

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion was held Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at the Village Hall, 35 East Bank Street, Albion, New York.

Present were Mayor Dean A London, Trustees Eileen S Banker, Stanley Farone, Mattea Navarra, Pete Sidari and Attorney John C Gavenda. Also present was Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti. There were 29 residents/students present.

Mayor London opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 PM.

RESIDENTS

The Board of Trustees tabled the request from Mr Robert Ballard to remove the bill he received for the 14% of the health insurance cost after he retired. He used his un-used sick time towards his health insurance premium and doesn't believe the 14% pertains to him.

The Board of Trustees tabled the request from Ms Rachel Schladebeck regarding the tampering/water meter charge she was billed. The Board would like to review the work orders and talk to the employee who replaced the meter around April 2017.

The Board of Trustees tabled the request from resident Mr Erik Bolthouse for an adjustment of his water/sewer bill for the period of June 30, 2017 through October 1, 2017. The Mayor would like to discuss with the water maintenance worker.

Resident Mr Peter Collazo addressed the Board of Trustees about a code violation notice he received. Mayor London informed Mr Collazo that because his code violation has been heard in court and a ruling had been made, he needs to take his concerns back to the court.

APPROVED TO CO-SPONSOR BONFIRE AT BULLARD

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Banker to co-sponsor the Bonfire at Bullard event to be held on February 10, 2018 at Bullard Park. The Board also approved to pay for the ad to be placed in the Lake County Pennysaver at a cost of no more than what was paid last year.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

TABLED APPROVING CUMMINS AGREEMENT

The Board of Trustees tabled the Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Kevin Miller's request to approve Cummins Sales and Service Maintenance Agreement for 2,506.09. The Board would like to see what was paid for recently.

WATER METERS

The Board of Trustees tabled taking action on Wendel Architecture Engineering recommendation for new water meters. Attorney Gavenda would like to check with NYCOM on approving an outside firm's recommendation without going out to bid.

TAX EXEMPTIONS

The Board of Trustees discussed tax exemptions for limited income residents. They would like to see more secured numbers as to what the breaks would be if the Village were to give any.

APPROVED TREASURER REPORT

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Banker approving the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2017.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Navarra that in as much as each member received copies of the minutes of November 22, 2017 and there being no errors or omissions, minutes are hereby approved as written.

CARRIED

4 Ayes

0 Nays

Trustee Farone
Trustee Navarra 1 Abstained
Trustee Banker Mayor London
Trustee Sidari

APPROVED PAYMENT OF VILLAGE BILLS

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Navarra approving payment of the following Village bills:

General	Voucher #28283-	\$29,734.90
Water	to #28493	\$21,563.80
Sewer		\$ 6,031.77

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED PAYMENT TO T Y LIN

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Banker approving the payment to T Y Lin International \$275 for services rendered October 21, 2017 to November 24, 2017.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED PAYMENT TO OSBORN, REED & BURKE

Moved by Trustee Banker and seconded by Trustee Navarra approving payment to Osborn, Reed & Burke LLP in the amount of \$66,000 for service rendered November 20, 2017.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED PAYMENT TO SANSONE

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Navarra approving payment to John S Sansone in the amount of \$1,175.65 for services rendered October 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED CEMETERY DEEDS

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Navarra approving Mayor London sign the following Cemetery Deeds:

Donald W Jr and Bridget B Bishop	S.G. 757 and 758 Deerfield Avenue
Stanley and Cynthia Carpenter	S.G. 209 and 210 Deerfield Avenue
Reverend Wilfred E and Lady Betty Moss	S.G. 784 and 785 Deerfield Avenue

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

APPOINTED PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Moved by Trustee Banker and seconded by Trustee Farone appointing Ms Tracy VanSkiver from the Certification of Eligibles List for Code Enforcement Officer II Part-Time with a seventy-eight (78) week probationary period.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED LABELLA'S ENGINEER PROPOSAL

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Sidari approving the proposal from Labella Associates to engineer the design of the water distribution system improvements for Allen Road, South Clinton Street and West Academy Street for \$36,130.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2017-20 RE: BROWN STREET BRIDGE

The following Resolution 2017-20 was proposed by Trustee Sidari who moved its adoption and seconded by Trustee Farone regarding the Brown Street Bridge being closed:

WHEREAS, the Brown Street Bridge over the Erie Canal in the Village of Albion was closed by NY State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) on July 19, 2012 due to safety concerns identified during annual bridge inspection, and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT will now begin an evaluation to determine scope of structural deficiencies and cost to repair, and

WHEREAS, the bridge is a major artery for Village residents, and for patrons of businesses which have recently contributed significantly to economic development and revitalization of the neighborhood and the community, and

WHEREAS, the bridge is one of only three bridges over the Canal in the Village, and is the only one that is not a lift bridge, and

WHEREAS, the lift bridges are sometimes closed for repairs and unavailable for vehicle traffic, including emergency vehicles,

WHEREAS, making it difficult for police and emergency vehicles to respond in a timely fashion, and

WHEREAS, numerous residents have requested this bridge be repaired and reopened for safety and public protection reasons, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village recognize the critical needs served by the bridge and therefore desire to have it repaired and reopened as quickly as possible.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED RESOLUTION 2017-21 RE: TREE CITY USA

The following Resolution 2017-21 was proposed by Trustee Farone who moved its adoption and seconded by Trustee Navarra to gain Tree City USA status:

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion wishes to gain Tree City USA status to further emphasize the importance of trees for the health and well-being of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the village recognizes the need to establish a Tree Board of at least five members, citizens, and residents to meet publicly every second month and discuss matters related to the proper growth and maintenance of trees within Village of Albion limits, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion believes strongly that establishing a public tree care ordinance will reflect the value of trees within the community, encourage beautification, air cooling and purification, noise abatement, property value enhancement, avoid unnecessary costs and liability from hazardous trees and tree-related accidents, and enable the village to prevent and control destructive insects and diseases, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion wishes to formally commit to a Community Forestry program of at least \$2 per capita (at least \$12,112) dedicated to tree planting, maintenance, and removal. The village is already spending more than this amount in tree care on an annual basis, and wishes to continue to do so for the health and wellness of village trees and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Village Board of Albion will move forward in completing the steps to becoming a Tree City USA municipality.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED RESOLUTION 2017-22 RE: ARBOR DAY

The following Resolution 2017-22 was proposed by Trustee Farone who moved its adoption and seconded by Trustee Banker regarding Arbor Day:

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of Albion does hereby proclaim Friday, April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day in the Village of Albion, and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

DENIED REQUEST TO REMOVE PENALTY

The Board of Trustees took no action of the request from resident Ms Maria Hernandez to remove the penalty on her water/sewer bill.

APPROVED PAYMENT PLAN FOR RESIDENT

Moved by Trustee Banker and seconded by Trustee Navarra approving the request from resident Mr Morgan Stirk for a payment plan of six (6) months to pay his water/sewer bill for the period of 4/1/17-10/1/17.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

ACCEPTED RESIGNATION FROM HPC MEMBER

The Board of Trustees accepted, with regret, Mr Sandy Church's resignation from the Historic Preservation Commission.

TABLED APPOINTMENT TO THE HPC

Mayor London tabled making an appointment to the Historic Preservation Board.

SCHEDULED BUDGET REVIEW MEETING

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Sidari to schedule a Special Meeting for Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM for Budget Review.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

TAX BILL

The Clerk-Treasurer was informed that the LDC will be paying the taxes of \$177.60 for 544 East State Street.

APPROVED VILLAGE PARTY

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Sidari approving the Village employees to have a party on December 19, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Board Room. The Village Office will be closed during those hours.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Sidari to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:37 PM.

CARRIED
5 Ayes 0 Nays

EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Sidari to come out of executive session at 8:57 PM.

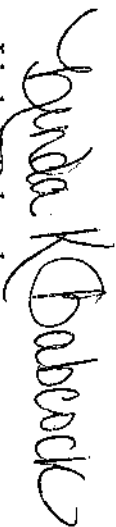
CARRIED
5 Ayes 0 Nays

MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Trustee Navarra and second by Trustee Sidari that there being no further business, meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:58 PM.

CARRIED
5 Ayes 0 Nays

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Babcock
Clerk-Treasurer