

Town of New Albion
14 Main Street
Cattaraugus, NY 14719
Regular Board Meeting
July 15, 2019 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Loyd Chilson, Supervisor

PRESENT: Councilmen: Cynthia Eaton, Dan Goss, Norman Kazmark; Patrick Murphy; Treasurer; Frank Watson, Code Enforcer; and Sherry Rupp, Town Clerk.

ABSENT:

VISITORS:

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Chilson called the meeting to order at 6:54 pm. Followed by the Pledge to the American Flag. Regular Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2019, Town of New Albion Justice court report, Treasurer, Town Clerk Monthly Report, and the Register's Report were all approved as presented by the clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Cattaraugus County Real Property Services Contract
- b) 2019 Final Special Franchise Full Values
- c) CHIPS Funding for 2019-2020
- d) Complaint from Johnny Johnston regarding Leavenworth St.
- e) McCalmont Engineering/Solar Developers
- f) Changes in the AIM Funding

REPORTS:

Justice: Shannon Goode's Monthly Distribution Report.

Highway Dept.: David Rupp reported that the town of New Albion highway dept. has been active on highway maintenance the past month. Suit-Kote completed the reprofile of Kickbush Hill & Tug Hill the last week of June. Our thanks to all the towns who helped the Dept. out. Suit-Kote is projecting a return on Aug. 1st to apply the double surface treatment. The highway Dept. also has changed many road culverts, mainly the cross tube on Scott Hollow which collapsed during the June 28th storm. Many driveway tubes were also replaced on Tug as needed for the reprofile. The town still has more to replace as the summer progresses, many on Waite Hollow and Beloe Hill. The weather and severe rains the past few weeks has kept the town busy with repairing storm damage the past couple of weeks. The heavy rains on July 4th and 6th created a lot of damage mainly on the southern parts of town. Some of the damage was road scour on Chautauqua Rd., debris on the roads and ditches full with rock and silt from run off. The town crew repaired a washed-out cross tube on Mayo Rd. also. Ditching and repair of driveway tubes is ongoing on Tug Hill. The steep incline on the hill made the water run off during the July storm a raging torrent, more work will be required to be prepared for Suit-Kote returns. Road side mowing is being done as the dept. has opportunity and no prior commitments. The highway dept. is awaiting word from Nova Site as to when they will resume work on the Waverly St. Bridge. At last conversation Nova had hoped to begin during the middle of July. Nova is aware of the Town of New Albion's concerns and is attempting to be here as soon as they are able. Also, the Dept. has been in conversation with Municipal Disaster Consultants regarding Jefferson St. and Waverly St. issues. NYSDEHS and FEMA are reluctant to make a determination on Jefferson St., Ryan Frykholm from MDC has suggested involvement of legislative representation may be our next step. As to Waverly St. NYS & FEMA regard the project as open and will most likely hold payment until closing out the project.

Resolution # 41- 2019 – Letter of Intent to Nova

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

ADOPTED Aye 5 Chilson, Eaton, Goss, Kazmark and Murphy
Nay 0

RESOLVED, The Town of New Albion board will notify the town clerk when they want the attorney to draw up a Letter of Intent for Nova regarding the Waverly St bridge for promises not fulfilled in a timely manner.

Code Enforcer: Frank Watson, stated that permits have taken off and we are now up to 19 with more still coming in. We have a Variance Meeting this Wednesday at 6:00pm. There are 2 variances for the Town of New Albion. Other than that, there is nothing special going on. I have notified the property owner on Farm to Market Rd. regarding the collapsed trailer, I am waiting to hear back. Frank was informed that there is a cabin being

constructed on Scott Hollow Rd., Frank said that he will check it out and if so, they will be required to get a permit.

Assessor: Kate Harrington, reports the following: All assessments that were changed as a result of a grievance determination have been added to our system. These should be reflected on the county's parcel search website and on the final roll for 2019. The 2019 roll year has been finalized as of July 1, 2019. These are the assessments that will be used for all 2019 taxes. Changes can no longer be made to the roll, and any complaints will need to go through the county Real Property Office. New Albion's equalization rate is 59% for the 2019 roll year. We have already begun working on the 2020 roll year. Once again, assessments can be changed on the current roll until next year, sales can be added and exemptions will be accepted. Updated paperwork for these exemptions should be released by the state in September. Our Summer office hours have been limited as we begin work on our summer projects. We will be in the town hall July 11, August 8, and September 5. Signs have been posted in the town hall that give summer hours and provide contact information for the Real Property Assessing Office, which will remain open Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM throughout the summer. Thank you.

Resolution # 42- 2019 – Contract – Assessing Services

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

ADOPTED Aye 5 Chilson, Eaton, Goss, Kazmark and Murphy
Nay 0

**CONTRACT BETWEEN COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS
AND TOWN OF NEW ALBION FOR
ASSESSING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, RPTL 1537(4) authorizes municipalities which have adopted a resolution subject to permissive referendum providing for a single appointed assessor to enter into an agreement with counties for assessment services, and

WHEREAS, the Town has duly adopted a resolution authorizing such agreement in accordance with RPTL 1537(4), and

WHEREAS, the County Real Property Tax Service Department has the ability to provide assessment services to the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town has requested that the County enter into a municipal cooperation AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO General Municipal Law Article 5G to provide for the County Real Property Tax Service Department to provide assessment services to the Town, and the County is willing to provide such service from October 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2025, and

Treasurer: Eugene Doucette stated that \$15,000.00 need to be transferred from General Town-wide Savings to the checking, \$10,000.00 needs to be transferred from the Highway Town-wide Savings to the checking, and \$90,000.00 needs to be transferred from the Highway Outside Savings to the checking.

Resolution # 43- 2019 – Transfer Funds

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

ADOPTED Aye 5 Chilson, Eaton, Goss, Kazmark and Murphy
Nay 0

RESOLVED, Treasurer Doucette, is authorized to transfer \$15,000.00 from General Town Wide Savings to Town Wide Checking, \$10,000.00 from Highway Town wide Savings to Highway Town wide checking, and \$90,000.00 from Highway Outside Savings to Highway Outside checking.

Board:

Councilman Loyd Chilson – I have traveled the roads and I must say that David Rupp is doing a great job on the roads, Patrick Murphy agreed.

Councilman Norman Kazmark – None

Councilman Daniel Goss - None

Councilman Cynthia Eaton – Stated that there is an Ice Cream Social @ the Medora Ball Museum in Otto Tuesday between 6-8pm.

Councilman Patrick Murphy – None

Clerk Report: June 2019, Amount Collected \$ 691.00
Animal Population Control: Check # 2560 \$ 89.00
Cattaraugus County: Check # 2561 \$ 56.40
Town of New Albion: Check # 2562 \$ 418.06
NYS Environmental Conservation: EFT \$127.54
Amount Paid Out \$ 691.00

Town Clerk has new office hours starting August 1, 2019.

Monday – 9:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday – 9:00am-3:00pm

Wednesday – CLOSED

Thursday – 9:00am-3:00pm

Friday – 9:00am-5:00pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Joint Planning Board – Proposed Signage Law Tabled for JPB Response
- b) Tannery Street Bridge
- c) Waverly Street Project – Nova
- d) Roller Purchase

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Hazard Mitigation Project

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:

Resolution # 44- 2019 – Abstract # 7-2019 – July 15, 2019

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

ADOPTED Aye 5 Chilson, Eaton, Goss, Kazmark and Murphy
Nay 0

RESOLVED, that Abstract # 7 -2019 in the following amounts is to be paid.

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER #	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
General A	11667-11683	\$ 3139.91
General B	838	\$ 0.00
Highway DA	9143-9147	\$ 11006.47
Highway DB	3117-3128	\$ 89725.29
Trust & Agency	12677	\$ 78.00
BAN Account	104	\$ 2208.75

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Rupp
Recording Secretary
Town of New Albion Town Council

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting August 19, 2019 7:00 p.m.