

**AAMB
Town of Albion
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2008**

**Present: Supervisor: Frederick Stowell
Councilor: Jack Barker
Councilor: Nancy Sheeley
Councilor: Carl Anson Jr.
Councilor: Ronald Eldred
Recording Secretary: Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk**

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes of 2/12/08: Councilor Sheeley stated that in the hwy Supt. report "(A)" it was the Town of Albion hwy dept. not the County who took down the trees on Albion Cross Rd. She then asked Mrs. Ford why the minutes were late last month? Mrs. Ford stated that it was due to the weather, her daughter being sick. Supervisor Stowell then stated that he also held them up. Councilor Eldred questioned #5 in "New Business". Supervisor Stowell stated that he would be going over the NYS DEC letter later in the meeting. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept the minutes with corrections made. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

Reports: 1) DCO: Mr. Smith has resigned. Mrs. Ford has placed an ad, and has cancelled the cell phone. All DCO stuff is in the Clerk's office.

2) Hwy Dept.: a) Sick time regarding deceased hwy worker William Scott: Supervisor Stowell read the letter from the town's attorney. Mr. Frank Scott, brother of the deceased then spoke his peace. Councilor Sheeley asked if paying sick time to the family were put in the new Teamsters contract would Supervisor Stowell pay? Supervisor Stowell stated he did not know. Councilor Barker stated that the town should pay the estate of William Scott. Councilor Eldred asked if the NYS Retirement System has death benefits? Supervisor Stowell stated yes, but that was a separate entity. Hwy Supt. Cronk then stated the town should pay because Mr. Scott was coming into work at the time of death. Mr. Joseph Scott, nephew of the deceased stated that the money should be paid to the grandkids. Mr. Carl Anson Sr. briefly summarized that the money comes out of the payroll for vacation days used, but there is no surplus for death benefits. Supervisor Stowell stated he had no problem paying, but where to take the money out of was. Councilor Barker then made a motion to pay the estate of William Scott the sick time he had accumulated. There was no second. Motion denied. Councilor Sheeley stated she wouldn't pay unless it was legally done. Councilor Eldred stated the town should have something from the State Comptroller in writing. There was a moment of silence in honor of William Scott.

Further discussion was made on this topic.

Councilor Eldred would contact the town's attorney on how to pay legally and to ask him to contact the Comptroller in obtaining a letter on this topic.

3) CEO: Mr. Mowers was absent, but his report from 02/04/08 to 03/05/08 was given to the board.

Mrs. Lynn Brombach asked why the town's website had not been updated since 2006, and if she could get copies of reports? Supervisor Stowell stated Mr. Paul Baxter was the web-master and yes she could get copies from Mrs. Ford.

4) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter stated the new list of rabies clinics was out; he gave Mrs. Ford the list to post.

5) Town Justice: Judge Allen was absent, but he had submitted his report for February 2008 to the board.

6) Sole Assessor: Mrs. Trudell was absent. Supervisor Stowell read a letter from the NYS ORPS regarding the town's equalization rate. The rate has dropped from 100% to 79.89%. The 2008 "trend" as determined by ORPS would be 7% for residential, 1% for commercial, and 6% for vacant land.

7) Hwy Dept. continued: b) Mr. John Bodewes from Hastings Heating gave a presentation on new furnaces. Mr. Cronk would put out for bids on furnaces.

Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to enter into executive session at 7:45pm with Teamster representative. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye. Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to re-enter into the regular meeting at 8:22pm. Motion carried. Adopted 95-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

Mr. Cronk then gave the following report:

- He would put together specs for a new mower.
- He would like to sell the grader; he believes the work can be done with help from other towns.
- The 200 International's hubs are being replaced, or have been.
- He would like the roads to be posted by April 1st. Mrs. Ford would help him with this.
- He would like to bid the same amount of salt (500 ton) for next winter. **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to allow Mr. Cronk to bid the same amount of salt for next winter. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**
- He has submitted his 5-year plan. So. Albion Rd. would be closed on 5/12/08 to fix the pipe.
- If a new permanent hwy worker were hired, he would like a one-year probation period.
- He would like a radio put in one of the Dodge trucks, the 2003 Chevy would be parked until next winter. This would save on gas.
- He would like to sell the 1990 Van. Supervisor Stowell stated he should place it in the swap sheet.

8) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford reported she disbursed \$169.00 for the month of February 2008. The town received \$141.20 (general = \$71.20, part town = \$70.00), Os. Co. Treasurer received \$18.80 and the NYS Dept of Ag & Markets received \$9.00. Petty cash is at \$25.00. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** Mrs. Ford then briefly went over a letter from the NYSATRC regarding Senate Bill 6806 and Assembly Bill 9806. These bills would eliminate the "elected" position of Tax Receiver/Collector, anyone in NYS could be appointed to collect town, county, and school taxes for townships anywhere in the state. Supervisor Stowell gave some M & T reports to Mrs. Ford to file. The Town Clerk's books were audited at this meeting.

9) Supervisor: Supervisor Stowell stated the monies have been transferred into interest bearing accounts as stated at last months meeting. For February 2008 his report is as follows:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$276,996.21	General Money Market = \$17,115.51
Hwy Money Market = \$362,398.02	Hwy Money Market = \$56,601.70
<u>Total Monies</u>	
General Money Market = 612,192.83	Hwy Money Market = \$450,093.96
General Checking Account = \$1,037.26	Hwy Checking Account = \$2,133.12
Trust & Agency Checking Account = \$8,754.25	
Grand total = \$1,074,211.42	

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

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**Resolution # 4 of 2008
Transfer of funds**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Oswego County, New York, at a regular meeting of said board on the 11th day of March 2008, as follows:

WHEREAS, the town board has found it necessary for the fiscal accuracy of the town to make certain transfers of money and raise the amounts originally appropriated,

NOW, THEREFORE, the budget appropriated in the following Account DA5132.42 Garage (Heating Oil) is to be raised Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars, Account DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual Expense is to be raised Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars, Account DA5142.42 Snow Removal (Equip. Fuel) is to be raised Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) dollars, Account DA5132.43 Garage Contractual Expense (Electric) is to be raised One Thousand Six hundred Fifty (\$1,650.00) dollars; all sums are to be transferred from Account DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual Expense.

Dated this 11th day of March 2008

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Barker to accept resolution # 4 of 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

Motion made by Councilor Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Eldred to appoint Hwy Supt. Cronk temporarily DCO for 30-days until someone else is hired. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

Audit Bills: General – abstract # 3, bills # 43 - #54 = \$75,005.34. Motion made by Councilor Eldred seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept and pay all general bills for March 2008. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

Hwy – abstract # 3, bills # 95 = \$26,164.52. Councilor Sheeley stated that bill # 82 was a photo copy and bill # 95 did not belong to this town, so #96 became #95 and the total amount was corrected as shown.

Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept and pay all hwy bills with corrections made. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.

Old Business: 1) NYS DEC letter: Supervisor Stowell read the letter. Mrs. Trudell had found out the owner of the land in question is Woods & Water of Pulaski, NY. The board would draft a letter of opposition. Mr. David Armstrong asked why Mrs. Trudell was not at the meeting? Supervisor Stowell stated her hours are 5-7pm.

2) Frontier telephone rates: A proposal has been given. Mrs. Ford would send copies to the board with the minutes. Supervisor Stowell stated this proposal was too high and not a good savings.

3) Os. Co. Health Subdivision Regulations: The board was given a copy as well as Mr. Baxter. Mr. Baxter stated there were no dates as of yet, but he would let Supervisor Stowell know by Thursday.

New Business: Supervisor Stowell briefly went over the following:

- 1) NYMIR letter regarding land use training.
- 2) NYS Coalition of concerned citizens
- 3) Next meeting of the Emergency Mgmt would be Thursday, March 13th at 6:30 in Albion
- 4) NOCA letter regarding donation
- 5) Time Warner Cable increase letter
- 6) NYS DEC letter regarding Dam Safety Public Hearings
- 7) Letter fro the other Town of Albion in Orleans County.

Supervisor's Correspondences: These were given to the board:

- Tug Hill tines
- The Preservationist
- Grant Action News
- USDA Rural Development 2007 Progress Report

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Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter stated that on May 14th – 16th, there would be a seminar in Rochester on Town Finance and Mgmt. He then gave Supervisor Stowell a map on the proposed utility (electric transmission) line. He stated that the town would have to request to be included in the talks. Mrs. Ford would make copies of the map for the board. Mr. Baxter also stated that he would update the towns website and post the minutes.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.
Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to a close at 9:55pm.

Dated this 11th day of March 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Amy J. Ford, Albion Town Clerk