

## ALMOND TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

September 15, 2020

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Almond Town Board was opened at 6:35pm 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 Members Bill Lockwood and Paul Gabriel, and Rick Torrey

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

It was noted that the Board has requested that all non-profit groups that use the community hall or conference room please sanitize the area before and after they use the room. The Town will supply sanitizer and paper towels for their use. The Town will, out of an abundance of caution, attempt to not schedule more than 2 uses per week in each room whenever possible.

**Supervisor:** A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Larry to accept the August 2020 Supervisors Report and Monthly Budget. The motion passed with all in favor.

Dawn requested a 6pm budget workshop to take place on September 22, 2020. Dan made a motion to have Dawn contact the Town Attorney to proceed with local law procedures to exceed the tax cap. Larry seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry to approve the August 2020 Town Clerk Report. The motion passed with all in favor. Shelly noted that the final expense paperwork for the Archives grant was submitted to NYS. The Town is awaiting the final payment in the amount of \$6,327.

### **Highway Superintendent:**

- Installed Drop basin and drain on Chapel street near 14 Chapel street.
- Working on Sidewalk project for village
- Paved end of Chapel street. County crew and paver and we hauled material
- Mowed some roads sides a second time that needed done
- 2011 Mack trunnion was repaired. Spindle threads pulled out. New spindles, springs, End rubbers and bushings installed
- Helped Alfred haul stone for there oil and stone projects
- Had screen go down for a couple days. Plate in feeder hopper wore out so built new plates and replaced rubber
- Screening sand in the pit for winter. Be ordering salt

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### Almond Highway Inventory 2020

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|---|--------------|
| 1. 2018 Peterbilt   | 2019         |
| Mileage:33825   | 23474 Miles  |
| Hours: 2105   | 1450 hours   |
| Condition: Great  |              |
| Issues: None  |              |
|   |              |
| 2. 2011 Mack  |              |
| Mileage:87328   | 79054 Miles  |
| Hours: 5425   | 4908 Hours   |
| Condition: Good   |              |
| Issues:   |              |
|   |              |
| 3. 05 Sterling  |              |
| Mileage: 132999   | 127629 Miles |
| Hours: 9436   | 9080 Hours   |
| Condition: Poor   |              |
| Issues: Box and floor in poor shape, Motor is tired, Electrical issue, gauges surge or go on and off  |              |
|   |              |
| 4. 01 Sterling  |              |
| Mileage: 154299   | 146430 Miles |
| Hours: 9300   | 8871 Hours   |
| Condition: Poor   |              |
| Issues: Dump body in real bad shape, Cross members cracked, Tailgate not shutting, Floor is very thin   |              |
|   |              |
| 5. 2015 Dodge Pickup  |              |
| Mileage: 88000  | 71508 Miles  |
| Hours:  | 2084 Hours   |
| Condition: Ok   |              |
| Issues: truck at Maple city Dodge and Transmission is out something internal is bad, Drive line issue intermittent, smokes on start on occasion |              |
|   |              |
| 6. 2016 Dodge 5500  |              |
| Mileage: 46141  | 38276 Miles  |
| Hours: 2571   | 2084 Hours   |
| Condition: Good   |              |

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7. 2015 John Deere 644K Loader

Hours: 2271

1913 Hours

Condition: Good

Issues: None

8. 2005 Cat Excavator

Hours: Gauge doesn't work

Condition: Poor

Issues: Electrical issue, Hydraulic lines getting old and blowing more, Hydraulics low on power

9. 1986 Cat Grader

Hours: Gauge not working

Condition: Old

Issues: Hydraulic lines weather cracking

10. 2014 Case 75C Tractor

Hours: 1728

1477 Hours

Condition: Good

Issues: front tires showing wear, will make it to next summer

Broom in bad shape

11. 2006 Cat Roller

Hours: 2000

1578 Hours

Condition: Good

Issues: Small, Doesn't Compact the road well, Need Brine on road at all times to keep operator out of the dust

12: 20 Ton Equipment Trailer

Condition: Great

13. Screen

Condition: Good

Issues: None

14. Ferris Mower

Hours: 553

Condition: Good, normal wear

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**Copy of Email presented by Jamie:**

**From: Angelica Highway Dept.** <angelicahighway@stny.rr.com>

Dated: Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 6:06 AM

Good morning everyone,

As many of you may have already received the email from NYSAOTSOH's president, I have attached a copy of the email at the bottom of the page if you did not. I apologize for not getting back to those of you whom had reached out to me for some answers but I needed to do some research to find some answers myself.

Since, I have had some conversations with some, somewhat inside, people that I will not mention any names to try to help shed some light and give us some guidance. Though it's been mentioned over the past few months that there was a possibility that CHIPs, Pave-NY and EWR funds could be reduced to 80 percent, it's the timing that throws up the red flag here. One day before the Municipal deadline to submit which was extended from its original date posted less than a month ago, when most every municipality has scrambled to get projects completed and get paperwork submitted before this deadline and now these projects will not be funded with the total amounts submitted that was reported available in our CHIPs letters just received in the past couple weeks? There has been no other warning as to this happening and happening now! There has been no public announcement from the media or the Governor! I understand there will be no letter from NYSDOT explaining this even after we had just recently received a CHIPs submittal letter in the past couple weeks! Questions now about if those that had submitted during the first CHIPs round in June will have to pay back funds? At this time NYSDOT claims there is no mechanism in place to deal with this but they also claim there was only about 20 total submitted statewide, I will guarantee that there was more than that submitted in our region alone! It is believed that this action was done by certain NYSDOT upper management and that is why there is no publicity about it! We usually get notice from our State Representatives when there is budget impacts to local municipalities and we've heard nothing! Bottom line is this whole thing has a stink to it that just doesn't seem right!! We need some answers about this and here is what we need to do!

We need to contact our State reps and ask some questions!

- Why has this happened now?
- Why weren't we notified earlier?
- Why weren't we told to plan on this after the June payment round?
- Why the day before the submittal deadline after everyone has work to get done what they could by the end of the season?
- Why is this so hush-hush?
- What happens to those that have spent their entire amount and now getting notice that they won't be funded?
- WHY? WHY? WHY?

I have attached the websites for Assemblyman Joe Giglio and Senator George Borrello. There are contact numbers for all of their offices and emails for both! We will be discussing this at our next Highway Meeting today! If you need to discuss this with me please feel free to contact me.

**WE NEED TO MAKE SOME CONTACT ABOUT THIS!!**

Thanks,

Kevin "Fred" Demick

ACTHSA President

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

\*\*\* At this time, Jo-Anne left the meeting.

**Dog Control Officer:** None

**Codes Officer:** Bill Ells gave a permits update to the Board. He also informed the Board that he drew up a project scope to make the records room fire proof and discussed with 6 contractors. He presented the Board with 3 sealed estimates. It was noted that the Fire Chief and Bryan Synder would follow up at a later meeting about estimates for a fire alarm system. The Board decided to table records room estimates at this time. No estimates were opened. Bill gave a brief update on the status of the Flaitz and Gaynor cases.

**Zoning Board:** Bill Ells requested the Board consider adding \$500 to their budget line for the 2021 Budget.

**Review of Abstracts:** Dawn made a motion to accept Abstract #9 for September 2020 for a total of \$99,609.96. Larry seconded the motion.

- General Fund A claims in the amount of \$5,126.98
- General Fund B claims in the amount of \$79.00
- Highway Fund DA claims in the amount of \$8,434.48
- Highway Fund DB claims in the amount of \$85,969.50

The motion passed with all in favor.

### **New Business:**

1. **Budget Workshop:** A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Dan to set budget workshop for 6pm on 9/22/20. Baldwin to be present from 7pm onward. The motion passed with all in favor.
2. **Accountant Contract:** A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Dan to approve accountant contract for 2021, Baldwin Business Services. The motion passed with all in favor.
3. **Franchise Agreement:** A motion to approve franchise agreement for cable for February 2021 onward was tabled, members requesting addition time to review.
4. **Dog Control LL:** A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Dawn to approve the introduction of Dog Law and set public hearing for October 20, 2020. The motion passed with all in favor.
5. **Retention Schedule:** A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry to approve adoption of retention and disposition schedule LGS-1. The motion passed with all in favor.

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**Resolution #2020 - 01**

**Adoption of Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1**

**RESOLVED**, By the **Board of the Town of Almond** that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- a. only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;
- a. only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

- 6. Social Security Withholding: A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry to opt out of the social security withholding temporary deferment. The motion passed with all in favor.

A motion to end executive session and to adjourn the meeting was made by Bryan and seconded by Larry at 7:54 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Shelly Stevens  
Town Clerk