

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion was held Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM, Village Hall, 35 East Bank Street, Albion New York.

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

Department Heads

Present: Police Chief David Mogle, Park & Recreation Director John Grillo, Animal Control Officer Harry Papponetti, Interim Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Levi Boyer, Code Enforcement Officer Chris Kinter and Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Aric Albright

Excused: Superintendent of Public Works James Pahura, and Cemetery Superintendent Jason Zicari
Absent: Fire Chief Jeremy Graham

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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee Gabalski and seconded by Trustee McMurray at 6:00pm to hear from the public on application to Empire State Development for financial assistance under the Restore NY Communities Initiative. The project includes the rehabilitation of 1 vacant property located in the Village to create commercial spaces and affordable housing. The following property will be submitted for consideration: 132 N. Main Street, 5984 square feet, vacant mixed use, proposed for rehabilitation

CARRIED

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to close the public hearing at 6:01PM

CARRIED

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-29

RESOLUTION 2024-29

Grant funding under Round 9 of the Restore NY Communities” Initiative Municipal Grant Program

At a meeting of the Village of Albion Board of Trustees held on the 11th day of December 2024 at 6:00PM at 35-37 East Bank Street, Albion, New York at which the following were:

PRESENT: Angel Javier Jr, Mayor-Absent
Greg Bennett, Deputy Mayor
Joyce Riley, Trustee-Absent
Tim McMurray Trustee
William Gabalski, Trustee

Trustee McMurray moved to adopt the following resolution, Trustee Gabalski, seconded the motion.

WHEREAS the Village of Albion is eligible for grant funding under Round 9 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the Village Council has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected 1 property to be included in an application that will be submitted to Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) as follows:

Redevelopment of the following property to create new commercial space in the Town:
132 N. Main Street, 5984 square feet, vacant mixed use, proposed for rehabilitation

WHEREAS this project is consistent with all existing local plans, the proposed financing is appropriate for the project, the project will facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources and the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the Village of Albion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council hereby supports and will sponsor an application for Restore NY funding and will administer the grant in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations established by ESDC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is authorized to sign the application and any agreements required by ESDC for grant funding that results from the application

CARRIED

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

OPEN FORUM

Dan Conrad from Job Corp advised Board of various jobs that the students have done throughout the community. He explained how the students can be a benefit to the Village in different capacities for our many Departments.

Two members from Spectrum gave an overview of their services in fiber and internet to enhance our needs for the Police Department and Clerks office, tabled until 1/8/2025

DEPT HEAD REPORTS

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

FIREWORKS DONATIONS

John Grillo requested to start a special account to hold all donations from the public for a July 3rd celebration, Clerk will investigate it

GOART DONATION

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski, the use of recreation reserve funds in the amount up to \$500.00 for donation to GOART

CARRIED

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

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Gabalski and seconded by Trustee McMurray approved the minutes for November 13, 2024

CARRIED

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

PAYMENT OF VILLAGE BILLS

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski approving the monthly journal entries and the payment of the following Village bills: Vouchers #47275-47360

General	\$49,240.62
Water	\$10,813.23
Sewer	\$32,347.28

Capital \$1,707.75

CARRIED

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

- ARPA Funds
 - o Increase exp line A0.7550.0404 \$801.55
 - o Increase rev line A0.0000.4089 \$801.55
 - Amazon purchases for Village events \$757.79
 - Ace Hardware \$43.76
- WIIA 2 Project
 - o Increase exp line H0.8320.0200.013 \$192,923.30
 - o Increase rev line H0.8320.3991.013 \$192,923.30
 - No. 2 Statewide Aquastore Inc. \$162,450.00
 - Bernard P Donegan, Inc. \$414.00
 - Wendel \$30,059.30
- WIIA 1 Project
 - o Increase exp line H0.8320.0200.010 \$15,664.71
 - o Increase rev line H0.8320.3991.013 \$15,664.71
 - Bernard P Donegan, Inc. \$1,500.75
 - Wendel \$14,163.96

CARRIED

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

CEMETERY DEEDS

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

- Anne E. Neilans S.G. 38 Deerfield Avenue
- Clark M. & Anne M. Brooks S.G. 879 and 880 Mapleview Avenue

CARRIED

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

SURPLUS REQUEST

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to allow Police Chief Mogle to surplus and sell the following guns to Albion Gun Shop: Keltec PF9 SN#STU83 (\$100.00), Smith & Wesson Eastfield Model 916 SN#6B2088 (\$100.00) and Smith & Wesson Eastfield Model 916 SN#6B2089 (\$100.00)

CARRIED

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Moved by Trustee Gabalski and seconded by Trustee McMurray to accept the November treasurers report

CARRIED

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

USE OF BOARD ROOM

Moved by Trustee Gabalski and seconded by Trustee McMurray to allow AMA the use of Village Board room from 10am-12pm on 12/14/2024 for Hometown Christmas event

CARRIED

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

RESIGNATION

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to accept the resignation from Police Officer, Alexandra Reigle, from the Police Department effective 12/13/24

CARRIED

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

FILL VACANCY

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to allow Police Chief to move forward with the process to fill Police Officer vacancy

CARRIED

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

RESIGNATION

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to accept the resignation from Deputy Treasurer, Derek Reiner, from the Clerk's Office effective 12/30/24

CARRIED

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

Accept the following applications to be kept on file for one (1) year

Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee

Brandie Gauthier	Alyson Beck	Aaron Paker
Charles Chesnut	Courtney Andrews	Harley Edkin
Calvin Mosher	Jeremy Spencer	Timothy Robb
William Farnsworth	Dustin Laubacker	Ian Skinner
Brenden Morgan	Mason Tanner	Tevin Riley
Ian Ries	Tyler VanSkiver	

Automotive Mechanic

Hunter Mathes	Daniel Oconnor	Johnathan McMillion
Shawn Deibel		

Clerk

Edward Harnois	Tiffany Richway	Alicia Geronimo
Michael Kimble	Maren Grace Reitz	Christina Irwin
Victoria Stoutenger	Richard Neal	Summer Brice
Nichole McMullen	Naomi Hinckley	Gabriella Rodriguez
Rosemary Patronski	Elizabeth Cowan	Staci Palmer
Susan Hare	Alexis McCoy	Benjamin Davis
Molly Sweet	Laura Hagan	Zarya Robinson
Amanda Morgan	Brook Maynard	Brandie Gauthier
Michelle Rice	Amy Williams	Sharon Cassidy
Nichole William	Renee Whittier	Abigael Drew
Cesler Whiteside	Kate Kilmer	Daniel Beam
Mateo Solis	Jessica Baughman	Haven Suarez
Maddox Sargent	Tiffany Grimaldi	Barbara Farley
Danielle Buchholz	Jessica James	Katlyn Cook
Jennifer Pickett	Amanda Greenough	Jeannine Armbrewster
Samantha Jennings	Michael LaBruzza	Richard Sewar
Danielle Plucknette	Ava Hayes	Josephine Conlon
Nicholas Russo	Brenda Knapp	

TERMINATION CONTRACT

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to allow the Deputy Mayor to sign the termination with the Town of Albion regarding the 2022-2026 fire contract

CARRIED

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-30

RESOLUTION 2024-30

Cancellation of the 2022-2026 Town of Albion and 2023-2027 Town of Gaines Fire Contracts

At a meeting of the Village of Albion Board of Trustees held on the 11th day of December 2024 at 6:00PM at 35-37 East Bank Street, Albion, New York at which the following were:

PRESENT: Angel Javier Jr, Mayor-Absent
 Greg Bennett, Deputy Mayor
 Joyce Riley, Trustee-Absent
 Tim McMurray Trustee
 William Gabalski, Trustee

Trustee McMurray moved to adopt the following resolution, Trustee Gabalski, seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion contracted to provide fire protection services to the Town of Albion by contracted date January 1, 2022, and the Town of Gaines by contracted date January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Albion fire protection services contract is due to terminate as of December 31, 2026, and the Town of Gaines fire protection services contract is due to terminate on December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the Joint Albion Fire District was formed to take effect January 1, 2024, which would alleviate the need for the exiting contracts for fire protective services and other emergency services provided by the Village of Albion to the Town of Albion and the Town of Gaines; and

WHEREAS, based on the formation of the Joint Albion Fire District all three municipalities, Village of Albion, Town of Albion, and Town of Gaines, desire to terminate the existing fire protective services contracts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The 2022-2026 Fire Contract between the Village of Albion and Town of Albion is terminated effective December 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.;

2. The 2023-2027 Fire Contract between the Village of Albion and Town of Gaines is terminated effective December 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.;

3. The Village Board of Trustees does hereby authorize Deputy Mayor Gregory Bennett to sign the proposed Termination Agreement with both the Town of Albion and the Town of Gaines which are attached hereto.

4. This resolution is conditioned upon similar resolutions taken by the Town of Albion and the Town of Gaines simultaneously or as close in time as possible prior to December 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.;

5. This Resolution shall be in effect immediately.

CARRIED

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-31

RESOLUTION 2024-31

Establishment of source of revenue for the purchase of approximately thirty-five acres of vacant land for the extension of Mount Albion Cemetery

At a meeting of the Village of Albion Board of Trustees held on the 11th day of December 2024 at 6:00PM at 35-37 East Bank Street, Albion, New York at which the following were:

PRESENT: Angel Javier Jr, Mayor-Absent
Greg Bennett, Deputy Mayor
Joyce Riley, Trustee-Absent
Tim McMurray Trustee
William Gabalski, Trustee

Trustee Gabalski moved to adopt the following resolution, Trustee McMurray, seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion is owner of a parcel of land within a mile of the Village limits known as Mount Albion Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Mount Albion Cemetery is the major secular burial grounds in Central Orleans County and has been so since September 7. 1843; and

WHEREAS, it was advised by Jason Zicari, the Superintendent of Mount Albion Cemetery that the cemetery will within the next five to ten years reach its capacity for burial spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion Board of Trustees was advised by Mr. Zicari if possible, to expand Mount Albion Cemetery through the purchase of surrounding lands with available dedicated cemetery funds which were not designated for perpetual care; and

WHEREAS, through the review of funds in the account identified as CM held by the Village it was determined these funds totaling \$250,874.58 were not designated for perpetual care of the Mount Albion Cemetery location; and

WHEREAS, it was determined through the research of the Village Clerk and the Village of Albion independent auditors that these funds were not designated for perpetual care and were an accumulation of monies over time from donations for purchase of flowers for established grave sites or from the sale of burial sites at the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the determination was made by the Village of Albion Board of Trustees to use said monies for the purchase of additional lands for the expansion of Mount Albion Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion did negotiate with a Patricia Nelson who was the owner of vacant land surrounding Mount Albion Cemetery for the purchase of approximately thirty-five (35) acres of vacant land for the future expansion of Mount Albion Cemetery for Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) Dollars per acre plus the cost of the abstract of title and instrument survey; and

WHEREAS, said land to be purchased was immediately adjacent to Mount Albion Cemetery to the south; and

WHEREAS, the purchased real property was completed on November 8, 2024, by the recordation of a Warranty Deed to the Village of Albion by Patricia Nelson; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is established to memorialize where the funds were obtained to purchase said property to expand Mount Albion Cemetery and the process taken by the Village of Albion Board of Trustees to negotiate said purchases nunc pro tunc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The funds totaling Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred and seventy-four dollars and fifty-eight cents, plus recording fees and cost of the abstract of title and instrument survey to complete the purchase of 35.205 acres of land for the expansion of Mount Albion Cemetery were withdrawn from the CM Fund held in the name of the Village of Albion in connection to Mount Albion Cemetery excluding perpetual care;
2. This memorializes said purchase and the action taken by the Village of Albion Board of Trustees Nunc pro tunc.
3. This Resolution shall be in effect immediately.

CARRIED

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

ENTER EXECUTIVE

Moved by Trustee Gabalski and seconded by Trustee McMurray to enter executive session at 7:22pm for employee and contract negotiations

CARRIED

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

EXIT EXECUTIVE

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to exit executive session at 8:34pm

CARRIED

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

INTERVIEW CANDIDANTS

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to allow Acting Chief WTP Operator Levi Boyer to start moving forward with the process to hire WTP Operator Trainee

CARRIED

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

PBA CONTRACT

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to allow Deputy Mayor to sign PBA agreement for June 1, 2024, through and including May 31, 2027

CARRIED

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

PART-TIME CLERK

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to hire Derek Reiner as part-time clerk effective December 30, 2024, to work for the months of January, February, March and April as needed at a maximum of 16 hours a week to allow for training of new Deputy Treasurer, rate of pay at \$20.50/hr.

CARRIED

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

APPOINT DEPUTY TREASURER

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to allow Deputy Mayor to appoint Michelle Martin-Rice as Deputy Treasurer effective December 30, 2024, rate of pay at \$20.00/hr. for 2080 hours, term to expire April 1, 2026

CARRIED

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to allow the Village Clerks office to close at 12pm 12/24/24, employees to use their own personal time

CARRIED

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

SCHEDULE MEETING

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to schedule a special meeting, 12/19/24 at 5:30pm to discuss an employee's employment

CARRIED

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

CARRIED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A. VanSkiver
Clerk-Treasurer