

**Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget and
Town of Almond Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2016**

Attendance: *Councilpersons Kim Costello, Jo-Anne Phillipson, Larry Perry, Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole, Bookkeeper Debra Castle-Harvey, Highway Supervisor Jamie Mansfield, Town Clerk Teresa Jaycox, William Ells/Code Enforcement/Planning Board, Don Weiman, Dan Hegarty/resident*
Absent – Councilperson Arlene McMahon, AACSA Quentin Castle, Justice/ Paul Johnson

5:30 – Opened with the pledge of allegiance

Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget – was posted in Evening Tribune and at the Post Office display. There were no residents that attended. Board continued with review and discussion on the 2017 Budget Report and the tax rate change. Motion to approve and adopt the preliminary budget by Dawn, 2nd Jo-anne, all ayes. **End of Public Hearing**

5:45 pm opened the Town of Almond Board Meeting with a motion from Dawn to adopt the preliminary 2017 budget, 2nd my Jo-Anne, all ayes

1. Motion was made by Kim to approve the Minutes from September 13, 2016 after corrections, 2nd Jo-Anne, all ayes.

2. Reports

a. Supervisor's Report:

General Fund Townwide	\$253,367.05
General Outside Village	\$ 18,068.98
Highway Townwide	\$485,817.80
Highway Outside Village	\$155,460.77
TA Trust & Agency	\$ 1,027.30
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$913,741.90

- Supervisor reported that the request to the County to reduce the speed near the ice cream shop was “no” and county suggested that the signage to reduce speed already there be moved back, and another sign needs to be replaced.
- The water feasibility study is complete and three (3) options are presented within the booklet. This study is located for review in the Town office. The Town and Village of Alfred will also have a copy. Dawn discussed Alternative #1 entailing a tank be installed behind the school that would provide water along the corridor and river side of route 21 not to include Clark Road or Whitney Valley – 3.4 million
- Alternative #2 not an option
- Alternative #3 Connect with Village Alfred up through Clark Road, Twin and Whitney Valley Roads – 4.9 million
- Grant could possible cover 80%
- Discussion followed – tabled

- Budget Officers Report

BUDGET MODIFICATION:

- A599 APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE \$ 70.00
 - A1660.4 OFFICE SUPPLIES \$ 70.00
 - ◆ Over Budget
- A1990.4 CONTINGENCY \$ 1,800.00
 - A5010.4HWY & ST ADMIN – CONT \$ 1,800.00
 - ◆ Grant application for Salt Shed
- A599 APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE\$ 714.03
 - B1620.41 SHARED BUILDING EXP-BOILER \$ 714.03
 - ◆ 2015 boiler expense was expended on 2016 budget
- B1620.4 SHARED BUDGET EXPENSE \$ 2,399.62
 - ◆ Village half of Feasibility Study

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b. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report September 2016

Paid to Supervisor	\$ 423.30
Paid to NYS/DEC for DECALS	\$ 82.20
Paid to AG & Markets dog licenses	\$ 29.00
Paid To Allegany Co. DPW	\$ 114.00
Total	\$ 648.50

c. Justice – no report available

d. Assessor – Board asked for REVAL beginning and ending dates. The equalization rate is .95% after REVAL it will raise to 100%.

e. Highway Report:

Graded, rolled and brined following roads: Dungan, Hopkins, McIntosh
Redid bottom of Bully Hill and Sisson roads with millings

Did shoulder work road widener on Bishopville Road and put black top and miller down to improve shoulders.

Changed cross over pipes on Bishopville road near North almond valley and on the Turnpike near Allen's' driveway.

Hauled creek gravel to pit. No more gravel left in upper part of creek that we worked this year.

Screened sand for winter. All the sand is made. Will start hauling salt in then haul to shop. Used West Almond's loader and ours to speed up production of sand.

Made new sander chain doors for the 05 Sterling. Old ones were in very bad shape. Will be doing the 01 Sterling in the near future.

Going to check plow equipment.

f. Code Enforcement/Planning Board – Building projects updates include:

Jo-Anne and Paul Freeland project, Lawrence Gardner, 2 carports, Brian Burnes porch, Matthew Bracken modular, John Peavey cabin, Jason Timothy project, and J. Goho project progressing, Wakefields Satterlee Hill new home, Kitty Baker subdivided a parcel of her land to her son.

- Code Enforcement Officer has never submitted mileage as he does in other jurisdictions that he also covers in this capacity. It was suggested that there be conformity as this may cause an IRS issue at end of year reporting. He either needs a letter saying he has never been reimbursed for mileage and will never be by the Town of Almond or have him start submitting a voucher for mileage payment. He was asked which he preferred. Supervisor will prepare this letter for clarification that he does not get reimbursed for mileage.
 - CEO Ell's also asked that his contractual amount be adjusted to \$750. To cover training, meals, lodging and his General Fund amount adjusted accordingly for his needs also. Motion to adopt a letter Dawn, 2nd Kim, all ayes.
 - Planning Board – CEO Ell's reported that the Comprehensive Plan is finishing up. Kier Dirlam could forward an electronic copy to the bookkeeper.
- g. Dog Control - Dan Hagerty has been assisting Kristine Hurd daughter with her duties and will acting as Deputy DCO until Kristine can return full time to her duties. Motion Dawn, 2nd Larry, all ayes
- There was a beagle dropped off and tied to the fence as the shelter was locked.
 - The Board will ask Quentin Castle to assist in designing the upgraded shelter as the funds are available. He will make sure structure is AG & Markets compatible.
- h. Municipal building and Joint Municipal Programs – A copy of the September 20, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. A policy will be established to help clarify should another mishap occur like when the fire truck hit the overhead door.
- i. Parks/Rec:AACSA
- The Alfred SUNY Disaster Relief Team has been assisting in clearing and enlarging trail paths.
 - The Fall Soccer Championships compete 10/14 – 10/22 and the Park closes October 29, 2016.

3. Review of Abstracts:

General Fund Townwide voucher #313-322, 324 – 328 \$ 6,666.55

General Outside Village	voucher #323	\$ 714.03
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Highway Townwide	voucher #334-339	\$ 5,288.89
Highway Outside Village	voucher #313, 328-333	\$18,147.02
Trust & Agency	voucher #17 & 18	\$ 843.65
Motion to pay bills by Dawn, 2 nd Jo-Anne, all ayes		

4. Additional Proposed Resolutions: Hold a Public Hearing and Town meeting October 25, 2016 for the purpose of adoption of local law to override tax cap for 2017 budget.

- Waiting for Attorney Pullen to forward paperwork for this action.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Jaycox
Almond Town Clerk