

Town of Albion
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2020

Present: Supervisor Mike Faulkner
Councilman Randy Mattison
Councilman Lonny Mattison
Councilman Rick Stowell
Councilman Carl Anson Sr.
Recording Secretary: Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk

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

Previous Monthly Minutes: (12/10 & 12/26/19). **Motion made by Councilman L. Mattison seconded by Councilman R. Mattison to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye**

Revisit Resolution # 1 of 2020: Without Hwy section regarding pay. **Motion made by Councilman R. Mattison seconded by Councilman L. Mattison to accept resolution # 1 of 2020 with changes. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye.** There will be a copy of said resolution in the official minute book.

Reports: 1) Oswego County Legislator: Mr. Yerdon reported the following: A) He had his first meeting of the Legislature – it was more of an organizational meeting. He stated he was appointed to some committees. B) He read a resolution that pertained Lake Ontario's flooding; the County would back up 5% for those who have put in a claim that owns property along the lake shore that were flooded. C) Another issue they are looking into is the "no bail reform bill"; the DA's Office will be swamped. This would be a huge cost to the whole State's taxpayer. Mr. Yerdon also gave a list of the 2020 meeting dates of the County Legislature. Mrs. Ford would put a copy on each hall board as well as the outside board. Councilman R. Mattison asked about the County Fairground, some of the roofs leak. Mr. Yerdon stated that he would let the County know that they have four towns east of Mexico and that have issues.

2) Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter handed out booklet's titled "Oswego County Winter/Spring events guide". He then read the following report: A) Tuesday, March 26, 2020 will be the Tug Hill Local Government Conference. All info on this conference can be found at <http://www.tughill.org/lgc2020>. B) Monday, January 27, 2020 will be the first meeting of the Tug Hill Commission at the Amboy Town Hall at 10:00 am. C) Monday, September 21, 2020 a meeting of the NorCOG area will be at the Central Square Village Offices at 10.00am. D) Effective January 8, 2020 Mr. Phil Street, Director of Planning for the Tug Hill Commission will be retiring. Mr. Matt Johnson who has the experience in planning maybe designated as his successor. E) Effective January 14, 2020 Window 7 will no longer be supported by Microsoft. F) Mr. Baxter has added a page to the town's website for the 2020 minutes. Councilman Anson Sr. asked if Mr. Baxter had any information on the dissolution of the Village of how a Sexton became Superintendent of Cemeteries. Mr. Baxter stated he would check his records.

3) Hwy Supt.: Mr. Bennett reported the following: A) Everything is pretty-slow. B) He's purchased a walk behind saw. C) Wondered on pay scale for the men. Supervisor Faulkner stated the Board would discuss

this later in the meeting. D) He has three full time men waiting to be hired. Senior man Mike Ford submitted his retirement letter; his last day is January 30, 2020. Councilman Stowell suggested Mr. Bennett wait until the end of January before he hires anyone. Councilman Stowell then stated he had obtained information on what surrounding town's pay their drivers and wingmen. This topic would be tabled until next month.

4) DCO: Mr. Cronk reported: A) He's having problems with people picking up dogs from Albion then taking them to another town. He stated that it is ILLEGAL to pick up any stray. You need to contact the local DCO or call 911.

5) Supt. of Cemeteries: Mrs. Walter was absent but had her December 2019 report submitted. There was no revenue to report.

6) Assessor: Mr. Maxwell was absent but submitted the following report for January 2020 as follows: A) He processed 8 sales for December. B) He will be in the office 12/28/19, 1/27/20 & 2/21/20 from 9-11am. C) He's assisting the Amish with signing up for STAR. D) He's entered 26 permits from last fall with 6 new splits that the town should monitor since they are less than 1 acre.

7) CEO/BI: Mr. Mowers read the following report for December 2020: A) Issued 4 permits (2 renewals & 2 garage/pole barn); 3 Certificates of Completion. Total continued educational credits to date is still 26. B) He had talked with Mr. Maxwell on Adirondack cabins – lots don't need a lot of acreage; he has checked for sewage leaks. C) He has been getting 911 addresses for these cabins. D) He has been working on camper permits.

8) Town Justice: Judge Allen reported: A) Everyone is upset with the new laws. Governor Cuomo has stated he would look into this "NO bail law". B) He received a notice from Mr. Bubis' attorney stating Mr. Bubis has pneumonia; and he still has ten citations. C) Judge Allen has notified the 5th District Court that his books would be audited on March 10, 2020 by the Town Board.

9) Fire Dept.: Chief Holcomb was present and submitted his report for December 2019 and his quarterly report for Oct., Nov., Dec. 2019. Chief Holcomb then reported: A) Requested tires for the town owned tanker/pumper; they need to be replaced every three years. The quote he obtained was for \$3,019.62. B) Installation of extractor (washing machine) in the boiler room. There is a new law regarding cancer protection; the turnout gear needs to be washed after each interior attack at a fire. **Motion made by Councilman Stowell seconded by Councilman Anson Sr. to grant Chief Holcomb both requests. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye**

10) NOCA: Ms. Pierce reported the following for January 2020: A) Both new 2018 & 2019 ambulances had minor problems fixed. B) The new 2020 ambulance would be delivered March/April 2020. C) The Chief's vehicle (pickup) would be going to Steve's for evaluation of the rust. Planning on a new one or a used 2015 Chevy Tahoe = \$20 - \$25,000. D) There was an increase in calls for December 2019 with no new employees. E) The security system of the building would have to be adjusted for the locks to work. F) They are looking for two board members; one from Redfield is a must. G) Waiting on the floor for the dispatcher room. H) The CD bought in 1987 will mature at the end of the month = \$260,000.00. In December 2019 a CD for \$100,000.00 was bought from Pathfinder Bank. Another CD will mature in March = \$150,000.00. They plan on purchasing CD's for \$150,000.00 each from Key Bank, Community Bank & Pathfinder Bank. I) The bonds are due 3 to 6% she believes. J) Medicaid & Medicare = paying less.

11) Town Clerk: For December 2019: A) Total intake/disbursed = \$924.50 (Town = \$907.50; NYS Ag & Markets = \$17.00). Issued 11 dog licenses; 10 certified death certificates. Sent out 22 dog renewals for January 2020; 1 late dog notice for December (gave until 1/21/20). Entered 12 bldg. permits; petty cash is at \$25.00 (as of 1/7/20). B) There would be a Public Hearing on the Abundant Solar Power LLC Project,

on Wednesday, January 15th at 10:00am. She just received notification that the Municipal Building 's meeting room would be used; no letter of request, or if the room would be available. C) Mrs. Ford submitted her 2019 Annual Report to the Board. **Motion made by Councilman Stowell seconded by Councilman L. Mattison to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. - aye**

12) Supervisor: For January 2020 as follows:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$193,672.07	General Money Market = \$33,396.77
Hwy Money Market = \$37,181.67	Hwy Money Market = \$121,066.03
<u>Account Balances (as of 12/31/19)</u>	
General Money Market = \$1,287,944.74	Hwy Money Market = \$95,765.01
General Checking Account = \$30,427.06	Hwy Checking Account = \$37,204.46
Trust & Agency = \$25,903.39	Cemetery = \$154,701.40
CBDG = \$35,466.95	
Total = \$1,677,413.01	

Motion made by Councilman R. Mattison seconded by Councilman L. Mattison to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye

Amended 2020 Town Budget: page #1: General Fund Revenues – Insurance Recoveries A2680 = \$150,000 is moved to page #5: General Fund Appropriations – Transportation – Garage Re-construction/repair A5132.44 is raised \$150,000. Supervisor Faulkner stated it wouldn't change the bottom line, that it was a wash. **Roll Call vote to adopt the amended budget as stated: Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye; Supervisor Faulkner – aye.**

Motion made by Councilman L. Mattison seconded by Councilman R. Mattison to enter into executive session at 7:37pm to discuss medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye.

Motion made by Councilman R. Mattison seconded by Councilman L. Mattison to re-enter into the regular meeting at 7:49pm. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye

Audit Bills: General abstract # 1, bills # 1 - # 37 = \$88,258.73. Councilman Stowell stated that bill's # 13,21,26 & 32 all have sales tax; and that the Town is exempt from paying it. **Motion made by Councilman L. Mattison seconded by Councilman R. Mattison to accept and pay all general bills for January 2020 with corrections made to said bills. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye**

Hwy abstract # 1; bills # 1 - # 9 = \$14,249.78. **Motion made by Councilman Stowell seconded by Councilman R. Mattison to accept and pay all Hwy bills for January 2020 as submitted. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye**

Old Business: 1) Town Properties: should the Dugway Bldg. & the lot behind the town barn be sold? Councilman Anson Sr. stated that the town owns 25 acres at the end of Corduroy Rd.

2) Update on Hwy barn fire/insurance: Amended Budget was adopted prior in the meeting. Mr. Brian Britton from BP Electrical stated the following: A) He had a talk with prior Supervisor Walter and would like the board to decide. B) Both of BP's lifts will be gone by Friday and someone would have to put the connection in to the vents. C) Had a talk with Hwy Supt. Bennett on the electric to the job trailer. D) The fire alarm system is all done except for the smoke & heat detectors. He suggests that another phone line be installed for the fire system. E) Also, a PA system was part of his bid; the town would purchase it and he would install it. F) Both the electrical inspector and National Grid were there today; BP electrical should be finished by the end of next week. All electric would be hooked up by then. Mr. Mowers would be given a copy of his report. G) The board would have the following Councilmen – Stowell, Anson Sr.; and prior Supervisor Walter go and sign off the electric work. H) The generator would be delivered by the week. Councilman Anson Sr. asked who has been inspecting all the repairs since the reconstruction started. Mr. Mowers stated he's checked some during the reconstruction. Mr. Britton continued his report: I) stated that the LP generator would need fuel; the town needs to figure out where the tanks are put then he would set it up and start it. J) The fans have been installed. K) the electric meter would be put in. L) the new pressure washer would be hooked up once he knew the amps needed. M) Mr. Britton suggested again that a second phone line be put in. It would be to Seamans Security that would notify fire & police dept.'s. Mr. Walter stated that only a local phone line is needed.

3) Accounting Firm: Supervisor Faulkner stated that Furgison CPA has suggested that the town hire Bowers & Co., CPA. This will be handled by Mr. Walter, who stated that the town file an extension.

4) Re-purchase of cemetery lots: nothing new.

5) Playground behind Municipal Building: Councilman R. Mattison stated the gate is open. The Board needs to decide. Councilman Anson Sr. stated that after Mrs. Ford leaves the building is locked and the bathrooms are closed to the public. The Board will have a decision by Spring.

New Business: 1) Advertise for Board of Assessment Review: Mrs. Ford would place a Legal Notice in the official newspaper; place a notice on the town's website, and on the outside board.

2) Solar Farm: The town would not benefit. Public Hearing would be Wednesday, January 15th at 10am. Supervisor Faulkner stated that the town attorney gave him a copy of the Town of Richlands October 2019 minutes that states that Richland would get \$675,000 over 25 years (\$25,000 per year). The IDA needs to be notified that the Town of Albion does not want this solar farm. There would be a meeting in Oswego at 44 West Bridge St. on January 17th at 9am.

3) Cell Tower: Mr. Joseph Pereira from Tower-north Development LLC gave a presentation on a Sabre Monopole. AT & T would be the main supporter with Verizon, T-Mobile & Dish forthcoming. The Board decided that a Public Hearing would be held regarding this issue prior to February's regular meeting on Tuesday, February 11th at 6pm. Mrs. Ford would send a letter to Ms. Sandra Wheeler informing her of the Public Hearing since her property borders the proposed tower site. Chief Holcomb's property also borders the proposed site, but he was in attendance and is informed.

4) Sexual Harassment Training: Supervisor Faulkner has contacted Ms. Ann Stacy, Boylston Supervisor. She would be able to teach the class. It would take about an hour; the Board decided the class would be held in April after the Hwy Dept. is off winter hours.

5) Associations of Town's meeting in NYC February 16th – 19th: None of the board members were interested in attending.

Public Comment: 1) Mr. Mowers stated that the town needs to set the cost of the permit of the cell tower prior to the Public Hearing.

Adjournment: **Motion made by Councilman L. Mattison seconded by Councilman R. Mattison to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Supervisor Faulkner – aye; Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye**
Supervisor Faulkner called the meeting to close at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy J. Ford, RMO
Town Clerk