

## ALMOND TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 2020

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Almond Town Board was opened at 6:34pm by Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole. Also present were Board Members: Deputy Supervisor Dan Hegarty, Jo-Anne Freeland, Bryan Snyder, and Larry Perry, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, Town Clerk Shelly Stevens, Codes Enforcement Officer Bill Ells, Village Board Member Bill Lockwood and Paul Gabriel, Rebecca Weaver-Hamm, and Jane Cokrin

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Dan to accept the November public hearing and regular meeting minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Supervisor:** A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Larry to accept the November 2020 Supervisors Report and Monthly Budget. Jo-Anne voted Nay. The motion passed.

The Board agreed to hold a year end meeting on December 29<sup>th</sup> to finalize any last bills.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Dan to approve the November 2020 Town Clerk Report. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Deputy Tax Collector Appointment** – A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Bryan to approve the Town Deputy Tax Collector’s appointment of Carin Elwell. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board acknowledged that in case both the Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector were ill, there would need to be a contingency plan. The Board is open to suggestions as the pandemic rules progress, there has not been at this time plans offered by the County or the State. For the time being, if the need should arise, the Deputy Supervisor will be requested to be at the Town’s office during posted hours.

### **Highway Superintendent:**

- Sanded roads 4 times since last meeting
- Ditch work on John Dixon, Mike Dixon, Bully Hill, Karr Road, Prior road
- Pickup back in service, new transmission, torque converter installed under warranty, Transmission line had a leak and they replaced them during the install, not covered under warranty.
- Trimmed some trees on Ryan, helped county with one on county Rte 11, Woodlawn the maples along cemetery were dead and limbs were falling
- Bush road bridge opened back up, only thing left is blacktop. Binder was put down for winter
- Pushing off spoil areas and leveling them with county small dozer

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Bryan to approve Highway Supervisor’s 2020 report. The motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Dan to approve the Drug and Alcohol Policy presented by the Highway Superintendent. The motion passed with all in favor.

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**Dog Control Officer:** Rabies Vaccine - A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Bryan to approve the DCO obtaining a Rabies vaccine at the cost of the Town not to exceed \$1,000 charged to the Dog Control Reserve. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Codes Officer:** Bill Ells gave a permits update to the Board. He also informed the Board that he is working on the year end permits report. He also is waiting to receive corrections on a letter that the lawyer has drawn up.

**Mutual Aid – Ambulance Services:** Rebecca Weaver-Hamm, and Jane Cokrin addressed the Board regarding questions and concerns about mutual ambulance aid between Alfred and Almond. It was agreed that tentatively the Town and Village would reconvene with them January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 provided that works for all parties involved.

**Review of Abstracts:** Dan made a motion to accept Abstract #12 for December 2020 for a total of \$87,282.16. Dawn seconded the motion.

- General Fund A claims in the amount of \$18,164.27
- General Fund B claims in the amount of \$121.00
- General Fund DA claims in the amount of \$54,149.78
- Highway Fund DB claims in the amount of \$14,400.00
- Joint Municipal Fund JM claims in the amount of \$447.11

Jo-Anne voted Nay. The motion passed.

### **Proposed Resolutions / Local Laws:**

**Dog Law:** A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Dan to approve the proposed local law: “A Local Law to Provide for the Licensing, Identification and Control of Dogs in the Town of Almond, to Restrain the Running at Large of Dogs in Designated Areas within said Town, to Provide for the Seizure and Impounding of Certain Dogs, to Provide Punishments for the Violation of this Local Law, and Related Provisions.” The Local Law was passed with all in favor.

### **Old Business:**

- **Fire Alarm System** – Tabled until next meeting
- **Franchise Contract** - A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Jo-Anne to approve Cable Franchise contract with Time Warner/Spectrum. The motion passed with all in favor.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dawn and seconded by Jo-Anne at 8:24 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted  
Shelly Stevens  
Town Clerk