

Town of Albion  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
February 10, 2015

Present: Supervisor Aaron Walter  
Councilman Thomas Reff  
Councilman Brad Hilton  
Councilman Randy Mattison  
Councilman Lonny Mattison  
Recording Secretary: Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk

Supervisor Walter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

*Previous Monthly Minutes:* (Organizational & Regular – 01/06/15, Public Hearing – 01/20/15) **Motion made by Councilman Randy Mattison seconded by Councilman Lonny Mattison to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye Councilman Reff – aye Councilman Hilton – aye Councilman Randy Mattison – aye Councilman Lonny Mattison – aye**

*Reports:* 1) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter briefly went over a list of proposed resolutions the Co. Legislature would be voting on at their upcoming meeting. Mr. Potter stated that he is against most of the exemptions in the County's proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015. Also the County Health Dept. is closing its Long-term Health Care Program (LTHCP). A copy of all resolutions will be available in the Town Clerk's office. Mr. Wayne Dealing asked why the County couldn't add on to the jail and save money instead of paying other county jails for the over flow. Mr. Potter stated it would cost the tax payers millions.

2) Hwy Supt.: Mr. Cronk reported: A) 2000 International' hydraulics is acting up; they have the control valve where they can use the truck. B) 2010 Internationals spinner had to be replaced; the men worked on it Saturday and he was told the truck had a duel pump system (only truck that does). Supervisor Walter asked how much hydraulic fluid is being used. Mr. Cronk stated a lot that every time a hydraulic hose goes the truck loses 40 gallons. C) He has ordered 150 tons of salt, has 100 more coming and another 100 if needed. D) March 4<sup>th</sup> he will be attending the meeting regarding CHIPS money so the town won't be charged the \$75 fee for non-attendance. Mr. Cronk stated he has sent the paperwork to the County for CHIPS with the amount being around \$23,600. E) Supervisor Walter stated the corrections to the part-time workers pay would be included in their next pay check. F) Mr. Cronk stated he was test driving a used pickup Mr. Mark Paye was selling. The truck is a 2003 F250 Crew Cab that has 131,000 miles on it, the under carriage has been black coated and there is very little rust around one door; Mr. Paye is asking \$6500 for it. If the board agrees to purchase this truck, it would replace the white Dodge pickup that can't pass inspection. **Motion made by Councilman Randy Mattison seconded by Councilman Lonny Mattison to purchase the 2003 F250 pickup for \$6500 from Mr. Mark Paye. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye Councilman Reff – aye Councilman Hilton – aye Councilman Randy Mattison – aye Councilman Lonny Mattison – aye.** Councilman Randy Mattison asked about the maintenance on the overhead doors. Mr. Cronk stated he has to call to set up an appointment; he has a man coming to look at the furnace because it's not registering correctly.

3) DCO: Mr. Cronk reported: A) He had a problem with the woman in Pineville whose dog was hit and killed when it caused an accident. The woman wanted some sort of ID of proof of who he was. Mr. Mowers stated he would make one for him. B) He has received a lot of calls regarding cats, he doesn't

handle cats. Supervisor Walter stated for him to call the animal shelter in Richland, he was sure the owner would take the cats.

4) Supt. of Cemeteries: Supervisor Walter stated that Legacy Marks does not take original documents to scan onto cards. The town would have to scan them first then send it to Legacy Mark so they in turn could put the info onto cards. The procedure would take 12 – 14 weeks which would take the town pass the grant deadline so he is working on another extension.

5) CEO/BI: Mr. Mowers submitted his report for January 2015. He issued 2 renewals, one Certificate of Occupancy and one Certificate of Completion. He collected \$90 which he turned into the town Clerk on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

6) Town Justice: Judge Allen asked if Supervisor Walter received his check & report which Supervisor Walter stated he did. Judge Allen then stated the town has been awarded a Judicial Grant of \$24,511.00. Judge Allen asked Councilman Reff & Councilman Randy Mattison if they would be available to represent the board if the need arose, both agreed. Mr. Mowers would also be involved since he is the town's CEO/BI. Judge Allen also asked Chief Holcomb to be available as well since the Fire Dept. utilizes the meeting room also. Judge Allen then stated that since the board decided not to allow the usage of the building to the public, he would like a permanent structure built other than the removable (collapsible) kind. Supervisor Walter asked if Judge Allen could make copies of the grant application for the board which Judge Allen agreed to do. Judge Allen also commented on the Pineville dog issue; it's in the small claims court. Judge Allen then stated he would like to see local residents hired to do the work that will be needed since it's for the Town of Albion.

7) Fire Dept.: Chief Holcomb was absent but he submitted the following report for January 2015. Call = 33. Contract for 2015 = \$103,800 Checking Account Balance for January 2015 = \$2,623.27 Expenses = \$969.55 Total amount to move forward to February = \$15,882.72 January Truck Fund Deposit = \$35,000. Supervisor Walter asked Mr. Dealing about the \$35,000 Truck fund. Mr. Dealing stated he would ask Chief Holcomb about it. Mr. Dealing then asked Mr. Mowers whom to contact regarding calls on carbon dioxide and structure fires that have outdoor woodstoves involved. Mr. Mowers stated he was the one to contact so he could issue permits for re-building/installing and he would give the names & numbers of those that were needed to do inspections. Mr. Mowers then stated that he did not issue any permits for the structure fire on Co Rt 22 that involved an outdoor woodstove.

8) NOCA: Mr. Dealing reported: A) that there was a committee created to do a mass billing fund raiser. Hopefully NOCA would be able to raise around \$20,000; this money would go towards new hydraulic stretchers since there are more obese people and there would be less chance of NOCA personnel injuring themselves from lifting. B) There has been trouble with the ambulances fuel injection systems, something is gunking the engines up; they are being fixed. C) The paint jobs on all ambulances need to be re-done. D) At the last Town's/NOCA meeting there was minimal attendance, hopefully the towns will give more inquiry. E) NOCA is in the black and it didn't take too long to get there; only took saying no and keeping the check book closed.

9) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford reported she took in and disbursed for the month of January 2015 = \$118.00 The Town received \$110.00 and NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets received \$8.00. Petty cash is at \$25.00. Mrs. Ford then gave Supervisor Walter a check in full for the towns 2015 Tax Warrant of \$618,474.59. **Motion made by Councilman Lonny Mattison seconded by Councilman Hilton to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye Councilman Reff – aye Councilman Hilton – aye Councilman Randy Mattison – aye Councilman Lonny Mattison – aye**

10) Supervisor: For February 2015 as follows:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$8,318.33	General Money Market = \$85,745.92
Hwy Money Market = \$3.82	Hwy Money Market = \$32,425.12
<u>Account Balances (as of 01/31/15)</u>	
General Money Market = \$143,362.29	Hwy Money Market = \$207,593.73
General Checking Account = \$19,772.49	Hwy Checking Account = \$3,745.80
Trust & Agency = \$25,569.54	Cemetery = \$86,543.35
Total = \$486,587.20	

**Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Randy Mattison to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye Councilman Reff – aye Councilman Hilton – aye Councilman Randy Mattison – aye Councilman Lonny Mattison – aye**

Supervisor Walter stated he had two issues to discuss:

1) Board of Assessment Review: Last year Mr. Rick Stowell and Mrs. Nancy Sheeley had submitted their letters of interest. Incumbent Mr. Carl Anson Sr. also submitted his letter of interest at last month's meeting. **Motion made by Councilman Randy Mattison seconded by Councilman Hilton to re-appoint Incumbent Anson Sr. back to the B.A.R. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye Councilman Reff – aye Councilman Hilton – aye Councilman Randy Mattison – aye Councilman Lonny Mattison – aye**

2) Teamsters Contract Mediation: Meeting has been set for 02/18/15 at 6 pm. This would be a Special Meeting opened to the public; however, the board would be entering executive session shortly after the meeting was called to order. Mrs. Ford would put the notice in the papers and on the board/door. Supervisor Walter also stated that only the Hwy Transportation Committee needed to attend the meeting (Supervisor Walter, Councilman Reff & Councilman Randy Mattison).

*Audit Bills:* General abstract # 2, bills # 30 - # 72 = \$20,884.32. Supervisor Walter stated bill # 67 be moved to the Hwy abstract and bills # 58 & 59 have their appropriation numbers changed to A5132.42. Bill # 60 is to be tabled until further information is received as to what it's for. General abstract # 2, bills # 30 - #72 = \$20,488.35. **Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Reff to accept and pay all general bills for February 2015 with corrections made. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye Councilman Reff – aye Councilman Hilton – aye Councilman Randy Mattison – aye Councilman Lonny Mattison – aye**

Hwy abstract # 2, bills # 14 - #22 = \$19,241.75 Supervisor Walter stated that bills # 14,15, 21 & 22 have their appropriation numbers changed to DA5142.42. Vouchers are to be added # 23 for Mark Paye (Hwy pickup) and # 24 for the general bill that was moved. Hwy abstract # 2, bills # 14 - # 24 = \$ 26,005.45 **Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Reff to accept and pay all Hwy bills for February 2015 with corrections made. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye Councilman Reff – aye Councilman Hilton – aye Councilman Randy Mattison – aye Councilman Lonny Mattison**

*Old Business:* 1) Distribution of Lighting Cost – contract is up June 2015: Supervisor Walter stated this was at the top of his to do list

2) Austin Road/ Road maintenance & classification: Supervisor Walter stated he would talk with the town's attorney on this

3) Municipal Building signage: nothing new

- 4) Fleet Plan implementation: Supervisor Walter stated he has the audit from Ferguson, CPA and will work on it.
- 5) 59 Howardville Drive: Councilman Randy Mattison stated there was talk about the owner calling a lawyer.

*New Business:* 1) Snowmobile usage on Town roads: There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm prior to the regular monthly meeting. The town attorney would be placing the legal in the papers.

2) Councilman Reff asked who would be paying for the snowmobile signage. Supervisor Walter stated he would contact Kasoag Trailblazers.

3) Councilman Randy Mattison stated there is a snowmobile sign on Hong Kong Rd. Supervisor Walter stated that there are no town roads opened to snowmobiles.

*Public Comment:* 1) Mr. Bryan Myers asked if any roads are opened now to snowmobiles. Supervisor Walter stated none are legally opened.

2) Councilman Reff stated the retaining wall near the fire dept. door is starting to kick out.

*Reports continued:* 11) Tug Hill Commission: Mr. Baxter stated that Supervisor Walter was elected Vice Chair of the SRCLG at their past meeting on 02/05/15. He then handed out booklets on the Os. Co. Spring & Winter Events (available on the table in the hall). Mr. Baxter stated that the Tug Hill was mentioned in the Governors' 2015 State budget. Mr. Baxter then stated that the Tug Hill Commission is looking into creating a Deputy Circuit Ryder Associate to help with attendance by the Tug Hill at different Town board meetings that conflict with each other; it's still in the works, but hopefully it will be created. Mrs. Ford stated the Tug Hill Commission is looking for Sage Nominations.

***Adjournment:* Motion made by Councilman Lonny Mattison seconded by Councilman Hilton to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye Councilman Reff – aye Councilman Hilton – aye Councilman Randy Mattison – aye Councilman Lonny Mattison – aye**  
Supervisor Walter called the meeting to a close at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Ford  
Town Clerk