

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion was held Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM, Village Hall, 35 East Bank Street, Albion New York.

Present were Mayor Angel Javier Jr, Deputy Mayor Greg Bennett, Trustee William Gabalski, Trustee Joyce Riley 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, Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Levi Boyer, Code Enforcement Officer Chris Kinter and Cemetery Superintendent Jason Zicari, Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Aric Albright

Residents: 10

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

POLICE VEHICLES

DPW Mechanic Don Jones updated Board on status of police vehicles, conversation was had on the box necessary for the vehicles. A request was made for an updated quote.

DEPARTMENT HEAD BOARD REPORT

Police Chief gave his board report. Mayor requested Chief to budget for body camera replacement in the 2025-2026

DEPARTMENT HEAD BOARD REPORT

Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Levi Boyer

USE OF FUND-LOW SERVICE PUMP

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee Bennett to approve the use of water contingency \$46,523.00 and \$10,000.00 water fund balance to pay Koester for the low service pump at the WTP

CARRIED

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD BOARD REPORT

Cemetery Superintendent Jason Zicari
Superintendent of Public Works James Pahura

SURPLUS

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee McMurray to allow DPW to surplus 8-4500lb air bottles that were at the Fire Department

CARRIED

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD BOARD REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Kinter
 Park & Recreation Director John Grillo
 Animal Control Officer Harry Papponetti

REGULATION FOR VETERINARY SERVICES

Mayor requested Attorney to reach out to NY STATE on regulations necessary for veterinary services when handled by Village Animal Control officer, report at 6/11/2025 meeting

DEPARTMENT HEAD BOARD REPORT

Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Aric Albright
 Clerk-Treasurer Tracy A Vanskiver

BUDGET COMPARISONS

Mayor requested Clerk to show 2024 and 2025 change and percentage

DEPARTMENT HEAD BOARD REPORT

Attorney John C Gavenda

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett at 7:02PM to hear from the public on the consideration of purchasing a full-size rendering, and the purchase of future full-size reindeer statues

CARRIED

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

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

Trustee Riley spoke of the support and importance of “branding” Albion as we are the home of the original Santa Claus School and Santa, Charles Howard. She welcomes any ideas on donations to move forward on project

3 Members from the community spoke in favor of the idea, stating they feel it’s a positive thing for the Village

Trustee Bennett stated he too is in favor but is very aware of the budget constraints the Village is enduring at this time

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee Bennett to close the public hearing at 7:24PM

CARRIED

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

FUNDS FOR REINDEER

Trustee Riley agreed to raise 100% of funds through donations for rendering of Reindeer

INTERNET TOWER

Duston Ellis from North Shores asked Board if they have any questions involving potential internet tower at WTP

DEPT HEAD GOALS

Tabled until 3/12/25

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett approving the minutes for February 12, 2025, with the following corrections:

- WIIA 2-Wendel Project not to exceed \$66,597.00 of water contingency
- Approve meeting minutes to state February 5, 2025
- Pay Invoice, Keeler Construction Co, Inc or \$13,052.21 from Water Fund Balance
- Hiring Secretary II, Alana Piccirilli, add Secretary II
- Bullard Park Cameras...\$13,216.41 to come from General Fund Balance

CARRIED

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

MRAP

Tabled until 3/12/2025

POLICE VEHICLE

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee McMurray to approve the financing of the 2025 Chevy Tahoe for the Police Department through Municipal Leasing Consultants for 3 years, Clerk to investigate if the financing is callable

CARRIED

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

AUCTION POLICE VEHICLE

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to approve auctioning of the police vehicle that the 2025 Chevy Tahoe is replacing in the Police Departments fleet as soon as possible and to use the monies gained to pay towards the financing

CARRIED

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-02

At a meeting of the Village of Albion Board of Trustees held on the 26th day of February 2025 at 6:00PM at 35-37 East Bank Street, Albion, New York at which the following were:

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

Trustee McMurray moved the adoption of the following resolution, Trustee Bennett, seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE, FINANCING AND LEASING OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT OR CAPITAL ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING ALL OTHER ACTIONS

NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED
BY THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion, a body politic and corporate duly organized and existing as a political subdivision of the Village of Albion (the "Lessee"), is authorized by the laws of the State of New York to purchase, acquire and lease personal property for the benefit of the Lessee and its inhabitants and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee desires to purchase, acquire, finance and lease certain equipment with a cost not to exceed \$78,269.22 constituting personal property necessary for the Lessee to perform essential governmental functions (the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, the Lessee proposes to enter into that certain Master Lease Purchase Agreement and Schedule No. 1 thereto (the "Lease"), with Municipal Leasing Consultants, LLC and/or its assigns (or one of its affiliates) (the "Lessor"), the form of which has been available for review by the governing body of the Lessee prior to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Equipment is essential for the Lessee to perform its governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, the funds made available under the Lease will be deposited with pursuant to the terms of that certain Escrow Agreement, among the Lessee, the Lessor and an escrow agent satisfactory to the Lessor and the Lessee (the "Escrow Agreement"; and together with the Lease, the "Financing Documents") and will be applied to the acquisition of the Equipment in accordance with said Escrow Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee has taken the necessary steps, including those relating to any applicable legal bidding requirements, to arrange for the acquisition of the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Lessee deems it for the benefit of the Lessee and for the efficient and effective administration thereof to enter into the Financing Documents and any other documentation necessary, convenient or appropriate for the purpose of the financing the Equipment on the terms and conditions described therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Lessee is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Financing Documents with principal components of rental payments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$78,269.22

Section 2. The Financing Documents and the acquisition and financing of the Equipment under the terms and conditions described in the Financing Documents are hereby approved. The proper officers of the Lessee and any other officer of the Lessee with the power to execute contracts on behalf of the Lessee be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Financing Documents and any and all instruments, documents and certificates which may be required by or provided for in the Financing Documents or as may otherwise be required for or necessary, convenient or appropriate to the financing described in this resolution together with any changes, insertions and omissions therein as may be approved by the officers who execute the Financing Documents, such

approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution and delivery of the Financing Documents. The proper officers of the Lessee and any other officer of the Lessee with the power to do so be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to affix the official seal of the Lessee to the Financing Documents and attest the same.

Section 3. The proper officers of the Lessee be, and each of them hereby is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits and other documents and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this resolution and the Financing Documents.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), the Lessee hereby specifically designates the Lease as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 5. Nothing contained in this resolution, the Lease nor any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the Lessee as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the general credit of the Lessee or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement contained in this resolution, the Lease or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith impose any pecuniary liability upon the Lessee or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the rental payments payable under the Lease are special limited obligations of the Lessee as provided in the Lease.

Section 6. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. All bylaws, orders and resolutions or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any bylaw, order, resolution or ordinance or part thereof.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted and approved by the governing body of the Lessee this 26th day of February 2025.

UPON being put to a vote, the following “AYE” in favor of the foregoing resolution:

- Mayor, Angel Javier Jr-NAY
- Deputy Mayor, Greg Bennett-AYE
- Trustee, William Gabalski-NAY
- Trustee, Greg Bennett-AYE
- Trustee, Timothy McMurray-AYE

This resolution was deemed passed February 26, 2025

CARRIED

Mayor Javier	Nay
Trustee Riley	Aye

Trustee Bennett	Aye
Trustee Gabalski	Nay
Trustee McMurray	Aye

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to schedule the public hearing on discontinuance of fluoridated water on March 26, 2025, at 6:00PM

CARRIED

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

ADVISE TOWNS

Mayor directed Attorney Gavenda to write letters to Towns of possibility of discontinuing fluoridated water

TREASURERS REPORT

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Bennett to accept the January treasurer's report

CARRIED

Mayor Javier	Absent
Trustee Riley	Aye
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

- Increase exp line A0.3120.0422.000 Firearms \$2,160.00
 - From surplus of guns
- Increase exp line A0.7110.0204.000 Cameras \$13,216.41
 - Upstate Alarm
- Increase exp line F0.8320.0402.000 Bldg. & Machinery \$27,000.41
 - Koester (High service pump)
- Decrease exp line F0.1990.0401.000 Contingency \$46,523.00
- Increase exp line F0.8320.0402.000 Bldg. & Machinery \$56,523.00
 - Koester (Low service pump)
 - Remaining \$10K use of reserves or fund balance
- WIIA 1

- Increase exp line H0.8320.0200.010 \$66,975.00 CIR Electrical Construction
- Increase rev line H0.8320.3991.010 \$66,975.00 CIR Electrical Construction

- Increase exp line A0.3120.0203 Police Car \$27,959.78(up to MLC)

- Increase exp line A0.3120.0203 Police Car \$1600.00
- Municipal Leasing Consultants
 - Use of police reserves

- WIIA 2
 - Increase exp line H0.8320.0200.013 \$15,652.02 G&G Grant Writing
 - Increase rev line H0.8320.3991.013 \$15,652.02 9/2024-2/2025

 - Increase rev line A0.0000.2770.000 \$972.58 credit from Lawson Products

CARRIED

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-03

At a meeting of the Village of Albion Board of Trustees held on the 26th day of February 2025 at 6:00PM at 35-37 East Bank Street, Albion, New York at which the following were:

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

Trustee Riley moved the adoption of the following resolution, Trustee Bennett, seconded the motion.

Resolution for Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway
 Nomination
 and Corridor Management Plan Adoption

WHEREAS, the historic qualities of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, as described in the corridor management plan, and the surrounding areas have been appreciated and celebrated for over a century by the residents of New York State, as well as tourists, historians, artists, authors, and other visitors to the region; and it is this unique combination of the journeys of Harriet Tubman and those Freedom Seekers who traveled on the Underground Railroad that create the special sense of place that is vital in telling the New York story of the human desire for freedom and the historic sites they created during their journey to emancipation; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, composed of representatives of 22 municipalities along the proposed scenic byway route, committed to work cooperatively to protect and promote the historic, scenic, recreational, and economic well-being of the 544-mile Corridor throughout the state and agreed to pursue the nomination of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee, each of the 22 counties contributed to the development of this corridor management plan by forming local byway groups, encouraging public participation, and leading individual meetings of the Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, consisting of relatives of Harriet Tubman, descendants of Freedom Seekers, Harriet Tubman and/or Underground Railroad historians, representatives from state and federal agencies has strengthened the historic integrity, representation, and the principles of the corridor management plan; and

WHEREAS, in the process of developing this corridor management plan, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee has strengthened the bonds of inter-municipal cooperation, and the involved entities envision further benefit through scenic byway designation including sustained collaborative progress, increased funding opportunities for recommendations identified in the plan, enhanced partnerships with agencies responsible for the stewardship of resources along and adjacent to the byway route, and an improved transportation experience that preserves, interprets, and promotes the corridor's intrinsic qualities and resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Albion supports the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway which includes programs for stewardship and enhancement of the scenic byway and guidance to manage future activities along its corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Albion confirms that they will not approve any requests for new off-premise outdoor advertising signs along the designated Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway route; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Albion will work in partnership with the other municipalities along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway and local and regional stakeholders in order to support future Byway program development and collaborate with these interested entities to explore opportunities for cooperation and methods to advance the Scenic Byway.

UPON being put to a vote, the following “AYE” in favor of the foregoing resolution:

Mayor, Angel Javier Jr-
Deputy Mayor, Greg Bennett-AYE
Trustee, William Gabalski-AYE
Trustee, Joyce Riley-AYE
Trustee, Timothy McMurray-AYE

This resolution was deemed passed February 26, 2025

CARRIED

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

ICE ISSUE AT FIRE DEPT

Attorney Gavenda to contact Fire District on gutter/ice issue coming off building

OUTSTANDING WATER BILL

Table until 3/26/25

DEPAUL MONIES

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee McMurray to allow Clerk to reimburse Town of Albion for monies received from DePaul for fire and emergency services for a total of \$3000.00

CARRIED

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

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee Gabalski and seconded by Riley to schedule the public hearing on consideration of adopting a Local Law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c for April 9, 2025, at 6:00PM

CARRIED

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

SCHEDULE BUDGET HEARINGS

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to schedule budget hearings the following dates, March 4, March 5, and March 6 all held at 6:00PM

CARRIED

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

ALLOW TRUSTEE TO SIGN DOCUMENTS

Moved by Trustee McMurray and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to allow Trustee Riley to attend and sign documents necessary for the closing of the USDA grants pertaining to the 2 dump/plow trucks

CARRIED

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

GOMOC REQUEST

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to allow GOMOC's clients to use the Village showers behind 121 N Main St, a member from GOMOC will be on site at all times while being used by clients

CARRIED

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

ENTER EXECUTIVE

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee Gabalski to enter executive session at 9:06PM for contractual

CARRIED

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

EXIT EXECUTIVE

Moved by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee McMurray to exit executive session at 9:19PM

CARRIED

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee Gabalski having no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:19PM

CARRIED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A. VanSkiver
Clerk-Treasurer