

**AAMB  
Town of Albion  
Regular Meeting  
April 14, 2009**

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

Supervisor Stowell called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Minutes of 03/10/09: Councilor Sheeley questioned why the minutes were late. Mrs. Ford stated she and her daughter had been sick and with the end of tax season she just plain forgot. **Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept the minutes as submitted. 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. Cronk briefly went over the four calls he had for the month of March 2009. **Motion made by Councilor Eldred seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. 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.**

2) Hwy Supt: Mr. Cronk gave the following report: A) He has ordered the remaining salt (275 tons). B) Thanks to Mr. Potter, Os. Co Legislator, the County will only be charging ½ price tipping fee for the town's spring clean up week. C) The spring clean up directions were read, Mrs. Ford would place them in the paper. D) Someone threw a bunch of garbage on S. Albion Rd., he has contacted the DEC and they would like the town to sign an affidavit so they could charge the person responsible. E) The Hwy workers are going on their 4/10 workweek, if it doesn't work out then they will go back to 5/8's. They also will be taking the whole Memorial Day week off due to the three holidays they worked this winter. The official town shut down will be the July fourth week. F) He has looked around and had found Hanson Aggregates out of Watertown to be the cheapest for stone. G) There is a sinkhole on Castor Rd., he has filled it with cold patch but the road may need to be dug up. H) The Village of Altmar has a new Mayor who would like to work with the town, so the town's loader will be in the Village helping clean up some of the mess the plows caused this winter. I) The town's grader was used to open up Austin and Churchill Rd.'s and there was no problem with it. J) Would like to black top the apron at the hwy barn, he would check with the County; the CHIPS money would cover the cost.

Representative from Barton & Loguidice, P.C. then gave options to the board for the clean up at the hwy barn regarding the fuel spill. Any option the board chose would have to go out for bid, which Barton & Loguidice would handle. **Motion made by Councilor Eldred seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept option # 3. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.** The bids would be brought to the board within a month and a half. Supervisor Stowell stated he did sign the contract with Barton & Loguidice at the special meeting and he also stated to them not to go over Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-nine (\$9,999.00) dollars. Mrs. Ford would put the Blazer out for bid in the paper. Supervisor Stowell then read his Sheriff's letter regarding the old barns break-in and the estimates of damages to the building and vehicles. Councilor Eldred questioned how the town is set for plow trucks and what is planned before next winter? Councilor Sheeley questioned Hwy bills # 99 7 # 108. On # 99 there isn't anything marked as to what it's for? Mr. Cronk stated cleaning supplies and he has the slip in his office. On bill # 108 Councilor Sheeley questioned why it's late? Mr. Cronk explained it was the difference of prices that he was quoted on. A resident from Albion Cross Rd stated he has a problem with a culvert pipe. Mr. Cronk would check it out.

3) CEO: Mr. Mowers was absent but his monthly report from 03/02/09 to 04/09/09 was given to the board. Supervisor Stowell stated Mr. Mowers would be attending class all week.

4) Assessor: Supervisor Stowell read a letter from the NYS ORPS' General Manager Mr. Jeffrey Bartholomew. The board received a copy of the revaluation report. Councilor Anson Jr. gave Supervisor Stowell a letter of interest from Mr. Thomas Reff for the Board of Assessment Review. Supervisor Stowell stated Mrs. Susan Schouten is also interested; Councilor Anson Jr. stated Mrs. Schouten should submit a letter also. The 5-member Board of Assessment Review would be tabled.

5) Os. Co. Legislator: Mr. Potter gave the following report on the County Legislature: A) They would be selling back two pieces of property to the previous owners taken by tax foreclosures. B) They are establishing a capital project to replace outdated computers – cost = \$168,000.00. C) They plan on passing a local law to update the 1990 Law entitled Oswego County - Fair Housing Law. D) They are authorizing the application to apply for a \$250,000.00 grant to repair housing for low and moderate-income homeowners in Oswego County. E) They are applying for money from ARRA to purchase a bus for OCO. F) They would be purchasing defibrillators for County buildings – cost = \$40,000.00. G) They are applying for an ARRA grant of \$7,700,000.00 for a sewer line to extend out to Volney Land Fill to carry leached aid away and pick up other customers. H) They would be purchasing fencing to control liter at Bristol Hill Landfill. I) They are approving a capital project at the ERF to replace the liners in some of the burners. J) They are approving another capital project to refurbish the Pulaski Transfer Station. K) They are approving \$1,500,000.00 for Hwy Dept to purchase new equipment. They hope to reduce this by \$325,000.00 by getting the money from a program known as the Diesel Emissions Reduction Program. L) They would be approving two new Dept. Heads on e in Buildings & Grounds and another in Probation. M) They would be creating ten new positions for the Sheriff's Dept. N) They are authorizing \$300,000.00 to repair the fire school. O) They would be allowing each town a one-time a year reduction in tipping fees for a clean up at 50% off.

6) Tug Hill Circuit Rider: Mr. Baxter reported the next Super-Cog would be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6pm at Katie & Karl's in Camden, there would be a \$15.00 charge and the topic would be the Tug Hill Survey. Mr. Baxter also stated that the Town of Albion would be hosting on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm a workshop on The Process if Subdivision Review & Site Plan Review given by the Tug Hill Commission's Director of Planning Mr. Phil Street, AICP. Mr. Baxter then stated he is working on a workshop regarding Planning Boards that's similar to the one he did on Zoning. Mr. Baxter then asked Supervisor Stowell if he would please send a sample letter of support to Senator's Schumer & Hillenbrand and to Congressman McHugh regarding the Aquifer Project. Supervisor Stowell said he would.

7) Town Clerk: Mrs. Ford reported the following: Disbursed for March 2009 = \$371.75. Town received = \$310.75 (general - \$285.75, part town - \$25.00), Os. Co. Treasurer = \$23.50, NYS Dept of Ag & Markets = \$15.00, and the NYS Dept. of Health = \$22.50. Petty cash is at \$25.00. She then gave Supervisor Stowell a check for One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-eight dollars and ninety-two cents (\$1,478.92) being money collected for penalties, interest and second notices for the 2009 Tax season. **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.** Supervisor Stowell then read a complaint letter from Mr. Daniel R. Collins regarding Mrs. Ford's hours and her not being there as they are posted. Mrs. Ford explained that Municipal Home Rule Law states that the town board cannot require an "elective" town clerk to be present in the office during regular office hours. Supervisor Stowell stated she would try better.

8) Supervisor: March 2009 report as read by Supervisor Stowell:

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Money Market = \$4,706.88	General Money Market = \$221,249.07
Hwy Money Market = \$49,895.41	Hwy Money Market = \$134,204.02
	<u>Total Monies</u>
General Money Market = \$398,681.67	Hwy Money Market = \$399,755.29
General Checking Account = \$986.45	Hwy Checking Account = \$699.53
Trust & Agency = \$9,222.48	6-month Hwy CD = \$100,000.00
6-month General CD = \$200,000.00	<u>Grand Total</u> = \$1,109,365.42

**Motion made by Councilor Eldred seconded by Councilor Sheeley 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.** Fund balances and revenue reports were given.

**Audit Bills:** General: abstract # 4, bills # 48 - # 72 = \$83,788.22. (With # 68 & # 71 voided). **Motion made by Councilor Anson Jr. seconded by Councilor Sheeley to accept and pay all bills for April 2009 except bills # 68 & # 71. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**  
Hwy: abstract # 4, bills # 94 - # 112 = \$7,273.66 (With # 100 voided-general). **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept and pay all hwy bills for April 2009 except bills # 100. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**Old Business:** 1) Subdivision Regulations: The town's attorney has a question on Section 4 – 5, paragraph #5. Supervisor Stowell would check with Mr. Ventre on this.

**Resolution #4 of 2009  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009 as follows:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the budget appropriated in the following Account DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual Expense is to be raised Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Forty-three (\$13,143.00) dollars, said sum is to be transferred from Account DA5130.21 Machinery (Annual) Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty-three (\$ 9,143.00) dollars, and from Account DA5130.4 Snow Removal Contractual Expense Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009

**Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Eldred to accept resolution # 4 of 2009. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**

**New Business:** Supervisor Stowell addressed the following to the board:

- 1) Assemblyman Barclay's letter: Councilor Eldred has contacted him – it's come first come first serve for grant money.
- 2) Senator Aubertine's letter: Supervisor Stowell also sent Councilor Eldred's letter to him requesting grant money (\$25,000.00) for the emergency fuel tanks involving the fuel spill.
- 3) Os. Co. Environmental Mgmt Council sent an invitation for Earth Week (4/18/09 – 4/26/09).
- 4) Os. Co. Emergency Mgmt letter: Supervisor Stowell read and Councilor Sheeley stated she would attend.
- 5) Time Warner letter: Supervisor Stowell received a list of stations that are free to those who do not have cable.
- 6) Census pamphlet: Given to the board for review.
- 7) Deferred compensation package for employees: also given to the board for review.
- 8) Mr. Richard Schoeck's letter: He plans on doing extensive subdivisions on his property.
- 9) Moratorium on subdivisions: **Motion made by Councilor Sheeley seconded by Councilor Anson Jr. to have a moratorium (suspension of activity) on subdivisions until the town's updated subdivision regulations are in place. Motion carried. Adopted (5-0) Councilor Barker: aye, Councilor Sheeley: aye, Councilor Eldred: aye, Councilor Anson Jr.: aye, Supervisor Stowell: aye.**
- 10) Cornell University Cooperative Extension letter: There will be a workshop at the Os. Co. Farm Bureau and it would cover the overview of the PDR Program.

**Supervisor's Correspondences:** Given to the board to review:

- Tug Hill Times
- Workers Comp News for Public Employees
- The Spotlight, Os. Co. BOCES
- Grant Action News
- Government Law Center
- Os. Co. Humane Society Newsletter
- ARC Connections

**Comments from the Audience:** 1) Mr. Carl Anson Sr. went over the different assessments on land exemptions throughout the town and questioned why there were differences.

2) Mr. Rich Mullin questioned Mrs. Trudell's equal assessments.

3) Mr. John LaBarre questioned why his doublewide is assessed for more than a stick built house with land. He also has a complaint against Mr. Vern Mowers, CEO/BI regarding his neighbor's yard that has junk and debris all over and isn't made to clean it up when he himself had to rip apart the steps to his home because they were an inch off.

**Adjournment: Motion made by Councilor Barker seconded by Councilor Sheeley 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 9:37pm.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy J. Ford  
Albion Town Clerk