

May 11, 2009

Alexander Town Board Regular 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: Dan Hale-Shepard Maxwell and Hale Insurance; Deborah Conti; Joseph Higley; David DiMatteo and David Roach, Town Attorneys (8:45 pm)

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.

On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Franz, and carried, the minutes from the April 13th regular meeting, and minutes from the April 29th and April 30th special meetings were accepted as presented. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS: Monthly franchise letter from Time Warner, also receipt of annual franchise fee was noted; GAM minutes-4/16/09 and notice of next meeting on 5/21/09; County Legislature agendas; letter and packet of information from Steve Ferry regarding County Legislature terms of office; packet of information from Reality Check of Genesee County asking for consideration to pass a resolution in regard to tobacco advertising; ACS Budget newsletter;

Dan Hale, from Shepard Maxwell and Hale, was present to review our insurance package. He discussed risk exposure and methodology for response to incidents. We should have a risk management policy in place, need to decide on parameters. Municipalities are held to higher standards, market is fairly stable in pricing. Our agent needs to be informed of all incidents, communication is key to a program working well. Cyber liability is an area that's growing. We discussed employee handbooks-AOT may have samples to follow. We need to have policies in place.

REPORTS

CEO/ZEO: Karl sent a written report of permits and inspections for the past month

H'way Supt: a) the truck body and plow are in Watertown; b) asking for authorization to attend Highway School in Ithaca-6/01-3/09; c) starting to work on shoulders on Day Road-ready to seal in early August; d) the Village asked if our highway men could truck loads of stone up behind the school when they start to build a driveway; e) Tom would like to look into purchasing security cameras to be in place at the Highway barns to deter trespassers; f) going to start working on repair to Peaviner Road, again

RES. NO. 19: HIGHWAY SCHOOL

On motion by Councilperson Grant, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, to authorize Tom Lowe to attend 2009 Highway School at Ithaca College from June 1 – 3, 2009, with costs to be paid by the Town. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

Town Clerk Report: a) the WNY Alzheimer's Assoc. had use of our Town Hall on May 5 to talk with residents. They will return on July 6; b) the 2010 census workers have used our building for meetings on 3 occasions, their preliminary work is almost finished; c) Lift-Avator will be here soon for their bi-annual inspection of the elevator; d) I attended the Southern Tier West Local Gov't conference on May 6th-much information; e) the Town Clerk's office will be closed on Memorial Day

Tax Collector: The Clerk presented the final report to the Board for the annual audit of the tax season.

Senior Citizen: upcoming trip to Salamanca on May 27

Dog Control: the enumerator has begun her census taking

The monthly financial reports from the Town Justice, Town Clerk and Supervisor were reviewed and filed.

OLD BUSINESS

Salt Barn Update: a letter from Paul Chatfield was shared with the Board. Also, Stuart Brown's office has reported that we will not have to re-apply for Senator Rath line-item appropriation funding if not used by July 31st.

Union: No report

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. 20: RESIGNATION OF TOWN ASSESSOR

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 Clerk, on May 1, 2009 received a letter of resignation from the Town's Assessor, William Sivecz; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Town Law, Section 26, any town officer may submit a resignation in writing to the Town Clerk effective on the delivery to the Town Clerk or on the date set in the resignation, if under thirty (30) days from delivery.

NOW ON MOTION of William Franz which has been duly seconded by Emma Jean Grant, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Alexander hereby authorizes the Supervisor to accept the resignation of William Sivecz as Assessor for the Town of Alexander effective May 1, 2009.

5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Resolution carried

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RES. NO. 21: EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Supervisor Hulshoff, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person. 5 – Yes
Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

The Board returned from executive session at 9:25 p.m. on motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried with a vote of 5 – 0.

RES. NO. 22: APPOINT TOWN ASSESSOR FOR REMAINDER OF 2009

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, the Town Board does appoint Deborah Conti, effective 5/11/09, to Assessor for the Town of Alexander serving out the remainder of 2009 at a salary of \$8,516.92. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 23: APPOINT TOWN ASSESSOR TO FILL REMAINING TERM OF OFFICE

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the Town Board does appoint Deborah Conti to the position of Sole Assessor for the Town of Alexander, effective May 11, 2009, for the remaining term vacated by William Sivecz, term expiring September 30, 2013.
5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 24: EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, to enter into executive session beginning at 10:15 and ending at 10:26 on motion by Councilperson Grant, seconded by Councilperson Schmieder, and carried.

Petitions for creating/expanding water district were presented to the Town Board by persons representing Bowen Road, Alexander-Darien Townline Road, and Route 238. The Board will investigate the next steps.

RES. NO. 25: SEEK BOND COUNSEL FOR SALT STORAGE FACILITY

On motion by Supervisor Hulshoff, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to re seek proposals for bond counsel to the Town in connection with the construction of a salt storage facility and associated road improvements. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 26: LIST OF SURPLUS ITEMS

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to prepare a list of equipment and supplies that need to be declared surplus and return this list to the Supervisor for action at the next Board meeting. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 27: WASTE MANAGEMENT TOTE AT TOWN HALL

On motion by Supervisor Hulshoff, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to cancel the Waste Management tote that is at the Town Hall. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 28: CARPET CLEANING AT TOWN HALL

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to contact Clean Sweep Janitorial Services to set up a date to clean the Town Hall carpets. 5 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Franz, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Franz, and carried, to pay the bills on Abstract #5 as follows:

General Fund A	Vouchers 87 – 108	\$7,867.45
General Fund B	Vouchers 23 - 28	3,340.04
Highway Fund A	Vouchers 4 - 5	1,809.79
Highway Fund B	Vouchers 77 - 98	13,542.23
Highway Fund H	Voucher 5	1,737.00

On motion by Councilperson Franz, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Schmieder
Town Clerk

