

October 13, 2009

**Alexander Town Board Regular Meeting
Alexander Town Hall 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Ruth Hulshoff
Town Board: Emma Jean Grant, William Schmieder, William Hirsch
H'way Supt: Thomas Lowe
Town Clerk: Laura Schmieder
Absent: William Franz
Guests: Walt Gaesser, Town Accountant; Joseph Higley, Roy Haller, John Meier-residents; Steve Ognibene, Lance Scharlau-Alex. Fire Dept; David DiMatteo (8:30)

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 Schmieder, and carried, the minutes of the September 14, 2009 regular meeting, and September 22 and 28, 2009 budget workshops were accepted as presented. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS: Thank you letter from Benjamin Tyx for Eagle Scout project support; Association of Towns and DEC notices in regard to open burning regulations; Gen. County Legislature agendas; Monthly franchise letter from Time Warner; Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Meeting notice; Letchworth State Park schedule; October Business After Hours

Steve Ognibene and Lance Scharlau were at this meeting to discuss their budget and fund raising activities. The Fire Department is hoping to replace a truck and they are actively working on grants to cover some of this expense. They have applied for and received many grants in the last few years, and are actively working on others to offset expenses. The ambulance is now 10 years old and will need to be replaced in the future. New this year is that prize winners have to pay sales tax on any prizes over \$1,000. They also discussed call volume-it is greater in the Town than in the Village. There have been 210 calls so far in 2009.

REPORTS:

CEO/ZEO: Written report turned in by Karl. He gave us an update on permits and also on a complaint he received.

H'way Supt: a) The '89 AutoCar was sent to auction this past week. It was sold, the plates turned in and insurance company contacted; b) researching information on the generators-waiting for estimate to hook up at the Town Hall; c) hauling sand and salt to prepare for winter;

Town Clerk: a) The Town Hall was switched from air conditioning to heat; b)bulbs have been purchased for exit lights; c) very busy September with sale of hunting licenses; d) the Clerk's office will be closed on 11/11/09 for Veterans' Day and 11/26 and 27/09 for Thanksgiving as in past years.

Building: 2 companies have expressed interest in our project. The Supervisor will contact them for clarification.

GAM: The agenda for the 10/15 meeting was distributed

Senior Citizen: Councilperson Grant gave a report on the Chicago trip and told us of the upcoming trip to Kitchener, Ontario.

OLD BUSINESS:

Salt Barn: We have advertised for bids to be opened on 11/02/09 at 10 am. Tom will talk to the County about ordering the cement bridge. He will find out if we can order the gravel now to be delivered next spring. We sent the original bond to the DOT and they will hold it until the driveway work is completed. We have included monies in the budget for the salt barn but won't know exact figures until the bids are opened and we know what we have to borrow and at what interest rate.

Union: The committee will be meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Water Districts Update: The Feasibility Study is not completed as yet. When Chatfield Engineers finish with this, they will call a public hearing. The Clerk will advertise at that time.

NEW BUSINESS:

RES. NO. 48: PRELIMINARY BUDGET

On motion by Supervisor Hulshoff, seconded by Councilperson Schmieder, and carried, to accept the Preliminary Budget as presented. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 49: APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING

On motion by Councilperson Grant, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, to approve the liability for the Alexander Tax Collector for the 2010 tax collection period pursuant to Town Law of the State of New York. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 50: RE-APPOINT BARB SPRING TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

On motion by Councilperson Grant, seconded by Councilperson Schmieder, and carried, to re-appoint Barb Spring to the Board of Assessment Review with a term of 10/01/2009 to 9/30/2014. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

There was discussion as to the Assessor's hours.

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The next budget workshop will be October 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Councilperson Grant, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, to pay the bills on Abstract #10 as follows:

General Fund A	Vouchers 216 – 233	\$11,709.74
General Fund B	Vouchers 65 - 73	3,930.11
Highway Fund A	Vouchers 10 - 11	4,078.92
Highway Fund B	Vouchers 184 – 207	70,613.36
Highway Fund H	Vouchers 10- 12	1,680.02

On motion by Councilperson Schmieder, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Schmieder
Town Clerk