

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion was held Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM, Village Hall, 35 East Bank Street, Albion New York.

Present were Deputy Mayor Joyce Riley, Trustee Timothy McMurray, and Trustee Greg Bennett  
Absent Mayor Angel Javier Jr and Trustee William Gabalski

3 residents

Meeting audio was recorded and kept on file.

Deputy Mayor Riley opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance at 6:00 PM.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to open the public hearing at 6:00pm to hear from the public on the dissolution of the Village of Albion Fire Department

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to close the public hearing at 6:02pm

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee McMurray approving the minutes:

- September 25, 2024
- September 27, 2024

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent

Trustee McMurray	Aye
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**PAYMENT OF VILLAGE BILLS**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett approving the monthly journal entries and the payment of the following Village bills: Vouchers #46896-47001

General	\$84,655.65
Water	\$51,082.02
Sewer	\$7,267.14
Capital	\$11,622.12

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/USE OF FUNDS/INVOICES**

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee McMurray to approve the following use of funds, budget adjustments and payment of invoices

- WIIA Grant Invoices
  - o Increase exp line H0.8320.0200.010                    \$517.50            Donegan            WIIA 1
  - o Increase rev line H0.8320.3991.010
  - o Increase exp line H0.8320.0200.013                    \$362.25            Donegan            WIIA 2
  - o Increase rev line H0.8320.3991.013

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**CEMETERY DEEDS**

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee McMurray to approve the cemetery deed:

Dr. Beth C. Allen	Lot 24 Central Avenue NW#1
Patricia Cooper-Williams	S.G. 909 and 910 Mapleview Avenue
Michael R. & June V. Schuck	#17 Mahogany Columbarium

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye

Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

### **NAMING ERIE CANAL PARK GAZEBO**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett approve the following nominees to be placed on the Village Facebook page as a poll for the public to vote, voting ends 11/13/2024:

- Jonathan Doherty
- Donna Rodden
- Neil Johnson
- Kathleen Ludwick

#### **CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

### **LAMPPOST DECORATIONS**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to allow Bring Back Christmas to Albion Committee to decorate the street lamppost throughout the Village and use of electric on poles

#### **CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

### **SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to schedule a public hearing on 10/23/24 at 6pm for the use of cemetery funds (CM) to purchase 35 acres of land for enlargement of cemetery, survey and abstract not to exceed \$250K

#### **CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

### **MARKING OF CEMETERY**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to allow DPW to mark out per survey new cemetery land purchased using GIS system and rebar and any other means necessary

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**OFFER BENEFITS**

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee McMurray to allow Colonial Voluntary benefits to offer their products to employees

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS**

Accept the following applications to be kept on file for one (1) year  
 Levi Boyer                      Chief Water Treatment plant operator

**CROSSING GUARD**

Attorney will reach out with follow up, table until 11/13/24

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee McMurray to schedule a public hearing on 11/13/2024 at 6pm to hear from the public on the consideration of reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 25mph on McKinstry St from East State St to East Ave

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**WORKSHOP MEETINGS CANCELLED**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to cancel the workshop meetings scheduled for 11/27/24 and 12/25/24, Department heads to attend regular meetings for those two months on 11/13/24 and 12/11/24

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**INTERVIEW PROCESS**

Discussion was had on the interview process for the Chief Water Treatment plant operator Trustee Bennett and Trustee Gabalski to set up interviews

**DENY REQUEST**

The Board chose to deny the request to remove the charges for residents’ water/sewer bill

**ADOPT POLICY**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to adopt the water/sewer billing policy regarding final bills and newly opened water/sewer accounts

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**APPROVE PURCHASE**

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee McMurray to approve the purchase of a camera to be placed on the Erie Canal Park Bench

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/USE OF FUNDS/INVOICES**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to approve the following use of funds, budget adjustments and payment of invoices

- Upstate Alarm \$2,499.39
  - o \$2,499.39 use of HRA reserves
  - o Increase expense line A0.1325.0480.000 Reserve expense

- LaBella \$19,362.62 Final payment Fluoridation Bldg
  - o \$15,632.02 balance in NYCLASS from remaining ARPA funds of \$83K
  - o \$3,730.60 use of Water Capital Reserves

- Increase expense line H0.8320.0210.014 \$19,362.62 Fluoridation Bldg

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**SANTA BENCH**

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee McMurray to allow the bench to be placed at Waterman's Park pending final approval of the finished product

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**REVIEW PROCLAMATION**

Deputy Mayor Riley requested the Board to review the proclamation for the Erie canal park bench time capsule to be opened September 28, 2059, this will then be sent to the International Time capsule Society, after approval at the 10/23/24 meeting

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**EMPLOYEE HANDBOOKS**

Tabled until 10/23/24, Attorney to follow up

**CONCESSION STAND**

Trustee McMurray gave update on status of concession stand at Bullard Park

**ALBION BETTERMENT COMMITTEE**

Gary Kent gave the Board an update on things the committee is working on

**ENTER EXECUTIVE**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to go into executive session for personnel at 7:08pm

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**EXIT EXECUTIVE**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to exit executive session at 7:16pm

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett that there being no further business, meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:17pm

**CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Absent
Trustee McMurray	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A. VanSkiver  
Clerk-Treasurer