

November 9, 2009

Alexander Town Board Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

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
Guests: Residents: Brenda Post, Joseph Higley, John Meier, Roy Haller, James Hess, Allan Merle; Audrey and Joanna Huntz; Chris Gallegos, YNN TV station

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.

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Councilman William Franz. He had been an active member of the Town Board since 2004 and involved with various and committees since 1993. He will be greatly missed.

On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried the minutes of the October 13, 2009 regular meeting and the October 20, 2009 budget workshop were accepted as presented. 4 – Yes 0 – No Motion carried

The Clerk read the Notices of Publication for Public Hearings which were published on October 29, 2009. The Public Hearings were opened for comments. The Supervisor noted that the Board has worked very hard to put this budget together and to increase taxes by under 5 cents per thousand.

COMMUNICATIONS: GAM agenda for 11/19 meeting at Byron Hotel and minutes from Oct. meeting; Franchise letter from Time Warner with a change in programming; Gen. County Legislature agendas; Gen. County Soil and Water notice of meeting-12/02 at Corfu Fire Dept; Information from Mercy Flight EMS; Notice of Gen. County Smart Growth Plan Biannual Review and Report; ACS newsletter;

REPORTS:

Water Districts: A meeting was held with officials from the Towns of Alexander and Darien, and the Town Engineer and Attorney at the Darien Town Hall on November 5th. Grantwriter Stu Brown was also in attendance. Paul Chatfield reviewed the feasibility studies that were completed on the Route 98 area and also the Route 20 area. He will be presenting his findings to the residents of the Route 98 area on December 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Alexander Town Hall. Information will be sent to these residents.

Highway Supt: a) busy getting equipment ready for winter; b) the railroad tracks on Stroh and Maplewood Roads have been removed and the road repaired; c) finishing loose ends from summer work; d) this past Friday morning-Tom salted the bridges and parking lots with his pick-up due to the light snowfall; e) the County is replacing the bridge on Hunn Road-still scheduled for this fall-the road will be closed for approx. a week.

Town Clerk: a) Sunday, Nov. 1st the Clerk's office was open to issue doe tags from 9 to Noon-good response; b) Election Day went well-no problems with voting machines; c) the Clerk has received notice of foreclosure on properties in the Town and Village; d) the Clerk has issued appearance tickets to residents for unlicensed dogs; e) the Clerk's office is closed on Nov. 26 and 27.

Supervisor Financial: a) quarterly sales tax check received; b) 2009 triennial aid application received; c) checks for County mowing and sale of truck at auction received; d) discussed Capital H Fund

Monthly financial reports for Town Clerk, Town Justice and Supervisor were read and filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Salt Barn Update: There was a pre-bid meeting for contractors on October 30th, bid opening was on November 2nd

NEW BUSINESS:

RES. NO. 53: FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the public hearing for discussion on the 2010 Fire Protection Contract with the Alexander Fire Department was closed at 9:00 pm, and it was moved to approve the Fire Protection Contract in the amount of \$71,746 for 2010. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 54: ALEXANDER TOWN BUDGET FOR 2010

On motion by Supervisor Hulshoff, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the public hearing for discussion on the Alexander Town Budget for 2010 was closed at 9:00 pm, and it was also moved to adopt the preliminary budget as presented. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

A copy of the summary page is attached to these minutes.

RES. NO. 55: SALT BARN BID AWARD

On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, it was moved to table the decision to award the bid for the construction of the salt barn until further notice. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

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RES. NO. 56: TOWN HALL ROOF

On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to accept the price from R. A. Haitz for work to be done on our Town Hall upper roof, with the work and prices to be broken down into three phases. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

RES. NO. 57: EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Supervisor Hulshoff, seconded by Councilperson Schmieder, and carried, to enter into executive session at 9:10 pm to discuss labor contract negotiations. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Schmieder, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

Executive session ended at 10:00 p.m.

The Clerk was asked to place an announcement in the Daily to ask for letters of interest to fill the vacant Board seat. These letters should be returned by December 9th. Discussion for a memorial for William Franz took place.

On motion by Councilperson Schmieder, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to pay the bills on Abstract #11 as follows:

General Fund A	Vouchers 234 – 254	\$ 6,162.24
General Fund B	Vouchers 74 - 80	1,851.34
Highway Fund A	Vouchers 12 - 13	2,946.81
Highway Fund B	Vouchers 208 - 228	13,289.86
Highway Fund H	Vouchers 13 - 15	5,859.86

On motion by Councilperson Schmieder, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Schmieder
Town Clerk