

**February 12, 2007**

**Alexander Town Board Regular Meeting**

**Alexander Town Hall 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Deputy Supervisor Joseph Higley  
Town Board: Emma Jean Grant, William Hirsch  
H'way Supt: Tom Lowe  
Town Clerk: Laura Schmieder  
Absent: Ruth Hulshoff, William Franz  
Guests: Edwyn Hise, Merlin Kirch-Town Justices; Esther Leadley-County Legislator; William Sivecz-Town Assessor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Higley. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence for our servicemen and women.

On motion by Councilwoman Grant, seconded by Councilman Hirsch, and carried, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2007 meeting as presented. 3 - Yes 0 - No Motion carried

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Public Notice for Ag District No. 1 Review; LUCA workshops announced for 2010 census; GAM agenda for 2/15/07; County Legislature meeting notice & agenda; Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner notice; thank you from Alexander Happy Agers for continued support;

The Hon. Edwyn Hise and Hon. Merlin Kirch presented their Annual Report to the Board. They also wanted to discuss the Safety Inspection that was completed on 2/12/07 by Officer Rob Liotta. We will receive a final written report from the Unified Court System, but there were some areas that the Justices felt could be addressed prior to that. They distributed a report that included these items and answered questions.

County Legislator Esther Leadley report:

- a) Sales Tax agreement not yet signed
- b) Association of Counties sent only one resolution to the State: relief from real property tax
- c) Update on Sheriff's Administration Building-dispatch center

Councilman Hirsch expressed concerns with many trees laying in the Tonawanda Creek, more so since the October snow storm and early 2007 ice storm. When we get a thaw or heavy rain, there will be flooding. He asked if Legislator Leadley would bring this issue before the County to get their suggestions to help alleviate this continuing problem.

Town Assessor William Sivecz gave a detailed explanation of NYS Triennial Aid and the options the Town Board has. He also commented that the Residential Assessment Ratio the Town received from NYS ORPS was in line with neighboring towns. He has updated his office equipment and has offered to purchase the old computer.

**RES. NO. 6: ASSESSOR COMPUTER**

On motion by Councilman Hirsch, seconded by Councilwoman Grant, and carried, to allow William Sivecz to purchase the Gateway computer (with the hard drive swept) for \$200. 3 - Yes 0 - No Motion carried

**REPORTS**

**Insurance**-Supv. Hulshoff received a letter regarding loss at neighboring property

**Highway Supt:**

- a) Supt. Lowe reports that the loader is still smoking and asked the Board for direction. It was decided to keep running it and see what happens.
- b) He has received the county mowing/snow and ice contract-\$4,259/mile
- c) Supt. Lowe distributed the 2006 Transfer Station Review-figures for work performed by Waste Management only. Contract runs out at the end of 2007. Bids will start going out in March for the new waste disposal contract. What does Town Board want for the future.

**RES. NO. 7: COUNTY MOWING/SNOW & ICE CONTRACT**

On motion by Councilwoman Grant, seconded by Councilman Hirsch, and carried, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to sign the County Mowing/Snow & Ice Agreement for 1/2007 - 12/2008. 3 - Yes 0 - No Motion carried

Monthly reports from Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Supervisor Financial were read and filed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Union**-the Health and Hospital Fund Participation Agreements for bargaining and non bargaining employees have been received, signed and sent back.

**Salt Barn Update**-information received from Town Attorney DiMatteo in regard to proposed property purchase; also from Town Engineer Paul Chatfield as to a proposed layout on the property

**NEW BUSINESS**

Because of the harsh winter weather and one incident involving one of our trees, there are concerns regarding the mature trees on the Town Hall property.

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**RES. NO. 8: TREE ASSESSMENT AT TOWN HALL**

On motion by Councilwoman Grant, seconded by Councilman Hirsch, and carried, the Town Board authorized Highway Superintendent Tom Lowe to contact Draves Tree Service to do a tree assessment and estimate for any work that needs to be done. 3 – Yes 0 – No Motion carried

**RES. NO. 9: REQUEST FOR USE OF HALL**

On motion by Councilman Hirsch, seconded by Councilwoman Grant, and carried, to approve the request by Elizabeth Horner to make use of the Town Hall on March 12, 2007 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to work on her Gold Award for Girl Scouts. 3 - Yes 0 – No Motion carried

The Clerk Review was done by Councilman Hirsch for January. Councilman Higley will do this for February.

On motion by Councilwoman Grant, seconded by Councilman Hirsch, and carried, to pay the bills on Abstract #2 as follows:

General Fund A	Vouchers 17 – 43	9,313.34
General Fund B	Vouchers 4 - 11	3,787.03
Highway Fund A	Vouchers 1	2,997.39
Highway Fund B	Vouchers 4 – 32	15,124.27

On motion by Councilman Hirsch, seconded by Councilwoman Grant, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Schmieder, Town Clerk

February 26, 2007: Combined meeting with Planning Board and Wind Energy Committee – 7:30 p.m.  
March 12, 2007: Town Board Regular meeting