

Town of New Albion
14 Main Street
Cattaraugus, NY 14719
Regular Board Meeting/Public Hearing
June 15, 2020 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Patrick Murphy, Supervisor

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

ABSENT: Daniel Goss

VISITOR: Michael Bogardus

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Followed by the Pledge to the American Flag. Regular Meeting Minutes for May 18, 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 – 05/31/2020
- b) Assessor – Update on the reopening of the county building for Phase 2
- c) Gene Doucette – Regarding State money
- d) Annual Settlement Report from County
- e) NYCOM – Reopening Local Governments
- f) BCBS- Notice of proposed premium rate change

VISITOR: Michael Bogardus, came to voice his concerns regarding his FOIL's and Complaint's that he had turned in. Michael was given the FOIL's and complaint's that were answered at this time. He then requested and was given more complaint forms and said that there were more FOIL'S and Complaint's to come.

REPORTS:

Highway Dept.: David Rupp, reports again the Highway Department for the past month has been conforming to the states Pause guidelines. The Dept. has been working on readying Waite Hollow for a summer CHIPS project once funding is no longer in Question. Ditches and shoulders have been cleaned, brush has been cut back and a cross culvert was replaced where needed. Once funding is secured, the dept. will begin our road project. Road side mowing has started and will be an on going task as the summer goes on. Please be patient and watch for the tractor and operator. As summer progresses and the temperatures warm up the Town Dept. will begin patching holes and skid patching as needed. Again, please be patient and watch for the crews. The Tannery St. bridge is progressing, lets hope for a good summer with no heavy rain storms to slow the project down. No word from FEMA or NYSDEHS has been issued regarding Waverly or Jefferson Streets. The Covid virus seems to be a convenient delay. I'm still waiting on the appropriation letter. Once received will have a meeting with Pat and Gene so that we can proceed with road repair (gravel and hot patch). The Town needs the brush attachment to help with cleaning and cutting back the ditches. David invited the Board Members to drive around with him to inspect the roads.

Assessor: Kate Harrington, the May report is as follows: The 2020 tentative roll was filed on May 1. The roll is available on the County's website at: <https://www.cattco.org/assessment-rolls> . Corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. Added no property transfers for the month of May. These cannot be added until July 1. Grievance Day was June 4. More information to come in my June report. Please see page two for a message from Real Property Director, Daniel Martonis. Thank you.

To the Supervisor, Town Board, and Clerk,

We wanted to give you an update on the opening of the county building for Phase 2. We have been tasked with making sure that our offices are Covid-19 compliant. That means the installation of Plexiglass, barriers between the public and the employees, signage so that the public understands what they need to do, cleaning schedules, etc. We are in the process of setting this up.

This means that your taxpayers will continue to have a place to go if they wish to have that face-to-face meeting. We will continue to inform all of the property owners of the ways they can get a hold of their assessor; which is through email, phone, and coming into the Little Valley offices Monday through Friday, 8am—5pm.

We will be ready to return to your town hall when you deem it necessary. If that is a month from now, or not until a vaccine is created, we will leave that decision up to you. In the meantime, we will continue to have all of the above avenues open for the taxpayer.

Thank you for your continued support and help throughout this pandemic.

Daniel Martonis
Director of Real Property Tax Services
Chairman, Cattaraugus County Land Bank

Code Enforcer: Frank Watson, in the past few months we had the following: April – 1 permit for a carport. May- 1 permit for a ramp. June – 3 permits for a patio roof, garage and a deck. On New Albion Road there is a long-standing mobile home that we are trying to get rid of before snow flies. I will be going to the cell tower to see if any work has been done. I need N. Franklin St. Easement a physical print to make this situation right. Also, I'm working on some FOIL requests.

Resolution #31– 2020 – Transfer of Funds

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

ADOPTED Aye 4 Murphy, Eaton, Kazmark, Ridall
Nay 0

RESOLVED, approved to transfer funds from the Town wide General Fund Savings to the Town wide General Fund checking in the amount of \$25,000.

Board:

Councilman Patrick Murphy – None
Councilman Norman Kazmark – None
Councilman Cynthia Eaton – None

Clerk Report: May 2020, Amount Collected \$ 293.00

Animal Population Control: Check # 2593 \$ 27.00

Cattaraugus County: Check # 2594 \$65.80

Town of New Albion: Check # 2595 \$ 119.89

NYS Environmental Conservation: EFT \$80.31

State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses: 0.00

Amount Paid Out \$ 293.00

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.

The Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works will be closing County Road 12, Otto/East Otto Road, between County Road 76 (Lovers Lane) and Skinner Hollow Road in the Town of New Albion to replace cross culverts. This closure will take place Monday, June 22 through Thursday, July 2, 2020. An off-site detour will be posted for vehicular traffic.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Hazard Mitigation Project

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:

Resolution # 32- 2020 – Abstract # 6-2020 – June 15, 2020

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

ADOPTED Aye 4 Murphy, Eaton, Kazmark, Ridall
Nay 0

RESOLVED, that Abstract # 6 -2020 in the following amounts is to be paid.

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER #	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
General A	11860-11875	\$ 13,848.23
General B	863-864	\$ 0.00
Highway DA	9242-9252	\$ 3,970.02
Highway DB	3195-3201	\$ 13,236.18

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Rupp
Recording Secretary
Town of New Albion Town Council

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting July 20, 2020 7:00 pm.