

ALMOND TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

February 19, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Almond Town Board was held at the Almond Municipal Building on the 19th day of February 2019. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole at 6:01 pm. Present: Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole, Board Members, Jo-Anne Freeland, Dan Hegarty, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, Town Clerk Shelly Stevens, Deputy Town Clerk Arlene McMahon, Town Codes Officer Bill Ells, Don Weiman, *Village Board Member* William Lockwood, and community members Todd Goho, Amanda Whitwood, and Nate Whitwood. Absent: Bryan Snyder

Public Comment: Nate Whitwood stated that he is working on an Eagle Scout project for Scout Troop 19. He is requesting permission to build a trailhead kiosk/information center at the Lions Park – Nate is open to ideas of location but wants to make sure not to put it in the way of plowing or emergency vehicles. AACSA has already approved the idea. The cost of the project is \$2,000 in material cost that Nate will fundraise himself. He asked for town permission for project, possible helping with digging holes, and possible help removing large obstacles. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by JoAnne to approve the project. The motion passed with all in favor.

Minutes: A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry to approve the January 2019 Minutes
Follow-up: JoAnne requested that someone check with Teamsters that all are under the proper plans ie family plan, 1+ plan, etc. Arlene will follow-up.

Supervisor: A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Dawn to approve the January 2019 Supervisors Report and monthly budget report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Dan to approve January 2019 Town Clerk Report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Highway Superintendent:

- Plowed and sanded 28 different times plowing sanding or pushing drifts back
- Attended Superintendents meeting in Wellsville, Kathleen Prather was there From NYS DEC talking about brine and they are trying to resolve Brine issue.
- On 1/28 Fire department requested help to clean up lumber spill on Karr Dale at red light. Large bundle fell off tractor trailer as it went around corner. Moved lumber to safer location with tractor
- On 1/29 in the evening got a call from county dispatch to help a trooper car and a wrecker stuck on Ryan road. They were on the seasonal part on the road. Ended up plowing a small section and putting sand down then towing them out of the ditch.
- Garage door on shop (middle door) shifted in door opening and lodged itself ¼ way up in the evening of 1/30 when county personnel was closing it. He and I got the door closed for the night and Overhead Door came in next morning and fixed it. Everything is worn and getting in bad shape.
- Garage door in last door opening cable snapped and door got stuck a few inches from the closed position. Overhead Door fixed and got door working again.

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- Cleaned up some scrap and took back to scrap yard, old sluice pipe, some old rotted out guard rail post, used up cutting edges.
- Have Sluice pipe on Turnpike that bottom rotted out on we are watching. Added material and road keeps settling a little bit. Will have to change out in the spring. Between Humbert's and Kernan's
- Truck repairs:
- Sander chain Broke on Mack, replaced chain and had to fix damage to truck where chain came apart. Had Fuel Line break on 01 sterling while plowing, got back to shop and replaced line. Replaced dust covers on 05 Sterling, adjusted brakes, serviced the Tractor

Resolution for County/Town Bridge Cost Sharing: Emerson Bridge: A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry to approve the 2019 Bridge Cost Sharing agreement for Emerson Bridge. The motion passed with all in favor.

Dog Control Officer: Advised that would be submitting \$45 voucher for course attended 2/6/19. Annual Dog Control seminar is May in Alfred and will submit voucher for registration fee. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry to approve DCO requests. The motion passed with all in favor.

Codes Officer:

- Town of Almond 2018 permits
 - Total value - \$324,300
 - Total fees collected - \$1,142
- State reports: State said they hadn't received the annual report from 2017. Bill resubmitted the reports again via emailed. Bill has proof that they were submitted via fax during the 2017 report deadline.
- Permit for house on Karr Valley in need of repair from fire damage.
- Reynolds – Bill noted that Codes was all set if a new owner purchased and would know what the property can be used for. Additional information can be found in the Quest Farm folder filed with the Town Clerk. It will also be documented in the Zoning report. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Dan to approve the DCO filing of the Reynolds property information. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Flaitz - still no response from judge or lawyer. Jim Rusack put stakes up at road and must have any property behind those stakes. Correction of December minutes - items were not "removed" from the property by the state, but rather owner was to "move" property off of the right of way
- **Mosses** - Illegal wiring of the electrical panel in trailer, NYS electrical inspector reviewed too and wrote letter of codes violated, tenant has moved from premises and Bill posted sign on door no occupancy without review from Codes Enforcement Officer.

Review of Abstracts:

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A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Dan to approve Abstract #1 for 2019 for a total of \$23,908.28, noting that voucher #38 to Matt Speed will be held until work is complete:

- General Fund A claims in the amount of \$14,171.96
- Highway Fund DA claims in the amount of \$9,666.28
- Special Fund H claims in the amount of \$70.04

The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed resolutions:

- 2019 Appointments: A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry to approve the 2019 appointments with the following corrections: The Spectator and the Alfred Sun are to both be official Town newspapers and note Supervisor's Clerk's annual salary. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Item of note: Dan Hegarty has accepted the position of Deputy Superintendent of the Town of Almond. Lawrence Perry will be removed from access to Town bank accounts as former Deputy Superintendent. Dan Hegarty has been granted permission to access Town Bank accounts in his new role as Deputy Supervisor.
- Contracts:
 - Motion by Dawn and second by Dan to approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. The motion passed with all in favor.
 - Motion by Dawn, second by Dan to approve the Village, Ambulance and Fire Contracts for 2019. Motion passed with all in favor.
 - Motion by Larry, second by Dan to approve the Richardson & Pullen, P.C Attorney retainer agreement for 2019. Motion passed with all in favor.
 - Motion by Larry, second by Dawn to approve Inter-Municipal Agreement for 2019. Motion passed with all in favor.

Old Business:

- Salt Shed: Kheops is reviewing the BIDs, Dawn will follow up at the next meeting.
- Cold War law: Approved 2/2018, following up with Richardson & Pullen P.C. to move forward with local law
- Generator: Generator and Burnwell propane tank has been delivered to the Town but it is not set up yet. Bryan waiting for warmer weather. Hard wiring to building hasn't been done. Larry will follow up with Bryan.

New Business:

- Local Law Proposals: The Town Board authorizes Superintendent Dawn Wildrick-Cole to contact Town Attorneys Richardson & Pullen to draft the following local laws:
 - Dual Positions: Motion by Larry, second by Dan. The motion passed with Jo-Anne voting Nay.
 - Best Value: Motion by Dawn, second by Larry. The motion passed with all in favor.

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- Site Plan Review: Motion by Larry, second by Dan. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Animal Ordinance: Motion by Dan, second by Larry. The motion passed with Jo-Anne voting Nay.
- ATV Law: Item tabled until March meeting
- DOT Speed Study – McHenry Valley: Request to lower speed limit was done several years ago, DOT requesting speed study to be done first. Motion by Dawn, second by Larry. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Records Audit: Baldwin to audit justice books 2/26/19. Board decided not to audit clerk annually, will discuss audit for 2019 this time next year.
- Municipal internet: Clerk requested increase in internet speed with current provider as multiple upgrades within the building is causing the internet to not be usable with so many devices using at once. Clerk to follow up with franchise agreement in place with Spectrum. Item tabled until March meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry at 8:02pm pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Stevens
Town Clerk