

TOWN OF NEW ALBION

14 Main Street
Cattaraugus, NY 14719

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 21, 2009 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Loyd Chilson, Supervisor

PRESENT: Councilmen: Eric Pritchard, Marilyn Wasmund, Michael Weishan; Jerry Cobo, Highway Supt.; Rose LaQuay, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Patrick Erhart

VISITORS: Nancy Barney, Catt. County Real Property; Mary Bailey, Assessor; Cort Wilkins, Code Enforcement; Brenda Smith, Town Justice; Ken Charles, Cattaraugus Area Ambulance; Rick & Lynne LeFeber, Cattaraugus Local Development Corp.; Larry Bain, Lou Sewar, John Benevento, Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Calnen all of Tug Hill Road

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Chilson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The minutes of the August 17, 2009 minutes are accepted as presented.

VISITORS:

1. Nancy Barney - Grant to be applied for to allow 6 local municipalities to perform re-valuation. Town of New Albion must agree to maintain 100% for 6 years.
2. Lou Sewar - When will Tug Hill Bridge be open?
3. Larry Bain - Why isn't Tug Hill Bridge / Road open? Why can't bridge be repaired temporarily?
4. Mr. & Mrs. Calnen - When is the Town going to open Tug Hill Bridge?
5. Rick & Lynne LeFeber - What are the Town Board, the Code Enforcement Officer and / or the Town Attorney actively doing to remedy the Michael Zacholski situation?
6. Mary Bailey - Gave Assessor's Report. Small Claims Hearing resulted in reduced assessment by \$10,000.00. Assessor software 25% rate increase for 2010 Budget from \$1,000.00 to \$1,250.00.

Resolution #47-2009 Re-Valuation Grant

On a motion by Councilman Pritchard, second by Councilwoman Wasmund, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 3 Pritchard, Wasmund, Weishan
Nay 0

Authorizing the Supervisor to apply as Co-Applicant for Funding through the New York State Department of State for Local Government Efficiency Implementation Grant

- I. Whereas, funding is available through the New York State Department of State for the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, and
- II. Whereas, the purpose of the Grant, known as "PEET", (Promoting Equity, Efficiency & Transparency) is to provide technical assistance and competitive grants to two or more units of local government for the development of projects that will achieve savings and improve municipal efficiency through shared services, and
- III. Whereas, the grant, if awarded, would allow for the hiring of a contractual appraiser through the Cattaraugus County Real Property Office to provide revaluation / update work to the local municipalities participating in the the above grant through an intermunicipal agreement, allowing for uniformity and sharing of services among the participants as a means for future uniform consolidation of assessing practices, and

- IV. Whereas, there is a ten percent (10%) local cash match of the Municipalities share and
- V. Whereas, the Town of New Albion's request for funding as a Co-applicant will be \$69,000.00, and
- VI. Whereas, the following municipalities in Cattaraugus County have expressed interest in applying for the above grant, Dayton, Little Valley, Lyndon, Napoli, New Albion, Portville, and
- VII. The Town of New Albion acknowledges that Cattaraugus County will be the lead applicant in the above grant and fully supports its efforts, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor for the Town of New Albion be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to apply as a co-applicant for the funding, on behalf of the Town of New Albion, with the New York State Department of State, according to the above - described terms.

- 7. Ken Charles - Contacting the Town regarding the Ambulance purchasing 911 house signs to install throughout the Town of New Albion to aid in call response. Town of New Albion has agreed to help with labor in the installation of the signs.
- 8. Cort Wilkins - Demolition permit to Ronald Wright, demolition to begin by September 30, 2009.
- 9. Brenda Smith - Town Justice Report. Payments made this evening - \$1,340.00 for June 2009, \$1,225.00 for July 2009, \$270.00 for August 2009. A decision should be received on the Court Grant by December 1, 2009. Cattaraugus Police Officer currently working all 3 court nights. Court Clerk, Melanie Thompson submitted her resignation effective November 30, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Cattaraugus County Legislature - Comprehensive Damage Assessment
- 2. Village of Cattaraugus - Letter of Support for Town Court Grant
- 3. Time Warner Cable - New Interactive Technology (SDV) new channels
- 4. Handbook for Flood Assistance
- 5. Verizon Business - Telecommunications Reseller Exemption
- 6. Time Warner Cable - Changes in Service
- 7. LaBella Associates, P.C. - Energy Efficiency Studies
- 8. Assemblyman Brian M. Kolb - People's Convention to Reform New York
- 9. Cattaraugus County Legislature - Letter to Governor Patterson
- 10. New York State Dept. Of Transportation - CHIPS Payment
- 11. Flexcare - Informational meeting regarding Health Insurance for Small Towns & Villages
- 12. Melanie Thompson - Resignation from position as Town of New Albion Court Clerk

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent:

- 1. Assisted Towns of Otto & Dayton in flood damage repair. Hours for Labor and Equipment turned into Cattaraugus County and FEMA.
- 2. Mowing done Townwide.
- 3. Gravelled Pepperdine.
- 4. Sealed 42nd Street, Barker and Sweeney Roads.
- 5. Cut Shoulders on Potter, Stateland and Chautauqua Roads.
- 6. Patching on various roads.

Supt. Cobo noted he would like to pursue a truck and roller purchase for the Town before the end of 2009. Truck would be bonded. Roller to come out of 5130.2 Equipment budget. Possible to look at a shared service agreement with the Village of Cattaraugus to use their roller for smaller applications.

Resolution #48-2009 2010 Truck Spec

On a motion by Councilman Pritchard, second by Councilwoman Wasmund, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 3 , Pritchard, Wasmund, Weishan
Nay 0

That the Town of New Albion Board authorize Highway Superintendent, Jerry Cobo to look into 2010 Truck bids and specs to replace the 1989 Truck.

Clerk:

Clerk’s Report distributed to Board members. The following was received and disbursed from the Town Clerk account:

AUGUST 2009	Check #	TOTAL
Amount Collected		\$3847.50
Cattaraugus County (Dog Licenses)	2203	\$ 31.72
Department of Environmental Conservation	Wire Transfer	\$ 3548.28
NYS Department of Ag & Markets	2204	\$ 3.00
Town of New Albion (Local Share)	2206	\$219.50
Health Department	2205	\$ 45.00
Amount Paid Out		\$3847.50

Treasurer:

Required Transfers need to be made to pay the bills this evening.

Resolution #49-2009 Transfers

On a motion by Councilman Weishan, second by Councilwoman Wasmund, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 3 Pritchard, Wasmund, Weishan
Nay 0

That the Board make the following transfers as recommended by the Treasurer:

General A: \$20,000.00 from General A Savings to General A Checking
General B: \$ 1,000.00 from General B Savings to General B Checking

Board:

Councilman Pritchard - No report.

Councilwoman Wasmund - No report.

Councilman Weishan - No report.

Resolution #50-2009 Change in Local Law 1-94 Dog Control

On a motion by Councilman Weishan, second by Councilman Pritchard, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 3 Pritchard, Wasmund, Weishan
Nay 0

That the Town remove the words “including cats.” from Article 1, Section 3, Definitions A Animals.

OLD BUSINESS

New Town Insurance Policy Package Received - 2009 premium is \$15,395.15.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

Resolution #51-2009 Payment of Abstract #9 - 2009

On a motion by Councilman Weishan, second by Councilwoman Wasmund, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 3 Pritchard, Wasmund, Weishan
Nay 0

RESOLVED, that Abstract #9 - 2009 in the following amounts be paid:

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER #	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
General A	9482 - 9494	\$11,114.24
General B	504 - 505	\$ 60.00
Highway DA	8144 - 8148	\$ 304.81
Highway DB	2245 - 2254	\$23,346.87

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary
Town of New Albion
Town Council

NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.