

Town of Albion  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 10, 2015

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

Supervisor Walter called the meeting to order at 7:49pm then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

*Previous monthly minutes:* Mrs. Ford stated that General abstract # 2, bill # 36 had an incorrect appropriation number, it should be A1420.21 not A1410.47. It had been corrected before the bills were paid. Councilman Mattison stated that the mailbox bill should not have been paid. Supervisor Walter stated it would be brought up under New Business. **Motion made by Councilman Mattison seconded by Councilman Hilton to accept the minutes with amendment. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Supervisor Walter – aye: Councilman Reff – aye: Councilman Hilton – aye: Councilman Mattison – aye.**

*Reports:* 1) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter briefly went over sixteen resolutions the County Legislature would be voting on at their next meeting in March. A copy would be available in the Town Clerk's Office. Also Mr. Potter gave a draft copy of the 2015 Rabies Clinics, which would also be available in the Town Clerk's Office. Supervisor Walter asked about the Capital Improvement Exemptions. Mr. Potter stated that only those who build an additional room(s) are eligible. Putting in new windows or doors does not qualify since they do not change the square footage and affect the assessment.

2) Hwy Supt.: Mr. Cronk reported the following: A) 2007 International needs brake work done soon; it will not be safe to drive if it hauls stone. The board agreed to allow Mr. Cronk to get the brakes done. B) Nelson Law Firm has written a shared working agreement for a neighboring town, and Mr. Cronk would like something similar for Albion. The State Comptroller has even mentioned that the town should have something in writing that states what is agreed upon. Supervisor Walter would contact the town's attorney on this. C) Mr. Cronk has ordered the last of the salt from American Rock Salt Co. D) Mr. Cronk has put in the paperwork to the County for the CHIPS money for \$34,892.88; which would bring around \$92,000 for this winter (2014-2015 season). Councilman Mattison asked if all trucks were up and running. Mr. Cronk stated they were except for the 2007' brake issue.

3) DCO: Mr. Cronk received the DCO ID badge from Mr. Mowers. Mr. Cronk stated that Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> the Pineville dog problem would be in Court. Also he had picked up all three dogs from the meth lab raid on Mexico Street; the dogs have since been returned home. Supervisor Walter asked about the radio in Mr. Cronk's town pick-up truck. Mr. Cronk stated it had just quit, one of the wires had burnt out. He also stated that he would like to take the 2003 F250 to get a radio. Mr. Bryan Myers asked if the rumor was true about the County taking over plowing their County roads. Mr. Cronk stated that it was just a rumor.

4) Supt. of Cemeteries: Ms. Butler was absent but Supervisor Walter stated that they are still working on the Legacy Mark status.

5) Tug Hill Commission: Mr. Baxter stated that they would be having their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Conference on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 at the Jefferson Community College in Watertown. He also informed the board since they have taken the place of the town's Planning Board, they would need to

take a four hour training course. Mr. Baxter then stated that the town's website had been brought up to current; he would get with Mrs. Ford for the latest minutes.

6) CEO/BI: Mr. Mowers was absent but submitted the following report for February 2015: He issued one renewal and one other (pool/shed/OWTS) permit. He issued two Certificates of Completions.

7) Town Justice: Judge Allen stated the town was awarded \$24,511.00 for the Judicial Grant he applied for; he would like to set up a meeting to discuss the bench issue. Also the Pineville dog issue would be heard on March 16<sup>th</sup> in his Courtroom. Judge Allen then stated that the town should have a policy or procedure in place in case of another MERSA incident occurs again. Supervisor Walter stated the board would hold a special meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> to audit the Judges books (in executive session) and to discuss the grant money. Mrs. Ford would place the legal in the papers.

8) Fire Dept.: Chief Holcomb was absent but submitted the following report for February 2015: Monthly calls = 23. Financial Review: Contract for 2015 = \$103,800. Check balance = \$15,882.72. Expenses = \$1,951.90. Checking account balance moved to March = \$13,930.82. Chief Holcomb also submitted an amended report for January 2015 showing the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$51,900.00 from the Town for the 2015 Fire Contract of \$103,800.

9) NOCA: Mr. Dealing was absent.

10) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford reported for February 2015: Total taken in and disbursed was \$177.00 The Town received= \$177.00, NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets = \$22.00; petty cash is at \$25.00. **Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Mattison to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Supervisor Walter – aye: Councilman Reff – aye: Councilman Hilton – aye: Councilman Mattison – aye.**

11) Supervisor: Report for March 2015 as read:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$621,545.68	General Money Market = \$34,729.12
Hwy Money Market = \$32,705.94	Hwy Money Market = \$48,947.06
<u>Account Balances (as of 2/28/15)</u>	
General Money Market = no bank statement	Hwy Money Market = no bank statement
General Checking Account = \$18,805.49	Hwy Checking Account = no bank statement
Trust & Agency = \$17,645.79	Cemetery = \$86,548.33
Total = \$122,999.61	

**Motion made by Councilman Reff seconded by Councilman Mattison to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Supervisor Walter – aye: Councilman Reff – aye: Councilman Hilton – aye: Councilman Mattison – aye.**

Supervisor Walter stated there would be a workshop on March 31<sup>st</sup> with the Teamsters Mediator; only the Hwy Committee (Walter, Reff & R. Mattison) were needed to attend. He also stated the State of New York Public Service Commission has sent out information on changing the over used 315 Area Code; it is still in the works to be changed for this area.

*Pay Bills:* General abstract # 3, bills # 73 - # 103 = \$69,506.86. Supervisor Walter stated bill # 89's amount was incorrect. Bill # 92 should have two appropriation numbers with the amounts listed for each. Councilman Hilton stated bill # 77's amount was incorrect. Mrs. Ford corrected all bills mentioned. General abstract # 3, bills # 73 - # 103 = \$69,195.23. **Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Reff to accept and pay all general bills for March 2015 with corrections made. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Supervisor Walter – aye: Councilman Reff – aye: Councilman Hilton – aye: Councilman Mattison – aye.**

Hwy abstract # 3, bills # 25 - # 39 = \$15,946.68. Supervisor Walter stated that bills # 26, 27 & 28 have their appropriation numbers changed to DA5142.42 from DA5110.42. **Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Mattison to accept and pay all Hwy bills for March 2015 with corrections made. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Supervisor Walter – aye: Councilman Reff – aye: Councilman Hilton – aye: Councilman Mattison – aye.**

*Old Business:* 1) Distribution of Lighting District Cost: nothing new  
2) Austin Road/Road maintenance & classification: nothing new  
3) Municipal Building signage: nothing new  
4) Fleet Plan Implementation: Supervisor Walter is working on it  
5) 59 Howardville Drive: have not heard anything on it

*New Business:* 1) Snowmobile Usage on Town Roads: **Motion made by Councilman Mattison seconded by Councilman Hilton to vote on Local Law # 1 of 2015. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Councilman Reff – aye  
Councilman Hilton – aye  
Councilman R. Mattison – aye  
Supervisor Walter – aye  
Councilman L. Mattison – absent**

Supervisor Walter stated date restrictions would be set at next month's meeting.  
Councilman Mattison stated he would like to discuss a mailbox policy or creation of one. Supervisor Walter stated that he would write up two different resolutions, one that would cover up to \$30 for each mailbox damaged the other having no coverage from the town. The board would vote on this issue at the Special Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> along with the Judicial Grant & auditing the Judges books.

*Public Comment:* 1) Mr. Bryan Myers asked if the price of the computer for the Supt. of Cemeteries would be taken out of the amount Supervisor Walter read in his report for Cemetery balance. Supervisor Walter stated that the money would come out of the Cemetery Contractual Expense account from the 2015 budget.  
2) Mr. James Wheeler asked if the town has hired anybody to dig graves for the Cemetery. Supervisor Walter stated not yet, he would discuss this and the prices with the Supt. of Cemeteries.

*Adjournment:* **Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Reff to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Supervisor Walter – aye: Councilman Reff – aye: Councilman Hilton – aye: Councilman Mattison – aye.**

Supervisor Walter called the meeting to a close at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy J. Ford  
Town Clerk