

Town of New Albion
14 Main Street
Cattaraugus, NY 14719
Regular Board Meeting
September 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Patrick Murphy, Supervisor

PRESENT: Councilmen: Norman Kazmark, Dan Goss; Eugene Doucette, Treasurer; David Rupp, Highway Superintendent; and Sherry Rupp, Town Clerk.

ABSENT: Cynthia Eaton and John Ridall

VISITORS: Mike Bogardus

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Followed by the Pledge to the American Flag. Regular Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2020, Town Clerk Monthly Report, and the Register's Report were all approved as presented by the clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Budget / Working Budget / Budget Updates
- b) Doug Johnson's Letter Regarding Liberty Park Cemetery
- c) Preventing Cemetery Abandonment – "Municipal Assistance Law"
- d) Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development/Solar Installations
- e) NY State Comptroller/Financial Guidance
- f) Municipal Shelter Inspection Report
- g) Dog Control Officer Inspection Report
- h) History of Cattaraugus from Pat Cullen

REPORTS:

Visitor: Mike Bogardus, had numerous issues regarding the handling of his FOIL's and Complaints. Mike did not like what Frank Watson wrote on the FOIL/Complaint. He was informed that he needed to be clear as to what exactly that it is that he is looking for. Also, he is questioning the cars located at the BONE Yard on Lovers Lane Rd. In Addition, the trailer located at Setter sticks was an issue for him.

Highway Dept.: David Rupp, reports for the past month the Town highway dept. continues to concentrate on black top skid paving while the weather has remained warm. Many town roads have been pothole patched and skid paved, examples 42nd St. and Ritter Road. There is still much more the department is hoping to do as long as the weather cooperates. During the past month the department has been hauling gravel to repair many of the dirt roads to prepare for the oncoming winter. Example: Pepperdine Hill, State land Rd. and Fuss Rd. many roads are still to be worked on again as weather permits. The Tannery St. Bridge is progressing with the bridge structures recently being emplaced last week. The contractor is optimistic that they will be finished this season. The Waverly St. Bridge is now a single lane access bridge with one lane being closed to traffic. The Town has begun the process of reclaiming the Contractors surety Bond to repair the damage as a result of the July storm and heavy waters that fell. The department has submitted the final payment request to NYS DESHES for the Waverly St. project. The request has been accepted but is to be reviewed by NYS, the department has not received an expected time line for payment as of this month.

Assessor: Kate Harrington, the August report is as follows: School tax bills were mailed out on September 1. The release of school taxes, the first to be issued from the new tax role, can make some assessment errors obvious (e.g. missing STAR exemption). If you notice that an error has been made, notify our office immediately. The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. Four property transfers were added for the month of June and 16 were added for the month of July.

Resolution #40– 2020 – Transfer of Funds

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

ADOPTED	Aye	3	Murphy, Kazmark, Goss,
	Nay	0	

RESOLVED, approved to transfer funds from the Highway DA Savings to the Highway DA Checking in the amount of \$25,000 and \$25,000 from the Highway DB Savings to Highway DB Checking. \$2,500.00 from General B Savings to General B Checking. \$25,000 from General A Savings to General A Checking.

Board:

Councilman Patrick Murphy – None

Councilman Norman Kazmark – None

Councilman Daniel Goss – Expressed his concerns about the funding for Waverly St.

Clerk Report: August 2020, Amount Collected \$ 2418.00

Animal Population Control: Check # 2604 \$ 53.00

Cattaraugus County: Check # 0.00

Town of New Albion: Check # 2606 \$ 362.52

NYS Environmental Conservation: EFT \$1979.98

State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses: #2605 \$22.50

Amount Paid Out \$ 2418.00

CLERKS REPORT:

I have been attending a series of grant webinars. I currently have completed 3 out of 5 classes. I have two more this week. In addition, I have registered for a New NYS Public Employer Mandatory Emergency Plan Webinar scheduled for October 7th between 1-2pm.

Resolution # 41- 2020 – Server

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

ADOPTED Aye 3 Murphy, Kazmark, Goss
 Nay 0

RESOLVED, Account Correction. Eugene Doucette is authorized to transfer funds from the Deputy Account 1410.1 to the Contractual Account 1410.4 in the amount of \$1,866.00 so that the Town Clerk may purchase a Server.

Working on the upcoming budget.

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 # 42- 2020 – Abstract # 9-2020 – September 21, 2020

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

ADOPTED Aye 3 Murphy, Kazmark, Goss
 Nay 0

RESOLVED, that Abstract # 9 -2020 in the following amounts is to be paid.

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER #	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
General A	11912-11936	\$ 7,215.68
General B	867-870	\$ 197.50
Highway DA	9270-9280	\$ 12,484.82
Highway DB	3216-3224	\$ 26,692.04

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Rupp
Recording Secretary
Town of New Albion Town Council

Next Meeting:	Budget Workshop	October 7 th , 2020	7:00 pm.
	Budget Workshop	October 13 th , 2020	7:00 pm.
	Regular Board Meeting	October 19, 2020	7:00 pm.