

Town of Albion
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 10, 2020

Present: Supervisor Mike Faulkner
Councilman Lonny Mattison
Councilman Carl Anson Sr.

Councilman Randy Mattison
Councilman Rick Stowell
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 (2/11 Reg. & 2/23 P.H) **Motion made by Councilman Anson Sr. seconded by Councilman L. 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**

Cell Tower vote: Role call: Councilman R. Mattison – aye; Councilman L. Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye; Supervisor Faulkner – aye.

Reports: 1) Oswego County Legislator: Mr. Yerdon reported the following: A) the State budget is \$6.2 billion over. The Governor plans to pass it back to the County. B) He has paper that shows how the 5-yr IDA PILOT Agreement is broken down, copies are available in the Clerks office. C) Heap: Applications are for 60yrs or older residents, call the Office for the Aging weekdays at 315-349-3484. D) 8th graders have a program that helps steer kids to their future. E) Governor's bill (Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth & Community Benefit Act), would take Town's right on energy products. In the budget, even if the Town doesn't want it; etc...wind farm, solar farm. IF passed our rights would be taken away. F) County Treasurer has stated that through the franchise agreement with Time Warner/Spectrum; the Town of Albion needs to pay the difference owed in the 2020 Town & County taxes = \$433.70. G) Camp Hollis: Currently 14 staff would be returning in 2020. This would be an all summer job. Mr. Yerdon stated that Camp Zerbe is where the County should focus on. H) Coronavirus: The County is worried about the County jail. I) Rabies Clinics have been posted.

2) Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter was absent; Supervisor Faulkner briefly went over Mr. Baxter's report.

3) Hwy Supt.: Mr. Bennett was absent; Supervisor Faulkner read his following report: A) the grader is inside and would be worked on. B) His 3yr plan would be submitted by April's meeting. C) the form he was given would be used for the 90 day probation period with the newly hired men.

4) DCO: Mr. Cronk was absent; Mrs. Ford stated there are a lot of unlicensed dogs in the trailer park.

5) Supt. of Cemeteries: Mrs. Walter was absent. Supervisor Faulkner stated that there was no revenue for the month of February 2020. Supervisor Faulkner stated the following: A) there are three maintenance workers (when needed); they get \$15/hour for a burial and \$12/hour for the rest of the time. Councilman Anson Sr. states that Dugway Cemetery was given \$2000.00 by Albion and they don't charge extra for weekend burials.

6) Assessor: Mr. Maxwell was absent but gave his status report for March 2020. Supervisor Faulkner then read the following report: A) the equalization rate that will be used for the 2020 roll year has went down again to 83% from last year because of the appreciation trend. B) he has updated all of the exemption renewals that have come and still have some senior exemptions that have not responded. C) sales are still running way above the current assessments; he has adjusted some but it's difficult to increase all of them. D) he's going to look at the properties in the Maple Landing mess. There are a lot

of building's; and it's hard to know what is what. Hopefully the County can help with a map overlay to show what is on each parcel. Mr. Mowers told him that some have gates and others have made big changes. E) he will be sitting with the roll in early May before Grievance. Mrs. Ford would post the times and dates.

7) CEO/BI: Mr. Mowers read his report as follows for March 2020: Issued 1 renewal permit; 1 certificate of completion. A) Mr. Bubis has had two huge dumpsters removed. He has started doing something. B) he has been handing out violations to those that need one. C) the cell tower has been issued a permit tonight. D) Supervisor Faulkner stated that the bids are going out for the Dollar General; but the house had asbestos, whereas the bar had none.

8) Town Justice: Judge Allen reported: A) his audit was done prior to the meeting. B) Mr. Bubis has been moving and doing things. He has 10 violations that would be addressed. C) the dog issue on Hong Kong Rd. would be handled at the next court date. It might need to go to trial.

9) Fire Dept.: Chief Holcomb was absent; but his report for February 2020 is as follows: A) Total calls = 17. B) beginning February check register balance = \$44,853.48. C) expenses for February = \$1,228.37. D) checking balance moved to March = \$43,525.11.

10) NOCA: Ms. Pierce reported the following report: A) they need to have a policy for PPD; some personnel are not willing. B) the new ambulance would arrive by the first of April. C) TriStar came to evaluate the ambulances. Federal Safety did not call back. TriStar evaluated the two new ambulances very solidly; when they run on rough ground it sounds like they are breaking up. They need to put snow tires on them. D) the older ambulance has a few people interested. E) the computers still need to be upgraded. F) they don't receive any payment from Medicaid. With Medicare it has gone down 10%, so if an ambulance call is for \$1000- NOCA gets \$900 which is still a loss. G) Facebook page is working very well. H) they need to do a workup of a disaster plan; they have a new procedure management policy. I) they are holding their money because of the market being down. J) the time is coming for renewing the annual usual bills. K) they will be looking for a new ground's keeper in May.

11) Town Clerk: For February 2020 as follows: A) Total take-in/disbursed = \$376.00 (Town = \$370.00; NYS Ag & Markets = \$6.00). B) Issued 6 dog licenses (1 original; 5 renewals); 15 certified death certificates; 1 certified copy of a death certificate; 2 certified copies of a marriage certificate. C) sent out 7 dog renewals for March 2020; 4 late dog notices for February (gave until 3/16/20); cancelled 2 dog licenses (been over 4yrs since last renewal). D) entered 3 permits (1 camper; 1 demolition; 1 renewal. E) petty cash is at \$25.00 (as of 3/2/2020). F) Mr. Mowers was then informed that all 3 junkyard permits had been issued. **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 – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye.**

12) Supervisor: for March 2020 as follows:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$677,135.79	General Money Market = \$65,359.44
Hwy Money Market = \$111,506.54	Hwy Money Market = \$43,752.87
<u>Account Balances (as of 2/29/20)</u>	
General Money Market = \$1,709,540.23	Hwy Money Market = \$295,857.97
General Checking Account = \$31,658.13	Hwy Checking Account = \$36,66.98
Trust & Agency = \$40,160.60	Cemetery = \$156,738.25
Total = \$2,270,632.16	

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

Mattison – aye; Councilman Stowell – aye; Councilman Anson Sr. – aye. The Board would look into investing some monies.

Auditing Bills: General abstract # 3; bills #73 - #97 = \$74,382.79. Bill # 77 would be looked over by Supervisor Faulkner. **Motion made by Councilman Stowell seconded by Councilman L. Mattison to accept and pay all general bills for March 2020 including #77 after it has been cleared. 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 # 3; bills # 22 - #32 = \$25,080.07. **Motion made by Councilman L. Mattison seconded by Councilman Anson Sr. to accept and pay all Hwy bills for March 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 – the Board would be looking at each property to decide whether to keep or sell it; the town lawyer then would get involved. Supervisor Faulkner then thanked Councilman Anson Sr. for all the hard work he has done obtaining all the deeds to the town properties.
2) Bowers & Co., CPA would begin the AUD in mid to late March to be done by April 30th. The town plans on hiring Bowers & Co. as their accounting firm. According to the towns procurement policy the town doesn't need to go out for bid; however, Supervisor Faulkner stated they should.
3) the job trailer & container have been disconnected and have been scheduled for pick up.
4) Sexual Harassment training would be scheduled for April or May for all employees. Ms. Ann Stacey would be the instructor.
5) Questions from last months meeting pertaining to: A) safety shoes for the part timers – the Board would not issue safety shoes to part timers. B) Cemetery maintenance workers – they do not have to be drug tested as their positions do not require CDL's.

New Business: 1) Possibly the town would put a solar farm on their property at the end of Corduroy Rd. The representative from a Mass. Company would be calling back in April. A lot of work needs to be done before even considering the project. The Board still needs to look at each property first.
2) Municipal Building roof: Supervisor Faulkner would check with Mr. Baxter to see if there is a grant to help with the cost. Mr. Walter suggested the town go with an architect first then a roof contractor. Supervisor Faulkner would work with Mr. Walters on how the bid should be before being placed in the paper.

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 a close at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Ford, RMO
Town Clerk