

Town of Albion
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 13, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Previous Monthly Minutes (09/08/15): **Motion made by Councilman R. Mattison seconded by Councilman Hilton to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye; Councilman Reff – aye; Councilman Hilton – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye**

Reports: 1) Oswego County Legislator: Mr. Potter stated that out of twenty-five resolutions the County Legislature would be voting on he would only read those that would be interesting to the Town. He then answered questions from the audience. Mr. Wayne Dealing asked when Bennett Bridge would be replaced. Mr. Potter stated that it would 2 – 3 years; the plans were not even started. A copy of the resolutions Mr. Potter went over will be available in the Town Clerk's office.

2) Hwy Supt.: The board welcomed back Mr. Cronk who was injured last month in a tree cutting accident. Mr. Cronk then reported the following: A) two trucks that needed new tires have them. B) He asked if the money received from Auctions International for the sale of the vehicles would go back to the Hwy fund. Supervisor Walter stated it would go into the general fund. C) All the trucks have passed their NYS Inspections. D) The County has not screened enough sand for all the townships. Albion would be able to finish hauling next week. E) The County has also stated that they have enough back up snowplows for all the towns if needed this winter. F) Mr. Cronk stated he was notified by the County that they were very happy with Albion's Hwy workers when they were hauling sand. G) They are beginning to harness one truck for winter. H) The Hwy workers would be changing to their fall hours on 10/22/15 (five 8's). I) Mr. Cronk would like all receipts from appropriation account DA5112.2 so he can get the paperwork together for the CHIPS monies. Mrs. Ford stated she has all the bills from this year copied. Councilman R. Mattison stated that there was a beaver problem on Towne line Rd between ST Rt 13 & Castor Rd. Mr. Cronk stated he was working on obtaining the trapping permits but he would have his workers check it out. Councilman R. Mattison then stated that the Amish still had their signs on the Town Rd signs. Mr. Cronk stated he would take care of it when he got back on his feet. Then Councilman R. Mattison stated that Hong Kong Rd still had a snowmobile sign on the Town of Parish side. Supervisor Walter stated he would contact Parish about removing it.

3) DCO: Mr. Cronk reported that he was in favor of the dog enumeration information Mrs. Ford has. He also stated that there was a dog issue the day after his accident and that Mr. Dale Wheeler, Williamstown's DCO handled it. Councilman R. Mattison stated that the dangerous dog on Hong Kong Rd has been put down.

4) Supt. of Cemeteries: Ms. Butler was absent but Supervisor Walter stated that she was working on scanning the last box from the vault.

5) CEO/BI: Mr. Mowers reported the following for September 2015: Issued twenty permits (17 renewals, 1 residential, and 2 other). Gave four Certificates of Completion, handled 1 formal complaint and voided 2 permits. He still has 24 continued education credits to date.

6) Town Justice: Judge Allen stated that he and his clerk were reconciling all monies spent on the Grant so they can notify the State as how it was spent. Any money left over could be used toward the town's part of the air conditioning. He also would like to know what the board wants to do with the old chairs from the hall. They are not safe to sell. Supervisor Walter stated he would check with the Hwy Dept.

7) Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter handed out copies of the Comparison of Oswego County Towns for 2015. Supervisor Walter stated that the Town of Parish was not on it. Mr. Baxter stated he would send a corrected on to him.

8) Fire Dept.: Fire Chief Holcomb was absent but submitted the following report for September 2015: Total call = 30. Beginning check balance = \$47,861.31. Expenses = \$942.22. Total check balance moved to October = \$ 46,919.09. Chief Holcomb had stated to Supervisor Walter that there would not be a change to the 2016 Fire Contract.

9) NOCA: Mr. Dealing reported that NOCA was doing fine. He asked if Supervisor Walter had received his quarterly report and had looked at it. Supervisor Walter stated he did receive it but had not read it as yet. Mr. Dealing stated that NOCA had to replace a stretcher and were in the process of changing ambulances out.

10) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford reported the following for September 2015: Total take in/disbursed = \$1,572.00 (Town = \$1,525.50, NYS Ag & Markets = \$24.00, & NYS Dept. of Health = \$22.50). She had issued 1 marriage license, 22 dog licenses & 7 fish cleaning licenses. She entered 19 building permits and petty cash is at \$25.00. **Motion made by Councilman L. Mattison seconded by Councilman R. Mattison to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye; Councilman Reff – aye; Councilman Hilton – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye**

11) Supervisor: For October 2015 as read:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$79,085.37	General Money Market = \$62,158.25
Hwy Money Market = \$5.97	Hwy Money Market = \$28,875.72
<u>Account Balances (as of 9/30/15)</u>	
General Money Market = \$357,633.04	Hwy Money Market = \$349,175.20
General Checking Account = \$19,400.20	Hwy Checking Account = \$1,331.72
Trust & Agency = \$15,546.75	Cemetery = \$97,889.31
Total = \$840,976.22	

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

Resolution # 12 of 2015
Transfer of Funds (Cemeteries P.S. – maintenance employees)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 13th day of October 2015 and follows:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the budget appropriated in the following account: A8810.12 Cemeteries P.S. – maintenance employees is to be raised One Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$1,200.00), and said funds are to be transferred from account A1990.4 – Contingency

Dated this 13th day of October 2015

Motion made by Councilman L. Mattison seconded by Councilman Hilton to accept resolution # 12 of 2015 as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye; Councilman Reff – aye; Councilman Hilton – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye

Supervisor Walter then reported: A) 2016 Budget workshop would be tomorrow night (10/14/15) at 6pm. B) The Town's Fiscal Stress level has gone down. C) He has received a \$2,765.40 bill from the IRS regarding W2's not being filed in 2012 for the previous village; and also a \$246.66 bill from NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance for penalties for the previous village. The board agreed to pay these; they would not be on an abstract since they are payroll related.

General Bills: General abstract # 10, bills # 268 - # 297 = \$ 11,708.36. Supervisor Walter stated appropriation numbers on bills # 284 & # 287 needed to be corrected to A1110.2 & A5132.4 respectively. **Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman L. Mattison to accept and pay all general bills for October 2015 with corrections made. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye; Councilman Reff – aye; Councilman Hilton – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye**

Hwy abstract #10, bills # 121 - # 134 = \$ 90,214.09. **Motion made by Councilman R. Mattison seconded by Councilman Hilton to accept and pay all Hwy bills for October 2015 as submitted. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye; Councilman Reff – aye; Councilman Hilton – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye**

Old Business: 1) Distribution of Lighting District Cost: Supervisor Walter stated he would be contacting PSC for a copy of the executed agreement with the previous village of Altmar. This would be cheaper for the town then going through the town attorney.

2) Austin Road/Road maintenance & classification: Still being reviewed with town attorney

3) Municipal Building Signage: Supervisor Walter received quotes form Buysignletters.com. The lowest would cost \$416.70 including the paper pattern. The board agreed to go with *Altmar/Albion Municipal Building, 15 Bridge St.*

4) Fleet Plan implementation: would be discussed at the budget workshop tomorrow night.

5) 59 Howardville Drive: nothing new

6) Town Properties: nothing new

New Business: 1) Pulaski Street snowmobile usage restrictions: Tail-water Lodge has finally bought the Meyens' property on Pulaski St. Councilman Reff would like Pulaski St. closed to snowmobilers from ST Rt 13 to Meyen's property line. The snowmobilers will be able to cross ST Rt 13 safely from Meyen's property than at the end of Pulaski St. Supervisor Walter stated he would write up a resolution for next month stating Pulaski Street would be closed to snowmobilers on the West end 1/10th mile to the East. He would confirm with the town attorney on the wording.

Public Comment: 1) Ms. Debbie Smith asked Mr. Dealing if someone was embezzling funds from NOCA. Mr. Dealing stated no, not recently.

2) Judge Allen asked about the Municipal Water Grant. Supervisor Walter stated he hasn't heard anything yet.

3) Ms. Debbie Smith stated that Bridge Street has snowmobiles & ATV's running all hours, why couldn't the town pass a resolution to stop them. Supervisor Walter stated that Bridge Street is also County Route 52; the town has no control over it. Judge Allen stated she should contact the police.

4) Mr. James Wheeler asked if the gates to Riverside Cemetery would be put back on before winter. Supervisor Walter stated they would. Mr. Wheeler then asked if the town had a budget for the cemetery and were the workers monitored. Supervisor Walter answered yes to both questions. Mr. Wheeler then asked if the cemetery had gone over their budget as well last year. Supervisor Walter stated they had.

Then Mr. Wheeler asked if the extra money the cemetery makes goes back to the cemetery fund. Supervisor Walter stated it goes back into the general fund. Small discussion was made about cemetery expenditures and other cemetery issues.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilman Hilton seconded by Councilman L. Mattison to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Walter – aye; Councilman Reff – aye; Councilman Hilton – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye
Supervisor Walter called the meeting to a close at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy J. Ford
Albion Town Clerk