December 29, 2008
Alexander Town Board Year End Meeting
Alexander Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Supervisor Ruth Hulshoff
Town Board:	William Franz, Emma Jean Grant, William Schmieder, William Hirsch
H'way Supt:	Thomas Lowe
Town Clerk:	Laura Schmieder
Guests:	Teresa Eddy and Steve Foster-Five Star Bank; Esther Leadley-Co. Legislator

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.

Steve Foster reported that the Five Star Bank was in good financial shape. They did not participate in the sub-prime mortgages that so many other banks did. We have a 3rd party custody agreement with M & T Bank which insures amounts over the FDIC insured rate of $250,000. He went through the Town of Alexander presentation; then he and Teresa Eddy answered questions from the Board.

Unfinished Business:

RES. NO. 54: AMBULANCE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF BATAVIA
On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the "Extension and Modification of Inter-Municipal Ambulance Agreement" between the City of Batavia and the Town of Alexander for 2009 as presented.
5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

Legislator Leadley said that Genesee County does not have intentions of applying for a Certificate of Need for an ambulance service. If the City of Batavia decides to give up the ambulance service outside of the City, they have to provide the service for six to nine months for a transition period.

Salt Barn Update: The Supervisor has received and deposited the $30,000 advance from the Mary Lou Rath member item grant.

New Business:

RES. NO. 55: AUTHORIZATION FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS/TRANSFERS
On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Franz, and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to make such budget transfers/amendments as necessary to balance the accounts for 2008.
5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 56: APPROVAL OF NEW TRANSFER STATION RATES
On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the Town Board has discussed and approved the new rates for the Transfer Station, to include raising the price of a punch card to $20 for a 33 gallon bag, and $50 for a truck load card. The new prices will take effect on January 1, 2009. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

Judge Kirch reports that his Court Clerk, Diane Melven is resigning from the position as of 12/31/2008. He is recommending that Dawn Countermine be appointed as his Clerk as of 1/01/2009. Discussion.

RES. NO. 57: BOILER REPAIR
On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal from Turnbull Heating and Air Conditioning for repair work to the hot water boiler in the Town Hall basement. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 58: AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2009

WHEREAS, all Town Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Section 94 of the Public Officers Law (Public Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexander is considering the adoption of a local law which increases the amount of exemption provided by the state default levels in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of such subdivision 2 of 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, $12,000.00; $8,000.00; and $40,000.00 respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexander finds it in the best interest of the Town of Alexander to hold a public hearing to consider said local law, at which time and place all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed law will be heard.

NOW ON MOTION OF William Franz which has been duly seconded by William Hirsch, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Alexander will hold a public hearing on the 12th day of January 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices of the Town of Alexander, at a regular Town Board meeting to consider a proposed local law entitled, "Repealing Local Law No. 1 of 1985; Local Law No. 2 of 1987; Local Law No. 1 of 1997 and Increasing the State Default Levels of the Alternative Veterans' Exemption Provided by Section 458-a. of the Real Property Tax Law to $18,000/$12,000/$60,000." 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

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RES. NO. 59: AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2009

WHEREAS, all Town Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Section 94 of the Public Officers Law (Public Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexander is considering the adoption of a local law which purpose is to allow a limited exemption from real property taxes for residential real property owned by veterans who rendered military service to the United States during the "Cold War"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexander finds it in the best interest of the Town of Alexander to hold a public hearing to consider said local law, at which time and place all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed law will be heard.

NOW ON MOTION OF William Franz which has been duly seconded by William Hirsch, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Alexander will hold a public hearing on the 12th day of January 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices of the Town of Alexander, at a regular Town Board meeting to consider a proposed local law entitled, "Creating an Exemption from Real Property Taxes for Real Property Owned by Veterans who Rendered Military Service to the United States during the Cold War." 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

Highway Supt. Report:

a) Damage from latest rain and snow melt-off on Molasses Hill, Drybridge, Pike, flooding on Dorman, Old Creek, Cookson, Railroad Ave., Route 20; b) having a problem with one of the trucks-took to a garage who couldn't pinpoint the problem-told to drive it and see what happens or take it to Boyles. It was taken to Boyles who replaced an EGR valve. Tom was told to go where he was comfortable for truck repairs; c) Discussion of the county snow and ice agreement rates-reimbursement rate is up, Tom will bring figures to the next Board meeting.

RES. NO 60: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCK

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order the new plow/salter/sander truck that was included in the 2009 budget. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to pay the bills on Abstract #13 as follows:

General Fund A	Vouchers 277-288	$4,933.54
General Fund B	Vouchers 83- 85	878.96
Highway Fund A	Voucher 16	2,798.77
Highway Fund B	Vouchers 256-274	7,178.76

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Schmieder
Town Clerk

Town Board Regular and Reorganization meeting: January 12, 2009
Planning Board meeting: January 26, 2009