

June 14, 2010

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

Present: Supervisor Ruth Hulshoff
Town Board: Joseph Higley, Emma Jean Grant, William Hirsch
H'way. Supt: Tom Lowe
Town Clerk: Laura Schmieder
Absent: William Schmieder
Guests: Dan Hale-Shepard, Maxwell & Hale Insurance; David DiMatteo (8:00 p.m.); Residents-
See sign in sheet at Town Clerk's Office

Due to approximately 40 residents in attendance, the meeting was moved to the upstairs conference room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Hulshoff, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence for our servicemen and women.

On motion by Councilperson Higley, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch and carried, to approve the May 3 Special meeting minutes as presented. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Higley, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

On motion by Councilperson Hirsch, seconded by Councilperson Grant, and carried, to approve the May 10 regular meeting minutes as presented. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Higley, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

On motion by Councilperson Grant, seconded by Councilperson Higley, and carried, to approve the May 13 public hearing minutes as presented. 4 – Yes Hulshoff, Grant, Higley, Hirsch 0 – No Motion carried

Dan Hale, our Town insurance agent from Shepard, Maxwell and Hale, was present to discuss our current insurance package. He talked about labor and materials calculated for replacement on hard property (structures), also content property (electronic equipment, highway trucks and equipment). Cyber liability is a new area of concern. Areas of discussion were the new construction of the salt barn and possible water districts. A meeting with Dan Hale and the Town Board should take place in the near future to compose a written contract for additional insureds, to hold harmless and indemnify the Town of Alexander.

Supervisor Hulshoff welcomed the residents that were in attendance. She explained that this was not a public hearing but a public discussion on their concerns. The consensus is as follows:

- when residents received their assessment increases, no information was provided, i.e. comparable sales, assessment inventory sheets
- when asked for the reasons why they were raised, no answers were provided
- why were certain properties targeted for re-assessment in 2010 when we had a town wide reassessment in 2009
- properties that received revised assessments seemed to be selected at random
- what can the Town Board do for us?
- what is a data package?
- increase tax rate for Alexander instead of raising assessments
- the Board of Assessment Review is to be commended for their work on Grievance Day
- many residents who spoke have been community members for years and would like to continue to reside in Alexander but may not be able to with increased expense in taxes due to raised assessments
- some notices were received late as they were addressed incorrectly and lessened time to prepare for Grievance Day
- BAR to meet this week and determination letters will be sent out within a week

David DiMatteo asked everyone in attendance to please put their comments and concerns in writing for the Town Board to address and to submit them within 30 days. Supervisor Hulshoff welcomed the residents to attend any Town Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: letter from ACS that Rich Guarino is the re-elected School Board Member; correspondence from the Chamber of Commerce –Batavia Muckdogs Pep Dog Rally; County Legislature agendas; Soil & Water newsletter distributed; Office for the Aging newsletter; G/FLRPC information;

REPORTS

CEO/ZEO:Karl submitted a written report

Town Clerk: a) furnace rebate check received; b) Center for Independent Living inspected the Firemen's Rec Hall for voting purposes; c) Local Law #1 of 2010 was filed in Albany; d) ACS 4th graders had a tour of the Museum

Town Clerk Review: Councilperson Grant did the review, report filed in Clerk's office

Building Committee: Supervisor will contact Haitz again to begin roof work; landscaping started at Hall

H'way Supt: a) need letter sent to State that Town will accept the County working on our driveway under our Perm-17. Tom will send our Insurance Agent a copy of the Shared Services Agreement with the County; b) some roadwork is being done-Gilhooly and Day Roads; c) working at salt barn site-hope to have Park Lane in there by end of month-weather permitting; d) letter from the State in regard to deferred comp to employees-no cost to the Town; e) Fire Department parade will be 7/10 at 3:30 in the afternoon

Supervisor: a) mortgage tax check received for \$8,253; b) the Village sent their financial support for Senior Citizen program;

Youth: Youth workers will meet this week at the Hall to complete paperwork

Senior Citizen: going on Grand Island trip tomorrow

Dog Control: one quarter of the Town has been completed

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OLD BUSINESS:

Water District Update: Route 98-income surveys have been received by Stu Brown Assoc. the second time-they are also working on the water sampling results; Route 20-income surveys received by the Clerk have been sent to Stu Brown Assoc; Pike Road-Batavia will be ready late summer-we will be contacted at that time. Our costs will be legal fees only as Alexander will set up their own water district.

Salt Barn Update: a) working on sub-grade for driveway, will rent a roller as our roller is out of commission. b) need Verizon easement. It was received and will be processed tomorrow; c) the temporary driveway easement was received by the Town; d) the highway workers have been busy putting a temporary driveway in place; e) Tom is asking the Board to decide on an electric service for the salt shed-200 amp service or heavier 3-phase. Also to decide-underground or overhead. They will discuss these things and decide by the July meeting.

Union Update: No report

Fire Chief Steve Ognibene sent a request by Alexander EMS asking the Town Board to allow Alexander EMS to participate in the Genesee County Self Insurance. The Board will look into this prior to the July meeting.

On motion by Councilperson Higley, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, to pay the bills on Abstract #6 as follows:

General Fund A	Vouchers	104 – 128	\$ 8,219.12
General Fund B	Vouchers	26 - 34	25,723.79
Highway Fund A	Vouchers	7 - 8	4,629.51
Highway Fund H	Voucher	8	24.00
Highway Fund B	Vouchers	77 - 97	112,549.67

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Schmieder
Town Clerk