

Town of New Albion  
14 Main Street  
Cattaraugus, NY 14719  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
February 15, 2021 7:00 p.m.

**PRESIDING:** Patrick Murphy, Supervisor

**PRESENT:** Councilmen: Norman Kazmark, Cynthia Eaton, Daniel Goss, Michael Weishan; David Rupp, Highway Superintendent; Frank Watson, Code Enforcer and Sherry Rupp, Town Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Followed by the Pledge to the American Flag. Regular Minutes for January 18, 2021, Town Clerk Monthly Report, and the Register's Report were all approved as presented by the clerk.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Webinar Schedule for 2021 for Southern Tier West Spring Training.
- b) Email from Eugene / Fund Balance
- c) Health Insurance Renewal.
- d) Sales Tax for AIM Payments and Distressed Facilities Fund.
- e) Foil's from Mike Bogardus.
- f) Foil's from Jason Crawford.

**REPORTS:**

**Code Enforcer: Frank Watson,** things are pretty slow right now. I will be going down Scott Hollow and will send out a letter. The Courts are closed at this time. The ASAP signs were contacted in regards to Mike Bogardus Foil request. ASAP sign will be removed. There are properties that need to be cleaned up but will wait until Spring.

**Highway Dept.: David Rupp,** the Town of New Albion highway department has been pretty busy. We had to treat a lot of roads due to rain/winds/drifts and snowfall. The Dept. has been concentrating on maintenance of equipment. The One-Ton is back down to Rock City Garage for tranny work. The Ford F150 if at all possible, needs to be updated. The 4wheel drive actuators were out and the wheel bearings had to be changed. The Dept. also got a quote back on repairing or replacing box on the pay star. It was discussed to consider updating the 2010 Kenworth. Supervisor Patrick Murphy said to get some numbers together and let him know.

**Assessor: Kate Harrington,** the January report is as follows

- Completed renewal applications for the Agricultural Assessment and Exemption for Nonprofit Organizations are being returned to our office. Because these renewals are due March 1<sup>st</sup>, notices will be mailed mid-February to all applicants who have not yet given us a renewal.
- All senior citizens who had the Senior Citizen Exemption in 2020 were contacted by my office, either by phone or mail. We told applicants that they did not have to reapply this year, but if they now have a lower income that reapplying could increase their exemption.
- Because many towns do not require building permits for agricultural buildings, many property owners think that agricultural buildings are not taxable. This is not true- agricultural building are *generally* taxable. Property owners can apply for a full exemption on certain limited-use agricultural structures, such as silos, manure storage and handling facilities, bulk milk tanks, feed grain storage bins, and commodity sheds.

Additionally, newly built agricultural buildings that meet certain requirements can be exempt for 10 years IF the property owner applies for the exemption within one year of completion and meets other requirements. (An informational pamphlet about farm building exemptions is included, along with a sign for the bulletin board.)

**All other agricultural buildings are taxable and we ask that Code Enforcement Officers let farmers know that they should contact my office whether or not a permit is required.**

- Seven property transfers were added for the month of December.

Thank you.

Sale Date Rec Date	Grantor (Seller) Grantee (Buyer)	Property Loc.	Map # Book/Page	PU/PC Front/Depth	Tot AV Acres	Sale Price Per Prop	# Par Split
01/01/00 12/04/20	Pascarella Raymond Schiefer William	135 South	44.033-1-4 2020 / 16301	210 / 210 156 / 0	83300 1.03	144000 0	1 No
01/01/00 12/07/20	Dirienzo David Persons George	State Land	36.003-1-21 2020 / 16352	210 / 260 0 / 0	12100 3.11	8000 0	1 No
01/01/00 12/09/20	Campbell Barbara Kollar Linda	60 Jefferson	35.081-2-7 2020 / 16461	210 / 210 105 / 98	42000 0	0 0	1 No
01/01/00 12/10/20	Wickham Daniel Green Jessica	60 Franklin	35.074-1-11 2020 / 16468	210 / 210 57 / 291	40900 0	0 0	1 No
01/01/00 12/10/20	Butler John J&J Butler Family Trust I	51 South	35.081-4-9 2020 / 16469	210 / 210 66 / 181	42000 0	0 0	1 No
12/31/20 12/31/20	Baker Kenneth W Murr Sally	6418 Mayo	53.002-1-2.4 2020 / 17619	210 / 210 272.8 / 115	48000 0	90000 0	1 No
12/31/20 12/31/20	Penrod Travis & Kari Burdick Lynn	19 Carter	35.074-2-12 2020 / 17621	210 / 210 66 / 245	49600 0	69000 0	1 No

**Treasurer: Eugene Doucette**, reviewed the previous minutes and saw that Highway Superintendent David Rupp mentioned if there is any available money from the ending balance if the town could establish a special building fund. Eugene stated that unless and until the town board agrees to raise taxes this can't happen due to limited areas to receive revenues other than increase taxes. The Town Board will address this issue at a later date.

**Resolution #17– 2021 – Health Insurance Renewal / Decrease In Premium**

On a motion by Councilman Goss, seconded by Councilman Kazmark, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Aye 5      Murphy, Kazmark, Goss, Weishan and Eaton  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, approved the renewal of the 2021 Health Insurance.

**Resolution # 18 - 2021– Transfer of Funds from Checking to Savings**

On a motion by Councilman Weishan, seconded by Councilman Eaton, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Aye 5      Eaton, Kazmark, Goss, Weishan and Murphy  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, approved the transfer of funds from General Town wide Checking to Savings in the amount of \$175,000.00, Town wide Outside Checking to Savings in the amount of \$7,500.00, Highway Town wide Fund DA Savings to Checking in the amount of \$175,000.00, and Highway Outside DB Savings to Checking in the amount of \$175,000.00.

**Board:**

- Councilman **Patrick Murphy** – None
- Councilman **Norman Kazmark** – None
- Councilman **Daniel Goss** – None
- Councilman **Cynthia Eaton** – None
- Councilman **Michael Weishan** – None

The Town Board Officials have reviewed Mr. Crawford's email.

**Clerk Report:** January 2021, Amount Collected \$ 482.00  
 Animal Population Control: Check # 2621 \$ 77.00  
 Cattaraugus County: Check # 2622 \$18.80  
 Town of New Albion: Check # 2623 \$ 367.30  
 NYS Environmental Conservation: EFT \$18.90  
 Amount Paid Out \$ 482.00

**CLERKS REPORT:**

The Town Officials met with the Village Officials on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Village Board was handed an Inventory list of items that the Town Clerk will be taking when the town relocates. It is as follows:

- Town Computer
- Town Printer
- Town’s Phone System
- Small Table (Town’s)
- Small Cart (Courts)
- Town’s Records
- Town’s Supplies
- Town’s Minute Books
- Town’s Death/Birth/Marriage Records
- Code Enforcers Folding Table and Chair
- Assessors/Code Enforcers Computer
- Wooden Permit Shelf
- My work chair
- My calculator
- Data Printer

\*Reminded the Town Board that the Board of Assessment Position needs to be filled.

\*FEMA closed out some small-town projects.

\*Open House will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-6pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Hazard Mitigation Project

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:**

**Resolution # 19- 2021– Abstract # 2-2021 – February 15, 2021**

On a motion by Councilman Weishan, seconded by Councilman Kazmark, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**    Aye    5    Murphy, Kazmark, Goss, Weishan and Eaton  
                   Nay    0

**RESOLVED**, that Abstract # 2 -2021 in the following amounts is to be paid.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>VOUCHER #</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>
General A	12026-12052	\$ 181,954.85
General B	881-883	\$ 7,840.00
Highway DA	9319-9328	\$ 181,028.44
Highway DB	3259-3263	\$ 187,751.60

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Rupp  
 Recording Secretary  
 Town of New Albion Town Council

Next Meeting:                    Regular Board Meeting                    March 15, 2021                    7:00 pm.