

## ALMOND TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

April 17, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Almond Town Board was held at the Almond Municipal Building on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole, Board Members, Jo-Anne Freeland, Bryan Snyder, Larry Perry, Dan Hegarty, Acting Town Clerk Arlene McMahon, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, Codes Officer Bill Ells, Don Weiman, Village Board Member William Lockwood, Karl Grantier, Janice Burdick-Allegany County Legislator, Dick and Wilma Stewart from Howard, and Debi Castle-Harvey.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Dan to approve the March 20, 2018 minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Supervisor:** Justin and Sandra from Baldwin Business Services were here to meet with Dawn, Arlene and Jamie regarding the Annual Update Document (AUD). Once that is finished, we will be able to make budget modifications. Dawn reported on the meeting regarding County –Wide Shared Services Program. Possibilities of shared services are assessment, tax collection, justice, codes, insurance, pooling of electric, etc. The next meeting will be Tuesday at 6:00 at the Belmont BOCES. Dan Hegarty plans to attend. She also reported that Craig Clark, IDA Coordinator for the County said, in conjunction with Alfred State, they will be building a bio-refinery development and commercialization center by Almond Aggregates. He will be invited our May meeting to further explain.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector :** The tax roll has been returned to the County Treasurer and the interest and penalties will be remitted to the Supervisor and reflected in the reports at the May meeting. Allowing taxpayers to pay by credit card was discussed and will hopefully be in place for next year's tax season. It was noted that the 2.75% fee for using a credit card will be paid by the individual taxpayer using the card.

**Highway Superintendant:**

- Out 8 times to plow, sand and salt roads
- Dozer work in creek next to Municipal Building; going back in again this week to push more with a bigger dozer. Did the creek work at Bishopville church. Pushed everything over against bank where steel sheets are and then put over burden rocks in from the top. Will dress up with shoulder material to get vegetation growing; worked the creek at Thomas Hill and hauled a bunch of material to the pit to be screened; still have material to haul.
- While hauling gravel, '01 Sterling box framework cracked and broke. Been welding in new cross members and welding supports in place. While in the shop we ripped out floor under the chain and replacing. There were holes, and sections coming apart.
- '03 Sterling sprung a leak in the transmission cooler so instead of spending \$1400 we bypassed the cooler and removed the cooler from the truck.
- Started brooming and getting a layer of sand off; usually takes a couple times to get the roads cleaned up.
- Alfred University would like to know if we want the intern this summer. It will be Paige again if we do. (The Board replied in the affirmative)

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- Cleaning up from storm in various locations.
- The County chipper broke, there's a newer one coming.
- Removing material, old tree debris and trees where salt shed is going; cleaning up area.

Dawn reported that KHEOPS contacted her to report the engineering is done and we are close to being ready to put the salt shed out to bid.

**Codes:** Bill will be going to Houghton meetings. The comprehensive plan is close to being ready. There is a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested. Aaron McGraw is building a new building on Rt 21 by his saw mill.

**Email:** Our email and website is down because we didn't pay the bill from IB Design in anticipation of using Southern Tier West for our website design. Don explained the situation and suggested the Town should pay for the domain name and server until STW is ready. The bill for IB Design in on this month's abstract for approval.

**County Legislator:** Jan Burdick introduced herself as our new Legislator and reported on the Shared Services Program and the "Tobacco 21" proposal in front of the Legislature.

**Review of Abstracts:** The account number to be used for Voucher #125 for KHEOPS was discussed. A capital project fund (H) will be established to account for the salt shed. Debi volunteered to look for a budgetary account to use. Regarding Voucher #137 to Rileighs, Arlene reported there will be \$1057.32 of banner money left after the current bill for the banner supplies is paid. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry to approve Abstract #4 for April, 2018 for a total of \$27,481.53:

- General Fund A claims in the amount of \$15,343.38
- Highway Fund DA claims in the amount of \$12,138.15

The motion passed with all in favor.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Dan to purchase a 2000 Snorkel Boom Lift TB42 with 5000 hours from Hornellsville for \$7,200. After discussion, Dan withdrew his motion. Dawn made a motion to approve a rental agreement with either LC Whitford or Alfred University for hanging flags and banners this year. Jo-Anne seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The minutes shall reflect that we will pursue the purchase of a bucket truck in the future.

**Dump Truck:** The '03 spare truck which was to go into the May auction is in bad shape, as well as the '05 Sterling, as reported in March. Buying a used truck as opposed to a new truck was discussed. Used trucks at this time are coming from the Adirondacks and are "whooped". Teitsworth feels the '03 may bring \$10-15,000 at the auction. If repaired, the '05 may bring \$30,000 as planned on the replacement schedule six years out ; unrepaired, the truck is probably worth \$5,000-\$10,000. Jamie reported a list of potential problems with the '05 in addition to the current liner problem. The estimated cost of repair by an outside source at this point is a minimum of \$18,000, and could be more if the cams are bad. A motion was made by Larry to try to in-house

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the repair with one liner, get the '05 truck running, use the '03 in the meantime, and sell them both when the time is right. Dawn seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Wiring/Camera Issue:** Dan reported the cameras in the park and the courtroom are still not working and questioned if Matt Speed is going to finish the job. We haven't heard from him since the March meeting when he explained the bill he submitted for parts, and also brought up security and back-up issues. Dawn will contact Mr. Speed to ask him to either submit an estimate or come to the next meeting. Bill Lockwood reported the Village is considering contracting with him to repair the wiring in the Clerks' office, and the Mayor was to contact the Supervisor regarding the sharing of the cost of that work. A motion was made by Dawn to move the June 19th meeting to June 12<sup>th</sup> to facilitate a joint meeting between the Town and Village boards, provided the Village lets us know by our May meeting that they will also meet with us on that date. Jo-anne seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Bill will let Arlene know if the Village agrees. Dawn noted that the first thing on the agenda for the joint meeting will be a premise for 2019 to jointly meet in March and August.

A motion to adjourn the regular board meeting was made by Dawn and seconded by Larry at 7:45 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene McMahan  
Acting Town Clerk