

Town of Albion
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 14, 2015

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

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

Previous monthly minutes: (3/10: P.H. & Reg. 3/25: Special): Supervisor Walter stated on the general bills, abstract # 3 bill # 94 the appropriation account (A5010.4) be decreased \$6.48 (making the amount \$344.66) and appropriation account (A5132.4) be increased \$6.48 (making the amount \$15.34); the total amount for bill # 94 would stay the same. **Motion made by Councilman Mattison seconded by Councilman Reff to accept the minutes with corrections made. 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 the thirteen resolutions the County Legislature voted on; copies are available in Town Clerks office. Mr. Potter stated the last day to save a property from being sold by the County for back taxes would be May 15, 2015; the County auction would be in June. Hwy Supt. Cronk asked Mr. Potter if there would be an increase in CHIPS monies. Mr. Potter stated that the Town Boards and Legislators would have to plea for the extra money, which would not necessarily be for roads.

2) Hwy Supt.: Mr. Cronk reported the following: A) roads have been posted and the legal has been placed in the papers. Mr. Cronk stated since the County has temporarily closed Co Rt 2A, according to the Associations of Towns of no other alternate routes are marked the town roads could be used. Supervisor Walter would check with the town attorney and have something for next meeting on moving the NO Parking signs on Co Rt 22 near the Fish Hatchery. B) The town has received the total of \$144,000 in CHIPS monies. C) the 2000 International needed bolts and he found the lowest price then took them to Fulton Boiler to have them threaded at no cost, other than for a box of donuts. D) started on the 2007 Internationals brakes; it won't be as expensive as last time. E) The workers have started hauling stone for the roads. F) there's a problem with the southern end of Towsley Rd where it's heaving and breaking up; the trees are prohibiting the sun. The State owns both sides of the road and he would contact them about cutting the trees; the trees have to go before any road work is done. G) He has ordered a new chainsaw from House Trucking for \$850.00; this replaces the one that was stolen. H) The water pump at the new barn went and the bladder needs fixing. Supervisor Walter stated he could purchase a new one. I) He's ordered and received cutting edges for next winter so he won't be caught short handed.

3) DCO: Mr. Cronk reported the following: A) the problem on Cemetery St. has quieted down since he threatened to issue tickets; the dogs are being tied up. B) Possible puppy mill in Pineville. Paws Across NY have been involved and he would like to take one of their representatives to the residence. Supervisor Walter stated he could take whomever he wished. Jude Allen stated he believed there were 16 dogs.

4) Supt. of Cemeteries: Ms. Butler reported the following: A) There was going to be a burial on Thursday (4/16/15). The workers were clearing the area. B) The Flag pole is down. C) A huge tree is down the monument; they are in need of a chainsaw. D) Both the mower and tractor have had their oil & filters changed. Supervisor Walter stated that Legacy Mark's 50% cost is on the general abstract #4 for a computer, printer/scanner. There's not enough money in the budget for a lawnmower, but last year a new mower deck was purchased and this year there's enough for new tires. Supervisor Walter also stated that the Hwy workers could cut up the tree. Councilman Mattison stated maybe the Cemetery Workers could cover up the septic hole out back of the Municipal Bldg. Mrs. Ford asked if the Cemetery Workers had safety equipment to wear. Councilman Mattison stated there would be a safety class in Orwell and maybe the Cemetery Workers could go along with the Hwy workers; this would assist the town's liability insurance.

5) CEO: Mr. Mowers reported for the month of March 2015: He issued three renewals and one Certificate of Compliance. Then he went over his NYSBOC conference. Beginning January 1, 2016 the NYS Uniform Fire & Building Codes will be replaced by the National ICC Codes. Copies of both CEO reports are available in the Town Clerks office.

6) Town Justice: Judge Allen stated he has set up an account with White's Limber and he plans on doing the same at OCD in Watertown. Judge Allen stated he has Mr. Will Shepard's estimate and would make copies for the board. He has not received anything back from the other two men he's asked quotes from. Judge Allen stated the work on the permanent bench would be broken down into phases.

7) Fire Dept.: Chief Holcomb was absent but submitted the following report for March 2015: Total calls were 34. Check Register balance = \$15,882.72. Expenses = \$5,879.97. Deposit to checking for 2nd contract payment from town = \$51,900. Checking account balance moved to April = \$61,902.75. Chief Holcomb also submitted his quarterly financial review.

8) NOCA: Mr. Dealing submitted his quarterly financial review and reported the following: A) had a problem with their computers, so they bought from NOCHI their old blade runner server since they purchased a satellite system. B) One of the ambulances hit a deer and sustained \$5200 worth of damages.

9) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford reported for the month of March 2015 she took in and distributed \$222.00. The town received \$210.00 and NYS Ag & Markets received \$12.00. Petty cash is at \$25.00. Mrs. Ford then gave Supervisor Walter a check for \$3,840.16 being monies from late fees, second notices and interest accrued from the 2015 Town & County taxes. Auditing of the Town Clerks books will be on Thursday April 30th @ 6pm. Mrs. Ford also stated that the board should look into hiring someone else for DCO; Mr. Cronk was supposed to be temporary and it's been over 4 yrs. **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**

10) Supervisor: As read for the month of April 2015

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$28,154.30	General Money Market = \$80,182.81
Hwy Money Market = \$28,154.72	Hwy Money Market = \$34,340.61
<u>Account Balances (as of 3/31/15)</u>	
General Money Market = \$410,101.17	Hwy Money Market = \$456,985.14
General Checking Account = \$17,574.59	Hwy Checking Account = \$3,745.80
Trust & Agency = \$17,061.92	Cemetery = \$86,553.84
Total = \$992,022.46	

Supervisor Walter stated that the 2nd Special Meeting with the Teamsters Mediator would be on Wednesday April 22nd at 6pm. Mrs. Ford would notify the papers and post it on the door/boards. **Motion made by Councilman Mattison seconded by Councilman Hilton to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Supervisor Walter – aye; Councilman Reff – aye; Councilman Hilton – aye; Councilman Mattison – aye**

Pay Bills: General abstract # 4, bills # 104 - #142 = \$23,019.19. Supervisor Walter stated # 139 should be Supervisors with the appropriation # changed to A1220.4. **Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Reff to accept and pay all General bills for April 2015 with changes made. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Supervisor Walter – aye; Councilman Reff – aye; Councilman Hilton – aye; Councilman Mattison – aye**

Hwy abstract # 4, bills # 40 - #64 = \$17,785.39. **Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Reff to accept and pay all Hwy bills for April 2015 as submitted. Motion carried. Adopted (4-0) Supervisor Walter – aye; Councilman Reff – aye; Councilman Hilton – aye; Councilman Mattison – aye**

Old Business: Supervisor Walter reported on the following:

- 1) Distribution of Lighting Cost – contract is up in June 2015: He’s tracking down the lady.
- 2) Austin Road/ Road maintenance & classification: He’s working on it.
- 3) Municipal Building signage: Pricing for aluminum – 10” black letters would be \$1300.00
- 4) Fleet Plan implementation: Town still owes \$18,500 on the loader – new lease is in June; this has to be dealt with first.
- 5) 59 Howardville Drive: nothing new

New Business: 1) Increase in grave opening reimbursement: Mr. James Wheeler asked for an increase in full burial (opening/closing) from \$225 to \$300 and in cremation (opening/closing) from \$100 to \$150. Saturdays/ Sundays & Holidays be increased \$100. Small discussion was made on the proposed increases. The board agreed to pay Mr. Wheeler the increase just for Thursday’s burial. They will make a final decision at the Special Meeting on Thursday April 30th.

2) Shared Service Agreement: Supervisor Walter stated he received the Agreement with the Town of Orwell, the board agreed for him to sign it and send it back.

Reports continued: 11) Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter reported that the next meeting of the Tug Hill Commission would be on April 20th in West Carthage from 4 – 6pm at the Village Offices. The next meeting of the SRCLG would be moving to May 7th; but the venue hasn’t been set. The Town of Albion maybe chosen, Mrs. Ford stated that May 7th was open if needed. Supervisor Walter asked if Mr. Baxter could look into the extra CHIPS monies that Hwy Supt. Cronk referred to in his report. Councilman Mattison asked Mr. Baxter about Grants for the buildings signage. Mr. Baxter stated there were Grants for Beautification of towns.

Public Comment: 1) Mr. Morris Thurston stated that the grave openings should be left to the Cemetery workers.

2) Mr. Frank Scott stated he had talked to Councilman Mattison regarding trucks driving on posted town roads (Hog Back & Centerville). He has called the State Police three times and he’s even called State Assemblyman Barkley about the trucks being on posted town roads. Mr. Scott would give Supervisor Walter a copy of the law he refers to. Judge Allen stated that he has not seen any traffic tickets, but

there is a section of the law book pertaining to driving on posted roads. Councilman Mattison stated that he has gone to other townships and found that you cannot deny a person from making a living. Mr. Morris Thurston stated that the NYS DOT maintains that any weight limit the towns states when posting their roads must be obeyed by the truck drivers. Supervisor Walter stated he would contact Os. Co. Hwy Supt. Kurt Ospelt to get to the bottom of this problem. Mr. Scott also stated that the Town of Parish is hauling sand out of the sand pit on Hog Back Rd. Small discussion on speed limit signage was made. 3) Judge Allen stated the board could go over Mr. Shepard's quote at the special meeting on the 30th.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman Mattison 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 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Ford
Town Clerk