

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion was held Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM, Village Hall, 35 East Bank Street, Albion New York.

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

Department Heads

Present: Superintendent of Public Works James Pahura, Police Chief David Mogle, Park & Recreation Director John Grillo, Animal Control Officer Harry Papponetti, Interim Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Levi Boyer and Cemetery Superintendent Jason Zicari

Excused: Code Enforcement Officer Chris Kinter and Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Aric Albright

Absent: Fire Chief Jeremy Graham

Mayor Javier opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance at 6:00PM

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett at 6:00pm to hear from the public on the purchase of 35 acres of neighboring land for the purpose of enlarging Mt. Albion cemetery, survey and file fees, use of (CM) Cemtery reserves funds

**CARRIED**

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

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee McMurray to close the public hearing at 6:00pm, as no one from the public chose to speak

**CARRIED**

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

**PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

The Board presented Rebekah Karls with the Community Service Award for her commitment to the community and the big undertaking of the Annual Strawberry Festival

**CARRIED**

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

### **AFLAC**

Representatives from AFLAC spoke to the Board regarding offering their services to the Village Employees

### **RESIDENT**

Stacy Bryan spoke to the board regarding offering events throughout the Village, for example comedy shows and various other shows

### **PARADE DONATION/PEDDLER ISSUES**

Michael Bonafede and Susan Oschmann informed the Board of their ideas for the Annual Santa parade held in December yearly. They are working on replica of an original Charles Howard sleigh on a removable trailer. Requested a donation of \$5,000 to help with the idea. Deputy Mayor Riley was open to the request but advised the individuals on request for donations from various other organizations

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee McMurray to approve a donation of \$1,500, use of HRA reserves.

Increase expense line A0.7550.0404.000 (Celebration-Holiday Decorations-Parade) \$1,500.00

### **CARRIED**

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

Mr. Bonafede mentioned he'd like the Board to investigate the Peddler/Soliciting permit application code to require vendors to provide the items they are selling, also selling during Strawberry Festival dates

Attorney to review

### **GACRE/FENCE REQUEST**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to approve the GACRE to purchase fencing and install along the west side for pickleball at Bullard Park, also discussed a natural barrier, possibly pine trees to be placed along the East side of the basketball courts, upon agreement with DPW Superintendent, Jay Pahura

### **CARRIED**

Mayor Javier	
Trustee Riley	Aye
Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Aye

Trustee McMurray	Aye
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**DEPT HEAD REPORTS**

The Board of Trustees received monthly reports for August from Superintendent of Public Works James Pahura, Police Chief David Mogle, Animal Control Officer Harry Papponetti, Interim Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Levi Boyer, Cemetery Superintendent Jason Zicari, Code Enforcement Officer Chris Kinter, Fire Chief Jeremy Graham and Park & Recreation Director John Grillo

Deputy Mayor Riley requested Levi Boyer, WTP report, to include monthly water loss  
Deputy Mayor Riley requested Chief David Mogle to include YTD calls in the report

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to approve the following budget adjustments/use of funds/payment of invoices for repairs to Ingersoll memorial fountain at the cemetery

- Use of Cemetery reserves of \$2,500.00
- Increase expense line A0.8810.0480.000 (reserves expense) \$2,500.00

**CARRIED**

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

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Riley approving the minutes for October 9, 2024, and October 14, 2024

**CARRIED**

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

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Riley to accept the September treasurers report

**CARRIED**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee McMurray to approve the proclamation for the time capsule at Erie Canal Park;

**PROCLAMATION**

Village of Albion, New York, proclaim September 28, 2059, to be a day for opening the time capsule interred on September 28, 2024 in the bench on Erie Canal Park.

**Whereas**, the Village wishes to celebrate the Erie Canal

**Whereas**, a monument was erected to acknowledge the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Main ‘Street Bridge collapse on September 28, 1859, over the Erie Canal.

**Whereas**, fifteen lives were lost and the names are now memorialized on a monument in Erie Canal Park

**Whereas**, Erie Canal Park is also the home of a bench and lamppost created from steel from the Main Street bridge and that steel is one hundred years old

**Whereas**, this bench was created by Artist Bill Schutt and the bench created by Aric Albright, Kyle Piccirilli and William Malone from the Village Pollution Control Facility

**Now, therefore**, the Village of Albion Mayor (Angel Javier) and Board of Trustees (Joyce A. Riley, Timothy McMurray, William Gabalski, and Gregory Bennett) wish to highlight this history by placing a time capsule in the bench. The time capsule contains:

- Two books created by Albion Central School District MIDDLE SCHOOL Students, titled “the Erie Canal: Ditch of Destiny” and “ Charles W. Howard and the Santa Claus School and Christmas Park”
- Business cards from all the businesses downtown
- A thumb drive of all the buildings and landscape of the downtown area
- And two coins minted in 2024

We invite the current Village Board on September 28,2059, to open the time capsule and note the historic changes that the Village has undergone in 35 years. In 2059 it will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Main Street Bridge collapse.

**CARRIED**

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

**DOT SUPPORT LETTER**

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by McMurray to approve Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign letter of support regarding State Route 98 and Route 31 to be closed December 14, 2024, for annual Santa’s Hometown Parade

**CARRIED**

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

**STREET CLOSING AND USE OF MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to approve request from Albion Merchants Associations and Greater Albion Community Recreation and Events, Inc to close Village streets, East State St (Main St to Platt St) and Platt St (East State St to Route 31), and requesting to utilize the municipal parking lot on Platt St for the annual Santa’s Hometown Parade, December 14, 2024, from 4pm-8pm

**CARRIED**

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

**TREE DONATION**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to allow Clerk to advertise for a tree donation for the Village lobby

**CARRIED**

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

**HEADSTONE**

The board chose to not move forward with the request from Wende London for replacement of her ancestor’s headstone, Andrew Hall

**LETTER OF SUPPORT HPC**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to allow the Village to write a letter of support to NYS CLG regarding the HPC to be placed on their list, currently the HPC does not have an architect and Realtor as required, and to allow for access as needed, when necessary, in the form of a letter

**CARRIED**

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

**GOART GRANT**

Deputy Mayor Riley advised the board that she has been applying for the GOART grants as they come available

**HIRE PART-TIME CLERK**

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee McMurray to allow the hiring of a student as part-time at \$15.00/hr. for a maximum of 6 hours a week

**CARRIED**

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

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Riley to approve the following budget adjustments/use of funds/payment of invoices:

WIIA 1 Grant invoice STC Construction Inc	\$300,200.00
Increase expense line H0.8320.0200.010	\$300,200.00
Increase revenue line H0.8320.3991.010	\$300,200.00

**CARRIED**

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

**CEMETERY DEEDS**

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

Donelda A. Stockwell  
Carmen Carley  
Mark S. & Patricia R. Adema

S.G. 912 Mapleview Avenue  
S.G. 911 Mapleview Avenue  
S.G. 927 & 928 Deerfield Avenue

**CARRIED**

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

**ENTER EXECUTIVE**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to enter executive session at 8:03pm for contractual

**CARRIED**

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

**EXIT EXECUTIVE**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Riley to exit executive session at 8:38pm

**CARRIED**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Riley having no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:39pm

**CARRIED**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Tracy A. Vanskiver  
Clerk-Treasurer