

ALMOND TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2020

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Almond Town Board was opened at 6:48pm by Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole. Also present were Deputy Supervisor Dan Hegarty, Board Members: Jo-Anne Freeland and Bryan Snyder, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, Town Clerk Shelly Stevens, and Codes Enforcement Officer Bill Ells

Absent: Larry Perry

Minutes: A motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Dawn to accept the May regular meeting minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

Supervisor: A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Bryan to accept the May 2020 Supervisors Report and Monthly Budget. The motion passed with all in favor.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: A motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Dawn to approve the May 2020 Town Clerk Report. The motion passed with all in favor. Additionally, the Clerk was instructed to change the MS Office subscription to annual billing instead of monthly, similar for the telephone bill with Call Centric to pay up to \$300 at one time resulting in an estimated bi-annual payment instead of monthly.

The Board acknowledged receipt of letter from NYS DEC cancelling the Town's licensing permit. The DEC now requires 100 licenses a month to be sold in order to continue licensing privileges, unfortunately Almond does not sell anywhere near that many permits. The Board acknowledged that the Town Clerk can no longer issue permits for hunting or fishing.

Archives Grant: Shelly gave update on the current status of the Archives Grant, set to be completed by July 4th. She presented the tentative final budget. It was noted that there may possibly be a small amount of funds owed by the Town for the completion of the project. It was agreed by the Board that any overages in funds owed will be paid by the Town using the JM account.

Highway Superintendent:

- Replaced pipe on Tuttle road and Cleaned ditch
- Replaced Hydraulic Ram on Excavator and replaced worn and broken bushing on bucket coupler
- Replaced blown hydraulic line on 01 Sterling
- Making Gravel in the pit.
- Graded rolled and brined Brown road, Klipnocky, Hills road, Wyant, Prior. Top of Ryan.
- Putting brine on roads, Brine seams weak this year
- Dug out soft spot on John Dixon and Sterns road and put new base in and Top
- Pulled shoulders on Sterns and Bully hill
- Oil and stone Ryan, John Dixon, Turnpike, We helped Alfred in morning and they helped us in the afternoon
- Replaced Hydraulic pump on 05 Sterling, Rexroth Rep be here Thursday to prime pump and set pressures

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- Started mowing road sides, Tractor went down with PTO cable Issues. Have it back going now.
- Screen is down with Clutch on engine

Dog Control Officer: A motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Dan to to approve the below agreement regarding kennel use for stray dogs between the Town of Almond and Alfred. The motion passed with all in favor. The following agreement was signed and returned to Dan to have Alfred also officially sign the agreement:

The Town of Alfred and the Town of Almond hereby agree:

that the Town of Alfred is authorized, in times of inclement weather, to utilize the Town of Almond Dog Shelter to house any dogs seized within the Town of Alfred, upon notice to the Town of Almond Dog Control Officer.

that any dogs seized within the Town of Alfred shall remain in the custody of the Town of Alfred even though housed within the Town of Almond Dog Shelter. All dogs seized within the Town of Alfred shall be the responsibility of the Town of Alfred and shall be cared for by the Alfred Dog Control Officer or Alfred Deputy Dog Control Officer even if housed at the Town of Almond Dog Shelter. Costs for all care of such dogs shall be born by the Town of Alfred.

that in addition to the costs of care of all such dogs, the Town of Alfred shall pay to the Town of Almond an amount of \$25.00 per day for the usage of the Almond dog shelter for any dog seized within the Town of Alfred. This amount shall be invoiced by the Town of Almond.

Codes Officer: Permits update was given. Bill also updated the Board regarding the Flaitz case. He stated that the 6 months to clean up the property time frame had been reached, so he took pictures and gave them to the Judge for his consideration. The Judge informed Bill that due to the COVID pandemic, Mr. Flaitz would be allotted additional time. Bill will continue to keep the Board updated as to the progress of the case.

Review of Abstracts: Dawn made a motion to accept Abstract #6 for June 2020 for a total of \$41,891.14. Bryan seconded the motion.

- General Fund A claims in the amount of \$4,637.11
- Highway Fund B claims in the amount of \$693.68
- Highway Fund DA claims in the amount of \$4,967.07
- Highway Fund DB claims in the amount of \$6,869.87
- Capital Project Fund H claims in the amount of \$24,723.41

The motion passed with all in favor.

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New Business:

- Next month's agenda: It was requested that next month's agenda include local law public hearings for Dog Control and ATV if completed by the lawyer in time and within COVID pandemic guidelines of gatherings.
- Shared Accounts: Village Board Member Bill Lockwood requested that a copy of the JM bank statement please be provided monthly to the Village Clerk for their records
- Code Violations: Dan stated that he had serious concerns about Code and Zoning violations in the Town of Almond. Dawn requested that concerns be addressed in writing prior to a meeting to ensure proper time for Board consideration and then discussion.
- Credit Card: A discussion took place regarding the credit card and its 15 day turn around payment date making on time payments difficult. It was agreed that because only utilities were currently on the card – telephone and computer licensing – that Dawn could sign the bill as a prepaid. If the credit card consisted of items outside of utilities that it would be required that the credit card bill come before the Board with the other vouchers that are not prepaid for approval.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dawn and seconded by Jo-Anne at 8:14 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Shelly Stevens
Town Clerk