

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion was held Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at the Village Hall, 35 East Bank Street, Albion, New York.

Present were Mayor Dean A London, Trustees Eileen S Banker, Stanley Farone, Mattea Navarra, Pete Sidari and Attorney John C Gavenda. Also present were Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Aric Albright and Superintendent of Public Works Todd Sargent. There were 17 resident/students present.

Mayor London opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 PM.

DENIED REQUEST FROM RESIDENT

The Board of Trustees denied the request from Paul Roberts to remove the penalties from his sewer bill he claims he never received.

APPROVED TO LOAN SURPLUS FLASHLIGHTS

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Navarra approving the request from Chief Nenni to loan 10 StreamLight SL20 flashlights to various Orleans County Fire Departments in need of the lights.

CARRIED

4 Ayes	0 Nays
Trustee Sidari	
Trustee Navarra	
Trustee Sidari	1 Abstained
Mayor London	Trustee Banker

APPROVED PAYMENT OUT OF RESERVES

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Banker approving the Pollution Control Plant Chief Operator Aric Albright's request to pay Plant-IQ \$4,705.80 to be paid out of Sewer Reserves.

CARRIED

5 Ayes	0 Nays
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ELECTRIC MESSAGE BOARDS

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti informed the Board of Trustees that he will be working on the code regarding electronic message boards.

RESIDENT RE: ALLEN ROAD PRESSURE

The Superintendent of Public Works Todd Sargent informed the Board of Trustees that the engineer is drawing the plans for Village residents to hook into the Town line on Allen Road to help with the water pressure problem on the north side.

WATER BILL

The Clerk will have the numbers for the Workshop Meeting showing the revenue that would be lost if billing was based on consumption and not minimums.

LAND TO DUMP LEAVES, BRUSH AND SNOW

Attorney Gavenda and Mayor London are working on land that the Village would like to purchase to dump leaves, brush and snow at.

PT WTP OPERATOR POSITION

The Board of Trustees tabled the request from Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Kevin Miller to hire a part-time operator.

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

Attorney Gavenda is fine tuning the Intermunicipal Meter Agreements and will have them ready for the Board of Trustees to review at the Workshop Meeting.

TOWN OF ALBION INVOICE

Mayor London and Town of Albion Supervisor Matt Passarell are discussing what the invoice for Bullard Park will include so the Clerk can bill the Town for 2016.

MOBILITE REQUEST

The Board of Trustees tabled the request from Mobilitie LLC to place a pole in the Village's right-of-way on the corner of West Academy Street and Washington Street. Attorney Gavenda is not comfortable with the verbiage in the agreement. Also, the Board of Trustees is waiting to hear back from them regarding placing the pole in a different location, possibly at the Department of Public Works or on the Village land behind TOPS Supermarket.

DOWNTOWN PARKING

The Superintendent of Public Works Todd Sargent and Police Chief Roland Nenni will be meeting to come up with a plan regarding downtown parking.

ACCEPTED TREASURERS REPORT

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Banker accepting the Treasurer's Report for December 2016.

CARRIED

5 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVED MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Navarra that in as much as each member received copies of the minutes of December 28, 2016 and there being no errors or omissions, minutes are hereby approved as written.

CARRIED

4 Ayes 0 Nays
Trustee Farone
Trustee Navarra
Trustee Sidari 1 Abstained
Mayor London Trustee Banker

APPROVED PAYMENT OF VILLAGE BILLS

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Farone approving payment of the following Village bills:

General	Voucher #25946	\$52,788.78
Water	to #26114	\$12,361.42
Sewer		\$ 8,227.03

CARRIED

5 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVED PAYMENT TO DONEGAN

Moved by Trustee Navarra and seconded by Trustee Sidari approving payment to Bernard P Donegan Inc in the amount of \$859.34 for the following services:

JMPCF	\$509.34
FMS/CDU	\$350.00

CARRIED

5 Ayes 0 Nays

APPROVED CEMTERY DEEDS

Moved by Trustee Farone and seconded by Trustee Banker approving Mayor London sign the following Cemetery Deeds:

Scott P Neri	S.G. 610/611 Deerfield Avenue
Antonio L Jones	S.G. 646 Deerfield Avenue
Maura Anne Curtis-Moy	Lot 558 Chestnut Avenue NE#1

CARRIED

5 Ayes 0 Nays

ACCEPTED APPLICATION

The following application was accepted and will be placed on file for future reference:

Joseph S Young – Temporary MEO

APPROVED TO HIRE MEO

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Banker to hire Jeffrey Ashbery as a Motor Equipment Operator for the Department of Public Works at \$18.58 per hour with a 52 week probationary period.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

CORRESPONDENCE FROM GRANT WRITER

Correspondence from J O'Connell & Associates regarding the grants they have applied for on behalf of the Village and what was received/denied/cancelled.

APPROVED TO HIRE ADMINISTRATOR FOR GRANT

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Navarra approving to hire J O'Connell & Associates to administer the Bullard Park Grant for \$30,000.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2017-1 RE: AIM FUNDING

The following Resolution 2017-1 was proposed by Trustee Sidari who moved its adoption and seconded by Trustee Farone regarding the AIM funding:

WHEREAS, New York State provides \$715 million in Aid and Incentives to Municipalities each year, and 90 percent of that goes to upstate cities;

WHEREAS, the AIM funding per capita is \$277 per city resident and only \$7 for residents in towns and villages;

WHEREAS, there are 549 villages with a combined population of 1,918,032 in New York State, including four (Albion, Holley, Lyndonville and Medina) in Orleans County with a population of 14,770;

WHEREAS, many villages wrestle with the same problems as cities, with aging infrastructure, blighted housing, abandoned commercial sites, brownfields and increased crime rates;

WHEREAS, villages are similar to cities with a high concentration of senior citizens and low-income families;

WHEREAS, villages mirror cities as centers for culture, civic and religious life, especially in rural counties;

WHEREAS, villages are like cities with many important community structures – churches, courthouses, schools and other public buildings – that do not pay taxes, shifting the tax burden for those sites to other residents in the village or city;

WHEREAS, the state's tiny share of AIM funding for villages has put villages at a competitive disadvantage in attracting and retaining businesses and residents;

WHEREAS, the huge disparity in AIM funding between the cities and villages is a form of state-sponsored economic discrimination, resulting in much higher tax bills for village residents and a diminished quality of life;

WHEREAS, the erosion of the village tax base has shifted a greater burden of town, county and school district tax burden outside the village, punishing the outside-village residents as well;

WHEREAS, the high tax rates in the village encourage suburban sprawl and development of green space and farm land for housing tracts, industrial parks and "Big Box" stores;

WHEREAS, village residents are no less a New Yorker than a city resident;

RESOLVED, the Village of Albion Board of Trustees call on Governor Andrew Cuomo and the State Legislature to adopt a fair formula for sharing AIM funding so village residents can enjoy municipal services and their homes without being taxed to death.

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Village of Albion Board of Trustees shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Robert Ort, Assemblyman Steve Hawley and all others deemed necessary and proper.

CARRIED

4 Ayes	0 Nays
Trustee Sidari	
Trustee Farone	
Trustee Navarra	1 Abstained
Mayor London	Trustee Banker

Trustee Sidari commended Tom Rivers for being as aggressive as he is and doing the articles on Orleans Hub showing how unfair the Villages are treated regarding the funding they receive compared to cities.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2017-2 RE: PRISON TOWNS

The following Resolution 2017-2 was proposed by Trustee Sidari who moved its adoption and seconded by Trustee Farone regarding prison towns:

WHEREAS, New York State is home to 54 prisons with 54,700 inmates;

WHEREAS, many of the correctional facilities are located in rural communities and don't pay any village, town or county taxes (and only a tiny portion for school districts);

WHEREAS, the facilities are big water and sewer users, and need other government services (fire department and ambulance);

WHEREAS, the prisons have a negative impact on their immediate neighborhoods, depressing development;

WHEREAS, the prisons provide hundreds of good-paying jobs, but many of those workers don't live in the host community of the prison;

WHEREAS, the host community of a prison unfairly shoulders the burden of the prisons, giving up big chunks of tax exempt land while still providing services to the prisons;

WHEREAS, New York State spends about \$4 billion on corrections each year.

WHEREAS, New York should pay "prison towns" a host community benefits package of \$1 per day per inmate which would total about \$20 million annually – 0.5 percent of the corrections budget;

WHEREAS, paying a host community benefits package would direct needed revenue too many communities with the highest tax rates in their regions;

WHEREAS, other industries – landfills and industrial wind turbines – provide host community benefits packages to help offset some of the negative impacts to the host community.

WHEREAS, New York provides assistance to communities with "gaming centers" to help with their costs of hosting those facilities;

WHEREAS, having a prison consumes more public resources and has a worse stigma than a "gaming center" such as Batavia Downs.

RESOLVED, the Village of Albion Board of Trustees call on Governor Andrew Cuomo and the State Legislature to adopt a fair "host community benefits package" for prison towns;

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Village of Albion Board of Trustees shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Robert Ort, Assemblyman Steve Hawley and all others deemed necessary and proper.

CARRIED

4 Ayes	0 Nays
Trustee Sidari	
Trustee Farone	
Trustee Navarra	1 Abstained
Mayor London	Trustee Banker

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti will draft a letter for Mayor London to send to New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) asking for their support on Resolution 2017-1 and 2017-2.

REQUEST TO FILM IN MT ALBION

The Board of Trustees has no problem with the request from Timothy Covell to film in Mt Albion Cemetery. The Clerk will send a Special Events Permit application that will need to be filled out.

DPW SHARED SERVICE STUDY

Mayor London informed the Board of Trustees that the Town of Albion will be doing a Public Works Shared Services Study. The Town has hired Thomas A Low to do the study. The Superintendent of Public Works Todd Sargent and Village Clerk-Treasurer Linda Babcock will be providing him the information he is requesting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Farone to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:38 PM.

CARRIED

5 Ayes	0 Nays
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EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Farone to come out of executive session at 8:20 PM.

CARRIED

5 Ayes	0 Nays
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MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Farone that there being no further business, meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:21 PM.

CARRIED

5 Ayes	0 Nays
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Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Babcock
Clerk-Treasurer