

ALMOND TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

February 20, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Almond Town Board was held at the Almond Municipal Building on the 20th day of February, 2018. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:10 pm by Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole.

Present: Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole, Board Members Lawrence Perry Jr, Jo-Anne Freeland, Dan Hegarty and Bryan Snyder, Acting Town Clerk Arlene McMahon, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, Justice Teresa Jaycox, Codes Officer Bill Ells, Don Weiman, Village Board Members William Lockwood and Paul Gabriel, Karl Grantier and Tammy Kokot.

Minutes: A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Dawn to approve the January 16, 2018 minutes. All in favor.

Supervisor : Dawn noted that we still have an incomplete supervisor report pending BBS receiving a complete copy of the budget which was mailed to them today. Dawn reported she will be meeting with Jill Sawyer from KHEOPS on Monday, February 26 at 9 am to discuss the next step in the salt shed process.

Town Clerk : Motion by Dawn and second by Larry to accept the Town Clerk's report. All in favor.

Highway Superintendant:

- Out 26 times to plow, sand and salt roads, plow drifts or wing back
- Roadside mowing on Bailey Hill, Wyatt and Prior Roads when not plowing
- Out checking pipes and making sure they are open when water starts running
- Patching pot holes in various locations
- Hauled coal in from Cox Coal in Hunt NY; cheapest pricing found after calling Bellingers in Wayland, Homestead Coal in Bath, and Lacey who does not sell it anymore
- Replaced clutch cable on 2011 Mack; cable was fraying
- Oil change on pickup; rotated tires, replaced worn brake pads front and rear
- Power washed floors in shop
- Cleaned out drain basins of sand that accumulated
- Changed out cutting edge on '01 Sterling and wing edge on 2011 Mack
- Maintaining trucks, greasing, replacing worn or broken bolts, adjusting sander chains, adjusting brakes.
- Waiting for permits to be renewed for creek

Village/Municipal: Bill Lockwood requested and received from the Supervisor, a copy of the quarterly bank statement for the Joint Municipal account. Dawn is checking other banks to transfer this account out of Citizens and Northern which is headquartered in Pennsylvania, and therefore not allowed. Dawn reported that she and Mayor Meehan had agreed that since the balance of the account has reached \$28,000, each municipality will contribute \$2500 per year until another agreement is executed.

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Dawn is also looking into moving the Reserve CD from Citizens and Northern. She will get quotes from other banks and email the board. A motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Jo-Anne to authorize Dawn to move the Reserve CD to the bank with the best interest rate.

Codes: Bill questioned the size of the lot allowed in the Knollcrest subdivision. He will be attending the Codes training in March.

Review of Abstracts: A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Bryan to approve Abstract #2 for February 2018, with the exception of Voucher #44 for the Williamson Accounting Program. The new total is \$70,838.74:

- General Fund A claims in the amount of \$13,949.94
- Highway Fund DA claims in the amount of \$ 31,381.85
- Highway Fund DB claims in the amount of \$ 506.95
- SF Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00

Motion passed with all in favor. Some discussion was held regarding the contract with the uniform company which will expire in 2019.

Teresa noted we will no longer be billed for SCI since New York State is taking it over.

Proposed Resolutions:

1. Motion by Dawn, second by Larry to approve the Village, Ambulance and Fire Contracts for 2018. Motion passed with all in favor.
2. Motion by Dan Hegarty and seconded by Jo-Anne Freeland to authorize the Supervisor to contact the attorney's office to begin steps to prepare a local law to offer a property exemption to Cold War Veterans if we don't already have such a law in place. Motion passed with all in favor. The Cold War time frame is from 1945 to 1991.
3. Motion by Dawn and seconded by Larry to authorize the Highway Superintendent to select a consulting firm from the list provided by Allegany County, to have that firm apply for funding under "Bridge New York Program" with the understanding no money needs to be spent unless/until we get funding. Then we would apply for a one-year bond and would get the funding before the bond comes due. The program is a 95-5% split as opposed to the County program which is an 85-15% split for funding. The motion passed with all in favor.

Justice Audit: Justice Jaycox presented the 2017 court records for audit by Baldwin Business Services.

New Business:

- After a question by Jo-Anne about receipt of real property tax revenue, Arlene reported that all budgeted tax revenue has been paid by the Tax Collector to the Supervisor and the totals will show on the February Supervisor Report.
- Teresa reported that the cameras in the court room are out of commission after being chewed by a varmint. The camera work has not been completed. The check for Matt Speed is still being held in the

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vault waiting for an explanation of his charges. Dawn will contact him to determine the status of the work.

- Motion by Dawn and seconded by Larry for Dog Control Officer Hegarty to attend training in Batavia May 1 and 2. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Received 3 applications for Town Clerk position. Tammy Kokot will be interviewed after tonight's meeting and the other applicants on February 28th or March 1st.

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry at 7:25 for executive session to discuss pending litigation. Motion passed with all in favor.

- No action taken on pending litigation.
- A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry to offer the custodian a 3% raise going forward with the \$4,000 cap as in the past. Motion passed with all in favor.
- Matt Speed entered the meeting to explain the status of the camera installation. He will submit an itemized bill with copies of receipts for payment.
- Tammy Kokot was interviewed for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position.
- Motion by Dawn and seconded by Jo-Anne to adjourn executive session at 8:25.

Motion by Dawn and seconded by Jo-Anne to have Bryan fix/replace the toilet in the office bathroom. Motion passed with Dawn, Jo-Anne, Larry and Dan voting in favor. Bryan abstained.

The regular meeting was resumed and adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene McMahan
Acting Town Clerk