

**TOWN OF ALMA REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
August 14, 2019**

<b>Members of</b>	<b>the Town Board:</b>	<b>Also Present:</b>	
Supervisor:	Ronald Staedt	Town Clerk:	Michelle Staedt (abs)
Deputy Sup:	Karen Linza	Deputy Town Clerk:	Jan Baldwin
Councilperson:	Vincent Bock (abs)	Bookkeeper:	Michelle Dunbar
Councilperson:	Robert Warboys	Hwy. Sup't:	Dan Ford
Councilperson:	Beverly Root	Deputy Hwy. Sup't:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Alma was **called to order at 6:00PM** in the Town Hall by Ronald Staedt.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Karen Linza to accept the July 2, 2019 minutes with changes, **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Beverly Root.

**Ayes:** 4, Staedt, Linza, Warboys, Root                      **Nays:** 0                      **MOTION CARRIED**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Clerk's Report:** as presented

**Highway Report:** as presented. Dan Ford was asked if he wanted to read the highway report. Dan Ford did so and then, thanked the highway crew and their wives for providing the donuts and water for the day the other towns worked with our highway crew, sharing services.

**Justice:** as presented

**Code Enforcement Report:** as presented

**Dog Control Report:** as presented

**Planning Board:** Beverly Root asked about the planning board. Karen Linza noted that letters of interest are coming in. The position will be reposted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Karen Linza made the motion for the Town Supervisor to **sign the Shared Assessor's Agreement**. The motion was **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Ron Staedt.

**Ayes:** 4, Staedt, Linza, Warboys, Root                      **Nays:** 0                      **MOTION CARRIED**

**Town Supervisors of Alma, Amity, Wellsville, Andover, Friendship and Willing, have been meeting for the last 6 months, creating a Tax Assessor Consortium.** The assessor will be available at the Wellsville Tax Assessor's Office 5 days per week from 8am to 4pm. He will have 2 assistants. The cost savings to all of the 6 towns will be equal. Ron Staedt said that initially, the budgeted cost of property parcel assessment was \$12 per parcel. The cost was actually about \$11.50. At the time of revaluation/reassessment, it changed to \$43 per parcel. **With the new agreement, the new assessment rate from now through the 6 year agreement will be \$10.50 per parcel.** There will be a rotation of reassessment for each of the 6 towns over 6 years. **Our scheduled reassessment will be in 4 years and will be \$10.50 per parcel.** Karen Linza made the motion to **appoint Timothy Joseph Dannheim of Wellsville as Tax Assessor for the term of 6 years (October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to September 30th, 2025).** He was an apprentice for the Northern Tax Assessors Consortium out of Rushford and has the required education and training for the job. We have always shared an assessor with Wellsville but, we have no provisions to afford to set up our own Tax Assessor. He can come here if you'd like to meet him. He is able to operate wherever there is laptop computer connectivity and handicap access.

**NEW BUSINESS continued:** Ron Staedt seconded Karen’s motion to appoint Timothy Joseph Danheim.  
Ayes: 4, Staedt, Linza, Warboys, Root Nays: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Paula Clayson asked to speak. She wanted to know if the board was going to open the “Community Comments” back up into the meetings as it is good for the community to be approachable. She also asked about hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> highway worker and if there was proof that the board needed to cut the 3<sup>rd</sup> highway worker’s position. She and some other people feel that if the town doesn’t have the 3<sup>rd</sup> highway worker, there’ll be accidents and lawsuits, particularly during the plowing season. Ron Staedt indicated that there is no required personnel level per the contract. Karen Linza said that the board will take the request under advisement. It was asked if Dan Ford’s scrap money was recorded and receipted. Ron Staedt said that it had been and the check was forwarded to MYMIR.

Ron Staedt noted that Steve Dickerson is doing a fantastic job on building the deck at the town park.

Karen Linza made the **motion to pay the Abstract #8 General Fund and Highway Fund bills**. The motion was seconded by Ron Staedt.

**General Fund:** Claim No. 112-126 in the amount of \$2,528.53

**Highway Fund:** Claim No. 103-113 in the amount of \$5,279.17

Ayes: 4, Staedt, Linza, Warboys, Root Nays: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Karen Linza made the motion to go into executive session for a litigation phone conference with the Town Attorney. The motion was seconded by Ron Staedt.

Ayes: 4, Staedt, Linza, Warboys, Root Nays: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Karen Linza made the motion to go back into the regular session after the litigation phone conference with the lawyer. The motion was seconded by Ron Staedt.

Ayes: 4, Staedt, Linza, Warboys, Root Nays: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion** to adjourn at 6:45pm by Beverly Root, , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Warboys

**Ayes:** 4 Staedt, Linza, Warboys, Root **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 3rd, 2019.

Submitted by Deputy Town Clerk, Jan I Baldwin.....August 21st, 2019

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