

December 10, 2007
Alexander Town Board Regular Meeting
Alexander Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Ruth Hulshoff
Town Board: Joseph Higley, William Franz, Emma Jean Grant, William Hirsch
H'way Supt: Tom Lowe
Town Clerk: Laura Schmieder
Guests: William Schmieder, Karl Bender, Edwyn Hise, Merlin Kirch, David DiMatteo

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

CEO/ZEO Bender talked to the Board about the new state regulations that limit the number of times residents can re-roof their homes. The Town has not required a permit to install a new roof but Karl feels that with the new regulations, limiting it to two (2) without stripping, it should be done for safety reasons. If the Board agrees, he is asking to make the change as of the first of the year. We can advertise in the PennySaver to get the word out to residents.

RES. NO. 73: CHANGE IN FEE SCHEDULE FOR PERMITS

On resolution by Councilperson Higley, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to implement a permit for re-roofing structures, other than new construction, for a fee of \$10, effective 1/01/08.
Yes – 4 Grant, Higley, Franz, Hulshoff No – 1 Hirsch Motion carried

Karl is also in the process of identifying unsightly properties and will be issuing violation notices.

On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Franz, and carried, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2007 Regular meeting and Public Hearing minutes as presented. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Higley, Grant, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

Town Attorney David DiMatteo was present to discuss the latest ambulance contract offered by the City of Batavia. The GAM Task Force met on December 6th and are putting together a Request for Proposals to be ready by December 17th. We should wait to see action what the RFP's bring. Rural Metro and Monroe Ambulance will be receiving them, as well as the City of Batavia. Our Attorney feels it isn't right to ask the Town of Alexander to sign an agreement first and have public hearings on the matter later.

COMMUNICATIONS: GAM minutes-Nov. 15th; Genesee County Legislature agendas; Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours-Holland Land Office

Judge Hise and Judge Kirch were present to discuss the Town Prosecutor position. They feel it has been working quite well, but the time frame is a little extended. They would like to pursue another avenue and are asking the Board to send a letter to the current Town Prosecutor terminating his temporary assignment.

RES. NO. 74: TOWN PROSECUTOR

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Higley, and carried, the Board authorizes Supervisor Hulshoff to forward a letter to Theron Howard to terminate the agreement for his temporary assignment as Town Prosecutor effective December 31, 2007, and to appoint Assistant District Attorney Kevin Finnell to the position as of 1/01/2008. Yes – 5 Hulshoff, Higley, Grant, Franz, Hirsch No – 0 Motion carried

REPORTS:

Highway Supt: a) inspection by DEC last Tuesday-couple minor infractions, one tank not up to code. Need to replace/repair and send a letter to DEC informing them; b) Tom prepared the Expenditure of Highway Funds that needs to be done by the end of the year. Will take action at next Board meeting; c) Supt. Lowe and Councilperson Hirsch met with Village of Attica regarding erosion of banks along Tonawanda Creek; d) discussion of the bids received for a Wheel Loader-3 were received and opened publicly on December 3, 2007:

Five Star Equipment	92,251. (after trade in)	544J John Deere '08
Vantage Equipment	88,510.19 (after trade in)	L70F Volvo '08
Milton Cat	91,763. (after trade in)	928Hz Cat '08

RES. NO. 75: LOADER BID AWARD

On motion by Councilperson Higley, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to move forward with the bid award to Vantage Equipment for a L70F 2008 Volvo, as the bid met the advertised specifications. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Higley, Grant, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

Councilperson Franz left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Town Clerk: a) the boiler at the Town Hall was inspected-looks good; b) the Town Clerk's Office will be closed on December 24 and 25, and also January 1.

Monthly reports from Town Justice, Town Clerk, Supervisor Financial, and Senior Citizens were read and filed.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Salt Barn Update: meeting will be set up in January with Town Engineer Chatfield. Our grant was extended.

Ambulance Agreement:

After lengthy discussions at GAM meetings, and with our Attorney in regards to the proposed contract agreement with the City of Batavia for the Ambulance Service, the following resolution was offered:

RES. NO. 76: AMBULANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Alexander has had an agreement with the City of Batavia to provide an ambulance service to the residents of the Town of Alexander and that agreement with the City of Batavia ends December 31, 2007, and

WHEREAS, in October of 2007, the City of Batavia offered a new agreement that was dramatically different from the 2003 version and two (2) months is not a suitable amount of time to make long term decisions about an ambulance service for the Town of Alexander; and

WHEREAS, the extensions that the City of Batavia has proposed are neither fair nor appropriate.

NOW ON MOTION OF Councilperson Higley, and seconded by Councilperson Grant and with a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Alexander will not sign the agreement as proposed with the City of Batavia before the end of this year and formally requests to extend our current agreement to the end of 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

RES. 77: RESIGNATION FROM BOARD OF REVIEW – WILLIAM SCHMIEDER

On motion by Councilperson Higley, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, to accept, with regret, the resignation from William Schmieder from the Assessment Board of Review, effective December 31, 2007, due to his recent election to the Town Board. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Higley, Grant, Hirsch
0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 78: AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR SHARED MUNICIPAL INCENTIVE GRANT

WHEREAS, the New York Department of State, Division of Local Government service has offered a Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant program to assist local municipalities with funding for shared services, and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting held on December 10, 2007, at the Town of Alexander offices, the Town Board voted by motion to apply for a Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant with the Village of Alexander and Alexander Central School District, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees to designate the Alexander Central School District as Lead Agency regarding this grant with the Village of Alexander and the Alexander Central School District, and the District be responsible for the 10% local share,

NOW ON MOTION OF Councilperson Higley, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, with a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, be it further

RESOLVED, that Alexander School District Superintendent Dick L. Young be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for a Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant with the Town of Alexander, Village of Alexander and Alexander Central School District.

On motion by Councilperson Higley, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried to pay the bills on Abstract #12 as follows:

General Fund A	Vouchers 254 – 287	\$10,917.42
General Fund B	Vouchers 74 - 79	1,829.84
Highway Fund B	Vouchers 238 – 263	14,504.13

On motion by Councilperson Higley, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Schmieder
Town Clerk

End of Year meeting scheduled for 12/26/07 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall
Organizational meeting – January 14, 2008

