

**TOWN OF ALMA REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 7, 2020**

Members of	the Town Board:	Also Present:	
Supervisor:	Ronald Staedt	Town Clerk:	Michelle Staedt
Deputy Sup:	Vinny Bock	Deputy Town Clerk:	Karen Linza (abs)
Councilperson:	Beverly Root	Bookkeeper:	Michelle Dunbar
Councilperson:	Steve Dickerson	Hwy. Sup't:	Dan Ford
Councilperson:	Gerald Currier	Deputy Hwy. Sup't:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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

New board members Steve Dickerson and Jerry Currier had already been sworn in.

2020 Appointments: List read by Ron Staedt. Added names for Assessment board are William Cox and Lisa Darling. Motion to accept the 2020 Appointments by Vinny Bock, 2nd by Jerry Currier.

Ayes: 5, Staedt, Bock, Root, Dickerson, Currier Nays: 0 Motion Carried

2020 Appointments that do not need board approval were read by Ron Staedt.

Shaun Taylor addressed the board on the Laws of Discovery. Mr. Taylor read the year end review of the Allentown Fire Dept. Mr. Taylor invited the board to the Allentown FD Annual Dinner on January 25, 2020 at Off Duty Restaurant.

Question was presented about the two deputy town clerks. Ron Staedt said that it is up to the town clerk to appoint her deputies. Then Steve Dickerson questioned the town clerk's salary.

Also, in question by Steve Dickerson was the informational officer and a Facebook response and to reconsider the appointment of the informational officer. Steve Dickerson stated that if duties are being performed by the informational officer and not the town clerk, then the cost of the informational officer should be deducted from the Town Clerks salary.

Financial Balance sheets were given to all board members, monthly as usual.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: tabled till February

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: as presented

Highway Report: Read by Dan Ford. Dan Ford did a little research on payroll, a company in Wellsville (Fox Financial Certified Payroll company), and they are willing to do the highway payroll for \$100.00 per month/\$1200.00 per year. It will stop the issues of the payroll is having. Employees are getting letters from retirement. Michelle Dunbar stated that she needs to get these letters to resolve the issue. Also mentioned is Michelle Dunbar working from home instead of town hall. Other issues will be discussed at a later time. Meeting moved on.

Justice: as presented

Code Enforcement Report: as presented

Dog Control Report: none

Mileage was questioned by Steve Dickerson, which in turn handed out a copy of a form that could be used to report mileage. A suggestion from Vinny Bock to come up with Policies and Procedures. Then there were questions on receipts handed in for Clothing allowance.

General Fund: Claim No. 166-177, in the amount of \$11,459.18

Highway Fund: Claim No. 147-153, in the amount of \$7,438.08

In question also is for money spent on lunch and gas, but when receipts are handed in for water for the highway department. After a heated discussion, and reviewing of the bills, a motion was asked for paying the bills, except for the vouchers for clothing allowance, until board can review them.

Motion to pay the General and Highway bills, with the exception of the receipts received from the highway department employees for clothing allowance by Vinny Bock, 2nd by Beverly Root.

Ayes: 5 - Staedt, Bock, Root, Dickerson, Currier **Nays:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Jerry Currier suggested that there be a line item put in for the shared services. Michelle Dunbar stated that it is against the law.

Old business: none

New business: none

Motion to adjourn at 6:53pm by Vinny Bock, 2nd by Beverly Root

Ayes: 4 - Staedt, Bock, Root, Dickerson **Nays:** 1 - Currier **MOTION CARRIED**

Next board meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

Submitted by Michelle J. StaedtFebruary 4, 2020

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