

Town of Albion
Workshop: Hwy Department Issues
July 16, 2019

Present: Supervisor Aaron Walter
Councilman Randy Mattison
Councilman Lonny Mattison
Councilman Richard Corlis Sr.
Councilman Richard Mullin
Recording Secretary: Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk

Supervisor Walter called the workshop to order at 6pm then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Walter handed out a spreadsheet that had the last six years of snowplow payroll comparisons and the snowplow reimbursement by season. He also stated that Oswego County Hwy Supt. Kurt Osphelt had sent him a letter stating there would be a change this year as to how the County would be reimbursing the towns for plowing their roads. The proposal right now is the County would pay Albion \$8000/mile; out of this the town pays for sand & salt.

Items for discussion were as follows:

- 1) County reimbursement: Town has about 15.9 miles of county roads X \$8000 = \$127,200 minus sand & salt.
- 2) Payroll/Budget: The payroll is up & repairs to the other town trucks that were on loan due to the fire have hurt the budget. The Hwy budget is going to be tight for the rest of the year.
- 3) Snowplow purchase/timing: The town right now has three plow trucks (all Town of Albion). Under State Contract the town can order a Cives/Tracey – Western Star for a quote of \$204,000. This year would be the last payment on the 2016/2017; the budget still has the \$45,000 for the principal and \$5000 for the interest. This would have no effect/raise on next year's budget. Supervisor Walter stated they could order one now and have it by December/January; he also stated that he would try again to get a quote from Stadium International.
- 4) Equipment (excavator, grade-all): The town could purchase an excavator for \$18,000/year for five years. The money in the budget was slated for the new loader which was paid off last year. Again, this would have no effect/raise on next year's budget. The Board would decide at next month's meeting to either vote or table it until budget time.
- 5) Manpower: Mr. Bennett had mentioned prior that he would like a fourth full time worker. Supervisor Walter pointed out that the Teamster Contract states they only recognize full time employees as M.E.O's; specifically excluded are all clerical employees, guards, seasonal employees, wingman & Hwy Supt.. However; if a worker doesn't wish to join the union, they are not forced to but must pay the same amount of dues as part of employment with the Town. The latest contract is valid until December 31, 2020. There are two full time workers retiring this year; both have accumulated sick, personal & vacation days that will be paid back at the time of their retirement. Mr. Bennett stated that he would cover these openings with part time workers. Small discussion on qualifications for hiring; town residency is a strong must.
- 6) Listing of equipment/material to be replaced due to fire: Mr. Bennett has a book on what was thrown out/replaced and a book on what was cleaned/saved. Supervisor Walter stated that the proposal for the exterior package from J&S looked good.

7) Other Items: Mr. Bennett asked about his health benefits. Supervisor Walter stated that this would be brought up at budget time.

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Questions from Audience: 1) Mr. Rick Stowell suggested a six man crew truck. The town did receive \$4500 for the white Ford that was totaled in the fire. Mr. Bennett stated that the truck be diesel so they could fill it at the town barn. Supervisor Walter stated that he would have to look very closely at the budget to see if he could find any money.

Small discussion made on the option of using the Heavy rescue for a Hwy vehicle. Only down side would be that once the truck was modified it would never be able to be sold as a rescue vehicle.

Supervisor Walter called the workshop to a close at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Ford, RMO
Town Clerk