$66,199.24
<u>Total Monies</u>	
General Money Market = \$284,676.14	Hwy Money Market = \$321,903.66
General Checking Account = \$510.35	Hwy Checking Account = \$1,521.41
Trust & Agency Checking Account = \$8,421.36	
General 6 month CD = \$200,000.00	Hwy 6 month CD = \$100,000.00
<u>Grand total = \$917,032.92</u>	

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Fund balances and revenue reports were given to the board.

**Resolution # 7 of 2009  
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 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009 as follows:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the budget appropriated in the following Account DA5132.4 Garage Contractual Expense is to be increased Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) dollars, said sum is to be transferred from Account DA599 Un-appropriated Fund Balance. Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to accept resolution # 7 of 2009. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Audit Bills:** General; abstract # 8, bills # 114 - #126 = \$5,138.94. Bill # 120 would be increased to the original amount from last month. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept and pay all general bills for August 2009 with correction made. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Hwy; abstract # 8, bills # 178 - # 193 = \$5,858.87. **Motion made by Councilor Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept and pay all hwy bills for August 2009. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Old Business:** 1) Subdivision Regulations are to be reviewed and gone over next month.  
2) Councilor Sheeley was given the information on the Os. Co. Emergency Mgmt NIMS Compliance survey.  
3) Oswego County Self -Insurance Plan has been contacted, Mr. Leone is still alive.  
4) Mr. Jimmie Brow has been informed that he needs to complete the paperwork and SEQR on his application request for a junkyard license before the town's attorney is notified.

**New Business:** 1) Hartford Insurance: No third party sick payments were made.  
2) Energy Conservation Grants information was given to the board.  
3) Received an invitation to the Tug Hill Local Leaders Institute.  
4) Received an invitation on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from Comptroller DiNapolis.  
5) Retirement payment of \$12,477.00 would be due in December.  
6) Board was given information on the Enhanced Broadband Devices Support.  
7) Received the Town of Richland's flyer too late.  
8) Board of Elections letter regarding the voting Districts being combined was read; a copy of this letter would be mailed with the minutes.

**Supervisor's Correspondences:** These were given to the board:

- Tug Hill Times
- Government Solutions
- The Spotlight, Oswego County BOCES
- Better Roads
- Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust Annual Report

**Adjournment: Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to a close at 9:17pm.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy J. Ford  
Albion Town Clerk