

ALMOND TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

August 11, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Almond, County of Allegany and State of New York was held at the Almond Municipal Building on the 11th day of August, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Richard Stuart at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Stuart, Board Members Kim Costello, and Dawn Wildrick-Cole, Town Clerk Arlene McMahon, Bookkeeper Debra Castle-Harvey, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, DCO Kristina Hurd, Don Weiman and Karl Grantier. Absent: Jo-Anne Freeland and Larry Perry.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dick, and seconded by Kim to approve the minutes of the June, 2015 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor. A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Dawn to approve the minutes of the July 2015 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

Supervisor Stuart noted the 2016-2018 Teamsters' Union Contract was approved and signed.

Supervisors Report: For June and July, 2015

BUDGET OFFICER

- **Budget Modification**

- A1650.42 COMMUNICATIONS – NEWSLETTER \$15.00
 - A1990.4 CONTINGENCY \$15.00
 - Ream of 17 X 11 paper
- A5010.4 HGHWY & ST ADMIN – CONT \$380.17
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 - Highway conf hotel in Ithaca not budgeted.

A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Dawn to approve the budget modifications. The motion passed with all in favor.

BOOKKEEPER

- **Notable Cash Receipts (since last meeting)**

- Allegany County Mortgage Tax - \$5,502. (A3005)
- Allegany County Diversion Program \$1,125. (A2610)
- Town's Share of Justice Fees JULY - \$1,620.75 (A2610)
- Village Water Contract - \$1,500. (DA2300V)
- Village Annual Contract - \$11,784. (DB2300)
- Sale of Brush Cutter - \$1,800. (DA2665)
- CHIPS – Equipment – \$40,000. (DA3501)
- Sale of Ferris Mower AACSA - \$3,420. (DB5110.2)
- Sold Sluice Pipes totaling - \$631.17 (DB5110.41)

A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Kim to accept the June/July 2015 Supervisor's report. The motion passed with all in favor.

A budget workshop was scheduled for September 22.

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A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Dick to waive the 2016 OCFS funding available through the Allegany County Youth Bureau. Motion passed with all in favor.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report: A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Kim to accept the Town Clerk's June and July, 2015 reports. The motion passed with all in favor.

Highway Superintendents Report:

- We have been out grading roads. Roads that are complete are Ryan Road, John Dixon Road and Andrew Ferry Road
- Did ditch work on North Almond Valley Road, Ryan Road, Gayhart Road.
- We pulled shoulders on Bishopville Road, Ryan Road and Andrew Ferry Road.
- We replaced 2 culvert pipes on North Almond Valley. Installed a new driveway pipe for Gowiski on North Almond Valley at the log landing. We also replaced the pipe at the intersection of Gayhart and Ryan Roads.
- Oiled and stoned Wilson-Karr, Pennsylvania Hill, North Hill. They were CHIP's projects. We had 2 Hornellsville Trucks, 1 Andover truck, 1 Alfred and 2 of our own.
- We trimmed brush on Maple Ridge.
- We had a storm on July 14. Minor damage. Trees down in multiple locations. We had water jump the pipes on Bishopville resulting in minor erosion. The back side of Gas Springs ditch plugged but no damage to the road so we cleaned the ditch and got the pipe back open. We had a pipe up on Klipknocky with wood debris.
- We had 2 trucks go to Swain to help with flooding damage. They were there for 1 day.
- We have been mowing road sides.
- Will be changing some pipes.
- Will haul millings from Rt. 21 Village road project and use for Bishopville shoulders and on Bailey Hill
- Will haul millings from Rt. 21 Thacherville road project and stockpile
- Mig welder having issues – hope to be able to replace soon
- MSHA inspection – passed with no violations

There will be a joint meeting with the Village on Aug 18th at 7:00 for an informal discussion about the possibility of extending the water district sometime in the future.

Dog Control: Reported that mischief and vandalism continues to be a problem at the dog shelter. Permission was granted for the purchase of a new hose to replace the damaged one, and for the DCO to park a car at the Highway Garage to be used for transporting dogs. Permission was also granted for DCO to attend a workshop at Alfred State College on dangerous dogs.

Municipal Building: The local chapter of the Guiding Eyes for the Blind was given temporary approval for use of the assembly hall on a trial basis until December 31, 2015. The fee will be \$100 with \$50 refunded upon satisfactory inspection after use. The Board will look at the issue again in January. Approval was also given for the Century Bike Riders to use the hallway for sign-up only on the morning of September 6th at no charge.

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The current JCAP grant is still in progress. Paul reports that he is still waiting for Josh to order parts and equipment to install the new locking device on the front door of the building.

**TOWN OF ALMOND
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-9**

2015-16 NEW YORK JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP)

WHEREAS, the NYS Unified Court System has requested applications for the next cycle of the Justice Court Assistance Program grants; and

WHEREAS, the Town is interested in applying for funds to use at the Justice Court; and

WHEREAS, the program requires the Town to adopt a resolution authorizing the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Almond authorizes that an application be filed with the NYS Unified Court System by Hon. Paul T. Johnson, Town Justice, for funding from the **2015-16 N.Y. Justice Court Assistance Program Grant (JCAP)**.

Moved by: **Richard E. Stuart**

Seconded by: **Kim Costello**

And ADOPTED this 11th day of August, 2015

Ayes: Stuart, Wildrick-Cole, Costello

Nays: None

Absent: Perry, Freeland

**TOWN OF ALMOND
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10
NYSMA 2015 CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law authorizes the governing board of any municipality, by majority vote, to authorize any of its members, any officer or employee to attend a conference as defined in Section 77-b(c); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Magistrates Association Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 28th at 4:30 pm, and

WHEREAS, the Town Justice wishes to attend such meeting,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Almond authorizes attendance at said meeting by the Town Justice at an approximate total cost of \$300.00 .

Moved by: **Richard E. Stuart**

Seconded by: **Kim Costello**

And ADOPTED this 11th day of August, 2015

Ayes: Stuart, Costello, Wildrick-Cole

Nays: None

Absent: Perry, Freeland

Abstracts: A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Dawn to approve Vouchers #214-257 on Abstract #7 of 2015 in the amount of \$24,257.94:

- General Fund in the amounts of \$5,633.50 (A)
- Highway Fund in the amounts of \$1,324.42 (DA) and \$16,459.43 (DB)
- TA voucher numbers 20-23 in the amount of \$840.59

And Vouchers #258-285 on Abstract #8 of 2015 in the amount of \$81,341.21:

- General Fund in the amounts of \$8,827.47 (A)
- Highway Fund in the amounts of \$1,796.45 (DA) and \$69,887.93 (DB)
- TA voucher numbers 24-25 in the amount of \$829.36

The motion passed with all in favor.

Permission was granted to Karl Grantier to be in charge of lowering the flag to half-staff when necessary, with thanks from the Board.

Jamie and Debra will look for benches to be placed at the Lions Park using money from the Complete Streets Grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm with a motion by Dick and second by Dawn. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene McMahan, Town Clerk