

Town of New Albion  
14 Main Street  
Cattaraugus, NY 14719  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
January 21, 2019 7:00 p.m.

**PRESIDING:** Loyd Chilson, Supervisor

**PRESENT:** Councilmen: Cynthia Eaton, Norman Kazmark, Patrick Murphy, Dan Goss; David Rupp, Highway Supt. Frank Watson, Code Enforcer; and Sherry Rupp, Town Clerk.

**VISITORS:** Mark Alianello, MDA Consulting Engineer.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Chilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Regular Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2018, The Assessor report, Town of New Albion Justice court report, Town Clerk Monthly Report, and the Register's Report were all approved as presented by the clerk.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Annual Report of Code Enforcement Activities
- b) Contract for Emergency Ambulance Service
- c) Training-Powers & Duties for Elected & Incumbent Local Officials
- d) 2019-Report of Municipal Officials Update
- e) Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds
- f) Complaints from Mike Bogardus
- g) Audit confirmation of Court records
- h) IT Support packet
- i) Annual Town Association Dues / Training
- j) Information packet from MDA Engineers
- k) Library Contract

**VISITOR:** Mark Alianello, updated the board on the progress of the Water District and explained the next steps that needed to be taken in order to move forward. A Municipal agreement must be signed after being reviewed by Ashley Milliman (Town Attorney), as of now Mark is waiting to hear back from Ashley. Then a Public Hearing will be held at our next board meeting. Mark explained that there are 92 parcels in the Water District. The Village will own and operate all the water lines. The customer is responsible for the water line from the street to the house.

**Resolution #08 - 2019 – Mr. Chilson-Municipal Agreement**

On a motion by Councilman Murphy, second by Councilman Eaton, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Aye 5 Chilson, Eaton, Goss, Kazmark, Murphy  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, Mr. Chilson is authorized to sign the Municipal Agreement.

**Resolution #09 – 2019 – Town of New Albion Water District-Final Map**

On a motion by Councilman Goss, second by Councilman Murphy, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Aye 5 Chilson, Eaton, Goss, Kazmark, Murphy  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, Mark Alianello is authorized to finalize the Town of New Albion Water District-Final Map.

**Resolution #10- 2019 – Public Hearing**

On a motion by Councilman Eaton, second by Councilman Goss, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Aye 5 Chilson, Eaton, Goss, Kazmark, Murphy  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, Loyd Chilson is authorized to advertise for a public hearing which will be held at our next board meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**Justice:** Shannon Goode's Monthly Report.

**Code Enforcer:** Frank Watson reported that there were 13 new permits, 10 building permits and 3 Special Use Permits. Mr. Watson went on to say that Mr. Bogardus has paid his fine, but he still has one more trailer left to move. Things are uneventful at this time. All the Amish schools have all been inspected. Mr. Luce on Scott Hollow Rd. will be addressed again, nothing has been moved since September. There were a few vehicles that were removed. According to Frank, Mr. Luce knows what the Town wants. Mr. Watson will focus on Scott Hollow Road and will do a follow up.

**Highway Dept.:** David Rupp reported that the end of 2018 has brought varying weather patterns into the area. While snow fall has been less than normal, ice and rain have kept the town highway dept. busy with snow removal operations. The warm weather has kept the towns dirt roads quite soft, with the recent turn to cold weather; it has allowed the roads to freeze over. Vehicle maintenance is still an ongoing task with repairs and services as needed. Cutting edges and a recent fuel tank needed changing. Recently an overhead door and post was damaged by a truck. The door is on order and is covered by insurance. Municipal Consultants has been in contact with the dept. and has kept the dept. informed on progress with both Waverly St. and Jefferson St. projects.

**Assessor:** Mary Bailey, Assessor reports, that FYI: Recent Sales: 9334 New Albion Rd. 5.40 acres vac land sold for \$7,500 – Mitchell to Mowry. 85 South St. house/lot sold for \$120,000 – Kuntz to Clendenning. 10554 Leon Rd. house on 3.10 acres sold for \$80,000 – Beckman to Halla. Renewals are coming in slowly but steadily. I have attached a press release from New York State. It's to help seniors understand changes to Enhance Star... each week I get calls from confused seniors.

## **New for 2019: Senior Citizens Must Enroll in Income Verification Program for Property Tax Break Changes Ease Ability to Claim the Enhanced STAR Exemption**

**For Release:** Immediate, Wednesday, January 02, 2019

**For press inquiries only, contact:** James Gazzale, 518-457-7377

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance today reminded property owners age 65 and over who are applying or reapplying to receive the Enhanced STAR exemption in 2019 that they must now enroll in the Income Verification Program (IVP).

Those already enrolled in the IVP don't need to take any action to continue receiving their Enhanced STAR exemption.

New IVP enrollees will likewise automatically receive the exemption each year they're eligible.

In the first year of enrollment, the assessor will verify eligibility based on the income information provided by the homeowner. In subsequent years, the New York State Tax Department will automatically verify eligibility. As a result, homeowners will no longer need to renew the exemption or share income tax returns with their local assessor's office.

"This change applies only to seniors 65 or older applying for the Enhanced STAR exemption or those who have the exemption included in their property tax bills," said Acting Commissioner Nonie Manion. "This doesn't affect those who receive a check for this exemption because we already verify their income eligibility."

### **Next Steps**

If you already receive the Enhanced STAR exemption but aren't yet enrolled in the IVP, you must renew your application for the Enhanced STAR exemption and enroll in the IVP. Submit the following forms to your assessor:

- Form RP-425-Rnw, *Renewal Application for Enhanced STAR Exemption for the 2019-2020 School Year*; and
- Form RP-425-IVP, *Supplement for Forms RP-425-E and RP-425-Rnw*

If you receive the Basic STAR exemption now and are eligible for Enhanced STAR in 2019, you must apply for it and enroll in the IVP. Submit the following forms to your assessor:

- Form RP-425-E, *Application for Enhanced STAR Exemption for the 2019-2020 School Year*; and
- Form RP-425-IVP, *Supplement to Forms RP-425-E and RP-425-Rnw*

If you're a new homeowner or first-time STAR applicant, you need to register for the STAR credit with the Tax Department instead of applying for the exemption. You can register here: [www.tax.ny.gov/STAR](http://www.tax.ny.gov/STAR).

## Required information

Be sure to complete all forms entirely, including the Social Security numbers of all property owners and any owner's spouse who resides at the property. You must also provide proof of income.

## Deadlines

The deadline for applications is March 1<sup>st</sup> in most communities, but the date varies in some locations. Contact your assessor for the deadline in your area.

## Senior citizens exemption

If you're also receiving the senior citizens exemption, you'll still need to annually renew that benefit with your assessor. To renew your application, file Form RP-467-Rnw with your assessor.

In the past, seniors who qualified for the senior citizens exemption were automatically granted the Enhanced STAR exemption. Beginning in 2019, you must apply separately for both exemptions. Follow the instructions above to apply or renew the Enhanced STAR exemption.

To apply or renew the senior citizens exemption, file the appropriate form with your assessor:

- **First-time applicants** must file Form RP-467, Application for Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens
- **Renewal applicants** must file Form RP-467-Rnw, Renewal Application for Partial Tax

Kate Harrington reported that as of March she will have new hours on Thursdays 9-12:00pm.

**Eugene Doucette** requested a transfer of funds to pay bills from the following accounts:

- General Outside Savings to General Outside Checking - \$2,500.00
- Highway Townwide Savings to Highway Townwide Checking - \$5,000.00
- General Townwide Savings to General Townwide Checking - \$25,000.00

## **Resolution #11 – 2019 – Transfer of Funds**

On a motion by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Eaton, the following resolution was  
**ADOPTED**, Aye 5 Chilson, Eaton, Goss, Kazmark, Murphy  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, Gene is authorized to transfer funds.

## **Board:**

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

An audit of the Court and Town Clerk books have been completed.

## **Resolution #12 – 2019 – Board Audits of Court and Town Clerk Books**

On a motion by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Goss, the following resolution was  
**ADOPTED** Aye 5 Chilson, Eaton, Goss, Kazmark, Murphy  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board completed the audit and approved the 2018 books for both the Town Clerk and Town Court of New Albion as of January 21, 2019.

**Clerk Report:** December 2018, Amount Collected \$ 335.00

Animal Population Control: Check # 2537 \$ 35.00

Cattaraugus County Check # 2539 \$ 70.50

NYS Environmental Conservation Check# EFT \$ 42.51

NYS Health Department Check# 2538 \$ 22.50

Town of New Albion Check # 2540 \$ 164.49

Amount Paid Out \$ 335.00

**Mike Bogardus - COMPLAINTS:**

**Complaint:** Mis-use of Gov. permission on Loyd Chilson was overlooked. Code Enforcer was given pic and complaints about him.

**Answer:** No exterior evidence or violations present. Inspected from roadway. Dated 1/21/19 per Frank Watson.

**Complaint:** Special Use permits not being checked up on or Town and Village not letting them out. Contractors doing auto body repair without NYS numbers. Get Code Officer to check and report every board meeting.

**Answer:** Not enough information. Please specify address and owner. Dated 1/21/2019 per Frank Watson.

**Complaint:** Town Court FOIL who is to get them? Town fails to complete!

**Answer:** Ruth Bennett, Town Court Clerk would be the one to receive the court FOIL. Ruth said that you need to be specific with a name, date and what exactly you're looking for. Dated 1/21/2019 per Sherry Rupp.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Joint Planning Board – Proposed Signage Law Tabled for JPB Response
- b) Tannery Street Bridge
- c) Waverly Street Project – Nova
- d) Mike Bogardus requested a meeting with Catt. County – Re: Drainage/Waiting on date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Hazard Mitigation Project
- b) Water District Project

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT:**

**Resolution # 13 - 2019 – Abstract # 1-2019 – January 21, 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Aye 5 Chilson, Goss, Eaton, Kazmark, Murphy  
Nay 0

**RESOLVED**, that Abstract # 1 -2019 in the following amounts is to be paid.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>VOUCHER #</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>
General A	11554-11573	\$ 19,018.19
General B	820-822	\$ 2,300.0
Highway DA	9099-9106	\$ 2,710.26
Highway DB	3088-3091	\$ 2,710.26
Highway Capital Bridge	100	\$ 711.00

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Rupp  
Recording Secretary  
Town of New Albion Town Council

Next Meeting:                                      Regular Board Meeting                                      February 18, 2019                                      7:00 p.m.