

Town of New Albion  
14 Main Street  
Cattaraugus, NY 14719  
**Regular Board Meeting/Public Hearing**  
July 20, 2020 7:00 p.m.

**PRESIDING:** Patrick Murphy, Supervisor

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

**ABSENT:** John Ridall

**VISITOR:** Doug Johnson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Followed by the Pledge to the American Flag. Regular Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2020, Town Clerk Monthly Report, and the Register's Report were all approved as presented by the clerk.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Wilmington Trust Statement 06/01/2018 – 06/30/2020
- b) Budget Sheet
- c) Michael Bogardus – FOIL's and Complaint's

**VISITOR: Doug Johnson,** came to voice his concerns regarding the Liberty Park Cemetery. We are not sure if we can make it through the rest of the year. We have cut down on our employee's hours. They work 2 ½ days @ 4 hours per day. Is there anything that the Town can do for us? Could the Town budget us into the 2021 budget? David Rupp, Highway Supervisor offered his services to the Liberty Park Cemetery. Norman said that we will put it on the agenda. Doug said that no one is buying plots at this time. Pat told Doug to try and look for grants that might be available to the cemetery. Pat said the Town will see what we can do to work together in order to help the cemetery. Doug said that we also have Snyder Hill Cemetery. We will work together to try to keep the cemetery from being abandoned. Mr. Johnson said if the Town would consider 3,4 or even \$5,000.00 that would be greatly appreciated.

**REPORTS:**

**Highway Dept.: David Rupp,** reports for the past month the Town highway dept. has been concentrating on general highway repairs. The dept. has pulled road shoulders and cleaned ditches on many roads in the township. We have been adding gravel to dirt roads as we can, mainly Smith Hill and State Land Road prior to the county closing CR12 for repairs to the culvert. The dept. also completed the repair of Beloe Hill and reopened it to steady traffic. The dept. has begun hole patching and will begin skid paving this month. A small CHIPS project of oil and stone was done on Ritter and Snyder Hill Roads. The dept. has a few road culverts to change also, which we will be soon doing. The weather recently has set the dept. back for a few days as we clean up storm damage throughout the town, mainly blocked and plugged culverts from debris and gravel. As the town cleans up the storm damage it is apparent that more intensive repairs will have to be done. Such as stone dams on steep grades to slow the flow of water down and repair of some of the larger culverts that cannot handle the increased volume of water. The Tannery Street Bridge suffered a major setback as the project was severely flooded during the storm. The Waverly Street Bridge has begun to show signs of storm damage, and will have to be assessed to the extent of damage and what must be done for repairs. Jefferson Street also received storm damage during the storm and also will have to be assessed. Ryan Frykholm will be in the area and is planning to examine both sites.

**Assessor: Kate Harrington,** the June report is as follows: The 2020 roll year has been finalized as of July 1, 2020. These are the assessments that will be used for all 2020 taxes. Changes can no longer be made to the roll, and any complaints will need to go through the Cattaraugus County Department of Real Property Tax Services. New Albion's equalization rate will be 58% for the 2020 roll year. Nine properties were reviewed during grievance this year (five properties are owned by Chester Jensen). 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 2020. The Assessor's Office is still open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. Added no property transfers for the month of June. These cannot be added until July 1.

**Code Enforcer: Frank Watson,** we have a couple permits, 2 decks. Not a lot of activity. I finally got a copy of the easement for 99 N. Franklin St. This is a Village and Town matter. This property holds a Village address but is considered to be in the Town. Does the Town realize that this is a Town assessment? I will look more into this. Let me know if anything structural happened to the Town due to the storm flooding that just occurred.

**Justice:** Shannon Goode’s Monthly Distribution Report.

**Resolution #33– 2020 – Call to Renew the Bond Anticipation Note**

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

**ADOPTED** Aye 4 Murphy, Eaton, Kazmark, Goss  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, Sherry Rupp will call Bank of Greene County to renew the Bond Anticipation Note due to the Waverly Street project not being closed out before the dead line.

**Resolution #34– 2020 – Transfer of Funds**

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

**ADOPTED** Aye 4 Murphy, Eaton, Kazmark, Goss  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, approved to transfer funds from the Highway Town wide Savings to the Highway Town wide Checking in the amount of \$25,000 and \$75,000 from the Highway Outside Savings to the Highway Outside Checking.

**Board:**

Councilman Patrick Murphy – None

Councilman Norman Kazmark – None

Councilman Cynthia Eaton – Had questions regarding FEMA projects.

Councilman Daniel Goss – this is regarding our upcoming budget; Justice & Sales Revenue will not make or break us. Asked David about the 1-Ton truck. Pat and David discussed next year we will look at replacing the 1-Ton and pickup truck. The 2010 Kenworth will have to be pushed out another year in order to purchase the 1-Ton and pickup truck.

**Clerk Report:** June 2020, Amount Collected \$ 763.00

Animal Population Control: Check # 2596 \$ 70.00

Cattaraugus County: Check # 2597 \$56.40

Town of New Albion: Check # 2599 \$ 342.18

NYS Environmental Conservation: EFT \$249.42

State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses: Check# 2598 \$45.00

Amount Paid Out \$ 763.00

I’m getting ready for our upcoming budget. In addition; I spoke to Mark Meyerhofer with Spectrum build I informed him that he must contact his legal team in order for Spectrum to gain access to the easement on 7063 Lovers Lane. There are 10-15 residents that would like service. He will be in touch. The NYSTCA conference was canceled this year due to the COVID 19. The next conference is scheduled for April 25-28<sup>th</sup> 2021 in Syracuse. Also Michael Bogardus has turned in 23 FOIL and Complaints in the month of June.

**Attention Town of New Albion Residents** due to the recent events regarding the Coronavirus we would like to limit the person to person contact. So, until further notice we would greatly appreciate it if you could use our drop box on the court door for the following transactions: Dog Licenses, Water Bills, Court Tickets, Etc.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Hazard Mitigation Project

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:**

**Resolution # 35- 2020 – Abstract # 7-2020 – July 20, 2020**

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

**ADOPTED** Aye 4 Murphy, Eaton, Kazmark, Goss  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, that Abstract # 7 -2020 in the following amounts is to be paid.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>VOUCHER #</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>
General A	11876-11895	\$ 1520.10
General B	865	\$ 0.00
Highway DA	9253-9262	\$ 3383.07
Highway DB	3202-3210	\$ 67,014.54

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Rupp  
Recording Secretary  
Town of New Albion Town Council

Next Meeting:            Regular Board Meeting            August 17, 2020            7:00 pm.