

ALMOND TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

August 18, 2020

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Almond Town Board was opened at 6:33pm by Deputy Supervisor Dan Hegarty. Also present were Board Members: Jo-Anne Freeland and Bryan Snyder, and Larry Perry, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, Town Clerk Shelly Stevens, Codes Enforcement Officer Bill Ells, Village Board Members Bill Lockwood and Paul Gabriel, and Don Weinman

Absent: Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole

Minutes: A motion was made by Jo-Anne and seconded by Larry to accept the July regular meeting minutes after correction regarding Charlie Gaynor's lawyer's comments. The motion passed with all in favor.

Supervisor: A motion was made by Jo-Anne and seconded by Bryan to accept the July 2020 Supervisors Report and Monthly Budget. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board would like to know why the JM account on the Supervisors' report shows \$2,500.07 instead of \$2,500.00. The Board agreed that a preliminary budget meeting would take place at 6pm on Tuesday, September 8th following a September 3rd meeting with the accountants, Baldwin.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Jo-Anne to approve the July 2020 Town Clerk Report. The motion passed with all in favor. Shelly noted that the Archives grant was complete and final bills have been paid. The only thing left to do is to submit final expense paperwork to NYS to receive final payment.

Highway Superintendent:

- Graded rolled and brined turnpike, Donnelly, John Dixon, Ryan, Stanz road. Putting brine on roads.
- Ditch work on Bishopville and turnpike
- Mowing roadsides All roads been done once
- Hauled brush away from Canacadea street bridge from the volunteers that cut and stack it so nicely. Mowed some heavy brush back on Canacadea bridge and Depot street bridge with Excavator
- Oil and stone for the year is complete, received help from Hornellsville, Alfred, and Andover
- Sent 2 trucks to Andover to help with A road grind to haul material
- Removed Transmission from 01 Sterling. Motor mounts were worn out and causing bolts that hold transmission to Bell housing to break. Removed broken bolts, installed new motor mounts and replaced one clutch disk that had a spring retainer broke.
- Making sand in the pit for winter. Building a stockpile
- Submitted first round of paperwork to State DOT for PAVE NY and EWR and some chips. EWR was \$26,482.10 Pave NY was \$32,288.21 and chips this round is \$28954.31
- Document room Door. Door is steel. Bill Ells and myself looked at door and there is no tags but all doors are the same in the building maybe to fire code back when the building was built? Question is. Is the room supposed to be fireproof? There is open ceiling to rafters and to fire hall. Only wall to the rafters is the wall adjacent to boiler room all other walls are open. Fire rated door is not going to help

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- Had John Deere down to work on loader. There was wire plugs and a harness that was shorting out and causing multiple codes to flash on system. They had to trouble shoot with computer
- 05 Sterling Chasing Air leaks, found them and repaired
- 2011 Mack trunnion Needs some work, Thru-way spring stopped in and said it would be about \$5200 if the A frame is not Cracked

A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Dan to approve up to \$6,000 to repair the 2011 Mack, as well as if there is a crack in A frame to repair that as well. The motion passed with all in favor.

Dog Control Officer: Dan reported being unusually busy with dog control issues in the Town and Village. He mentioned that he did repair minor damages to the kennel in the last month.

Codes Officer: Bill Ells stated that he had received a letter from the judge regarding the Flaitz case. Regarding the municipal building, Bill suggested that the Board look into fire alarms that would feed into a fire station call center. Larry requested that be discussed and brought to the budget meeting. Bryan was asked to get estimate for the Board of what that would cost for a fire alarm system. For the records room, Bill was asked to bring to the Board information about how to make that fire safe.

Zoning Board: Bill Ells advised the Board that Rick Torrey would like to be on the zoning board of appeals, filling John Thompson's vacancy. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Larry to approve Rick Torrey to sit on the Zoning Board. The motion passed with all in favor.

Review of Abstracts: Larry made a motion to accept Abstract #8 for August 2020 for a total of \$18,783.54 minus voucher #214 in the amount of \$130 of which residents, including Larry Perry paid out of their personal monies to reimburse Natalie Norris. Jo-Anne seconded the motion.

- General Fund A claims in the amount of \$3,078.13
- General Fund B claims in the amount of \$195.39
- Highway Fund DA claims in the amount of \$7,346.63
- Highway Fund DB claims in the amount of \$8,139.39
- Capital Project Fund H claims in the amount of \$24.00

The motion passed with all in favor.

New Business:

- **AUD:** A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Jo-Anne to approve the 2019 AUD. The motion passed with all in favor.
- **Scenic Byway:** A motion was made by Jo-Anne and seconded by Bryan to appoint Dan Hegarty to Allegany County Scenic Byway project. The motion passed with all in favor.

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- Community Hall: A motion was made by Jo-Anne and seconded by Larry that nonprofit groups may resume use of the community hall but need to adhere to social distancing rules. The motion passed with all in favor.

- Bridge: Natalie Norris with Town blessing painted mural under bridge behind Mulheisens. Larry and additional community members reimbursed Natalie for supplies out of their personal monies. Larry with the blessing of the Town Board has started an adopt a bridge program, similar to adopt a highway for that bridge. Residents will assist in maintaining and keeping clean the area around the bridge. Those who assisted in cleaning up the area around the bridge included Larry Perry, Loni France, Don Washburn, and more. They will be looking for volunteers to continue to clean up the area.
 - A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Dan to dedicate the bridge to the memory of Nancy Mallory, who on August 13, 2020 tragically lost her life in a house fire. Larry additionally mentioned that Nancy was a beautiful person and that Almond was blessed to have had her as a resident and offered condolences to the Mallory and Stuart families. The motion passed with all in favor.

A motion to move the meeting to executive session regarding litigation was made by Dan and seconded by Larry at 7:39 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

A motion to end executive session and to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan and seconded by Bryan at 8:06 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Shelly Stevens
Town Clerk