

Town of New Albion
14 Main Street
Cattaraugus, NY 14719
Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2019 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Loyd Chilson, Supervisor

PRESENT: Councilmen: Cynthia Eaton, Norman Kazmark, Patrick Murphy, Dan Goss; David Rupp, Highway Supt., and Sherry Rupp, Town Clerk.

VISITORS: John Ridall (Resident), Doug Johnson (Resident), Jim Musacchio (Attorney).

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Chilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Followed by the Pledge to the American Flag. Regular Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2019, The Assessor report, 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 Assessing Contract
- b) Liberty Park Cemetery
- c) Protek Computer Solutions
- d) Local training for Municipal and School District Officials
- e) Little Valley Meeting Minutes from 3/7/2019
- f) Murphy Nomination Award
- g) Notice of Non-Renewal for Liability Policy/Nova Site Company
- h) Grant Writing Essentials
- i) Cattaraugus Firemen's Installation Banquet Invitation

VISITOR: John Ridall, had a water district question. David Rupp assured Mr. Ridall that he would not incur any charges being that he is not located on the water district line. **Doug Johnson**, Observing. **Jim Musacchio**, was invited to talk to the board and answer any questions that the board members may have for him. Mr. Musacchio informed the board of his qualifications and work experience and problems that our communities are facing. If hired, Jim expressed that he would like to be an employee.

Resolution #20 - 2019 – As of April 1st, 2019 Attorney Services Terminated

On a motion by Councilman Kazmark, second by Councilman Eaton, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED, As of April 1st, 2019, Ashley Milliman's services will no longer be needed.

Resolution #21 – 2019 – Hired New Attorney

On a motion by Councilman Kazmark, second by Councilman Eaton, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED, As of April 1st, 2019, Jim Musacchio will be the Town of New Albion's new attorney. Jim will receive \$1,000.00 a quarter for the next three quarters, for a total of \$3,000.00 for 2019. Mr. Musacchio will be added to the Town's payroll.

Resolution #22 – 2019 – Contract with The County for Assessing Services

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

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

WHEREAS, The County of Cattaraugus and its municipalities are empowered to enter into joint service contracts pursuant to Article Five-G of the General Municipal Law, and
WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Section 1537 makes provision for the County to provide assessing services to its municipalities.
Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with

Cattaraugus County to enter into the above-named contractual arrangement for the term of April 1st, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

Resolution #23 – 2019 – Transfer of Funds

On a motion by Councilman Eaton, second by Councilman Kazmark, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED, Eugene Doucette is authorized to transfer funds from account #1355.1 to Account# 1355.4 in the amount of \$9,317.34. This amount will cover the assessing expenses for the remainder of 2019.

REPORTS:

Justice: Shannon Goode's Monthly Report.

Highway Dept.: David Rupp reported that the past months rain freeze snow thaw cycles while not over record levels, have resulted in above average usage in materials and logged man power. The residual moisture in the ground has resulted in many roads becoming quite soft. The effects of this winter on the town's roads will determine how the department proceeds with repairs this spring. As the snow melts off and recedes, the dept. has been surveying the roads to determine which roads will require work as soon as weather permits. The dept. has been active in maintenance of vehicles both for ongoing snow removal operations and in preparation of the coming summer season. The towns road grader is in the shop with hoses and cylinders being repaired as needed. The town will soon begin to broom excess sand and salt from the towns roads as weather permits. Please be patient as it may get quite dusty. Work is scheduled to resume on the Waverly Street bridge project tentatively in June, as to allow the water in the stream to be at its lowest levels to allow Nova Site opportunity to work as productively as possible. As of recently no word has been forth coming from either NYS or FEMA as of the status of the Jefferson Street Bridge. Municipal Consultants is pursuing all avenues to find a determination of status for the town.

Assessor: Mary Bailey, Assessor reports, March 1st was the last day to accept exemptions. Amen! It was very busy. I worked the entire past year teaching Kate the job of an assessor-so she's been through an entire assessment cycle-from exemptions to grievance, tentative roll to final roll-and everything in between! By a separate letter, I am letting the board know of my retirement date.

Code Enforcer: Frank Watson, reports that permits are light. 1 permit has been cancelled. There is a house being built on State land Road that will increase revenue for the town. Mr. Luce on Scott Hollow Road, 2nd notice letter was sent out. Mr. Luce has until May 1st to respond. Mr. Allwood is in final clean up phase and Mr. Bogardus is finished with his court fines.

Board:

Councilman Loyd Chilson – Commented on the roads and what a good job Dave is doing.

Councilman Norman Kazmark – Reported that his wife will be attending a Grant Writing Workshop on behalf of the Town and at their own expense. Norman stressed how important it is that we find funding to help the highway department.

Councilman Cynthia Eaton – Reported that the Ambulance is doing very well with the paid crew that is now in place. The crew is available Monday- Friday 6:00am- 4:00pm. They are planning an Open House.

Councilman Daniel Goss – Commented about the budget and the 2% tax cap. Dan stated that our solution should be to increase revenue not taxes.

Councilman Patrick Murphy – Reported that he would take over the plaque engraving from now on.

Clerk Report: February 2019, Amount Collected \$ 188.00

Animal Population Control: Check # 2544 \$ 32.00

Cattaraugus County Check # 2545 \$ 23.50

Town of New Albion Check # 2546 \$ 132.50

Amount Paid Out \$ 188.00

I would like to thank Norman Kazmark and his wife Norma for going out of their way to help the town and not to mention at their own expense. Once again Thank you!

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Joint Planning Board – Proposed Signage Law Tabled for JPB Response
- b) Tannery Street Bridge
- c) Waverly Street Project – Nova
- d) Mike Bogardus requested a meeting with Catt. County – Re: Drainage/Waiting on date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Town of New Albion Water District
- b) Southern Tier Development Foundation/Water District Grant Award
- c) Hazard Mitigation Project
- d) Nomination's for the Richard L. Murphy Citizenship Award 2019

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:

Resolution # 24- 2019 – Abstract # 3-2019 – March 18, 2019

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

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract # 3 -2019 in the following amounts is to be paid.

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER #	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
General A	11591-11617	\$ 25,796.24
General B	826-829	\$ 375.60
Highway DA	9115-9121	\$ 287.93
Highway DB	3096-3100	\$ 11,698.17

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Rupp
Recording Secretary
Town of New Albion Town Council

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting April 15, 2019 7:00 p.m.