

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion was held Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Village Hall, 35 East Bank Street, Albion New York.

Present were Mayor Eileen S Banker, Trustees Christopher Barry, Stanley Farone, Gary L Katsanis and Attorney John C Gavenda. Trustee Zachary Burgess was absent. Also, in attendance were Superintendent of Public Works James Pahura, Provisional Chief Dave Mogle, Fire Chief Rob Conner, Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Aric Albright, Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Sheehan, Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Adam Rush, Animal Control Officer Harry Papponetti and Cemetery Supervisor Jason Zicari. There were 6 residents present.

Mayor Banker opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00 PM.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The Board of Trustees received monthly reports for February from Superintendent of Public Works James Pahura, Provisional Chief David Mogle, Fire Chief Rob Conner, Animal Control Officer Harry Papponetti, Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Sheehan, Cemetery Supervisor Jason Zicari, Village Clerk Linda Babcock, Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Adam Rush and Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Aric Albright.

APPROVED TO INCREASE LINES

Moved by Trustee Katsanis and seconded by Trustee Barry approving to increase A2650 (Sale of Scrap) and A3120.0422 (Firearms) \$1050.00, funds received for the sale of surplus police equipment.

CARRIED

4 Ayes

0 Nays

REQUESTED JOBS FOR WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

Trustee Barry requested a list of jobs and hours needed for such jobs from Department Heads for a work release program at the prison.

APPROVED 14659 ZIG ZAG RD SEWER CONNECT

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Barry approving 14659 Zig Zag Road to connect to Village sanitary sewer pending payment of fees and Attorney Gavenda's letter to home owner.

CARRIED

3 Ayes

0 Nays

Trustee Barry

1 abstained

Trustee Farone

Trustee Katsanis

Mayor Banker

APPROVED MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Katsanis and seconded by Trustee Farone that in as much as each member received copies of the minutes of March 9, 2022 and there being no errors/corrections, minutes are hereby approved as written.

CARRIED

4 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED PAYMENT TO OSBORN REED & BURKE LLP

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Barry approving payment of \$33.00 to Osborn Reed & Burke LLP for services rendered February 1, 2022.

CARRIED

4 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED USAGE OF VILLAGE ELECTRIC

Moved by Trustee Barry and seconded by Trustee Farone approving the Strawberry Festival Committee to use Village electric on East Bank Street for the Strawberry Festival on June 9th through June 13th.

CARRIED

4 Ayes

0 Nays

APPROVED PAYMENT TO ELECTION INSPECTORS

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Barry approving payment to the following Election Inspectors from the election held March 15th, 2022:

Shirley Nigro	\$138.60 (10 ½ hours)
Beth Schmidt	\$105.60 (8 hours)
Denise Cornick	\$138.60 (10 ½ hours)
Lillian Neal	\$138.60 (10 ½ hours)

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVED PAYMENT TO KAESER

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Katsanis approving Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator Adam Rush to purchase a new air compressor from Kaeser due to the old one no longer working. Total payment of \$28,418.00, 60% of cost is covered by the WIIA 1 grant, the Village's share will be \$11,367.20.

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVED SIGNAGE AT BULLARD PARK

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Katsanis approving signage to be posted at the beginning of the Bullard Park walking trail as "The Judy Christopher and Wayne Burlison Memorial Walking Trail".

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2022-5 AIM FUNDING

The following Resolution 2022-5 was proposed by Trustee Katsanis who moved its adoption and seconded by Trustee Barry:

Calling for an Increase in AIM Funding

Whereas, AIM funding plays a pivotal role in funding essential municipal services such as water, sewer, public works, police, fire and ambulance for cities and villages across New York State and,

Whereas, the State has not increased AIM funding in 13 years and,

Whereas, inflation has eroded AIM funding by roughly 29% over that time period and,

Whereas, the New York State Conference of Mayors and nearly 400 of its members have signed onto a letter to the Governor requesting an inflationary increase of \$210 million in AIM funding and,

Whereas, the Governor's Executive Budget proposed keeping AIM funding flat and,

Whereas, the New York State Senate and Assembly have included increases of \$210 million and \$150 million, respectively, to AIM funding in their one-house budgets and,

Whereas, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Albion Board of Trustees urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2022-23 adopted State Budget.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Robert Ort, Assemblymember Stephen Hawley and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVED MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Katsanis approving Mayor Banker to sign the agreement with retiree Linda Babcock regarding health insurance benefits.

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVED PAYMENT PLAN

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Barry approving a payment plan for a water/sewer bill for 235 East State Street for 10/1/21-1/3/22 usage.

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVED INSURANCE RENEWAL

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Barry approving the Insurance Renewal from The Northwoods Corporation for the Village of Albion Fire Department.

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVED CEMETERY DEEDS

Moved by Trustee Barry and seconded by Trustee Farone approving Mayor Banker to sign the following cemetery deeds:

Veronica Barajas	S.G. 518 Deerfield Avenue
Deborah A. Denson	S.G. 1844 East Greenbank Avenue

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Trustees received correspondence from Mary O’Sullivan stating she is eligible to retire in 2022-2023 fiscal year.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Trustee Katsanis and seconded by Trustee Farone that there being no further business, meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:41 PM.

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays

Minutes also taken by Alison Boring.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K Babcock
Clerk-Treasurer