

February 20, 2024
Town of Albion Regular Meeting

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Exit Message
4. FYI: Remind residents to sign attendance sheet
5. Roll Call
6. Public Comment
7. Motion to approve agenda
8. Motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2024 meeting
9. Resolution to approve the vouchers
10. Joint Fire District
11. Union Contract
12. USLE Decommissioning Plan
13. NYSDERDA Committee Update/Resolution
14. Motion to move the April meeting to April 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm
15. Executive Session

Items added:

Updates on Moore St water, 2025 10-wheeler and highway funding
Purchase of a utility truck

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Albion Town Board Regular Meeting

Please sign in:

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27. _____	54. _____

February 20, 2024

Albion Town Board regular meeting held in the Town hall, 3665 Clarendon Rd.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and the exit message was given.

Present were Councilperson Darlene Benton, Councilperson Sandra Bensley, Supervisor Richard Remley, Councilperson Terry Wilbert and Councilperson Arnold Allen.

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Councilperson Darlene Benton and was seconded by Councilperson Sandra Bensley approving the agenda as submitted. Motion carried by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion was made by Councilperson Arnold Allen and was seconded by Councilperson Darlene Benton approving the minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting as published and submitted. Motion carried by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a resolution for the vouchers.

Resolution #52 Payment of Claims

Whereas, the following are against the Town:

General, Highway, Water & Sewer 33 – 84 \$ 371,702.66

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Bensley and was seconded by Councilperson Darlene Benton authorizing the payment of the above listed claims. Resolution duly adopted by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a resolution for the joint meeting on the fire district.

RESOLUTION #53 TO HOLD A JOINT MEETING PROPOSING A JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS Town Law § 189-a authorizes the town boards of more than one town, and the board of trustees of an incorporated village, located in said town or towns, to establish in such towns and in such village a joint fire district in the manner provided in such statute for the purposes and in the manner, therein stated provided that all of the territory in such joint fire district shall be continuous, and not within the limits of a city; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion, the Town of Albion and the Town of Gaines, Orleans County, New York, have formed a committee to discuss, prepare and determine the possibility of the establishment of a Joint Fire District, encompassing the Village of Albion, the Town of Gaines and the Town of Albion which area encompasses the Albion and Gaines Fire Protection District. The joint fire district is to be called the Albion Joint Fire District. Said

committee having met on numerous occasions to discuss and prepare the proposal for the establishment of the fire district and has shared the proposal with the members of the respective boards; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Albion having determined it to be in the public interest of the citizens of the Town of Albion, which includes the geographic areas of the Albion Fire Protection District, to participate in a joint meeting with Town Board of Albion, the Town Board of Gaines and the Village Board of the Village of Albion to consider the proposal regarding the establishment of a joint fire district, to be called the Albion Joint Fire District, (Joint Fire District or Fire District) and

WHEREAS said Boards are in favor of holding a joint public meeting at one location within the proposed joint fire district for the purpose of jointly proposing the establishment of such a joint fire district, the object and purposes for which it is proposed to create the new district is to provide fire protection in such district; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of such joint fire district, which are contiguous and not within the limits of a city encompasses the entire Village of Albion and the Towns of Albion and Town of Gaines (participating municipalities) all located within the County of Orleans, State of New York. the object and purposes for which it is proposed that a new fire district be created is to provide fire protection within the areas of the proposed Albion Joint Fire District, and

WHEREAS at separate meetings held on January 8th, 2024 the Town Boards of Albion and Gaines and on January 10, 2024, the Village Board of Albion designated the Town Board of the Town of Albion as lead agency for the purposes of environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regarding the establishment of the joint fire district, and

WHEREAS such joint meeting shall be open to the public, and held at the Gaines Town Hall, 14087 Ridge Road West , Albion, New York 14411 at 6:00 P.M. on March 27, 2024 .The Gaines Town Hall is located in the Town of Gaines, Orleans County, New York; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of the Albion Town Board that a meeting be held jointly with of the Town Board of the Town of Gaines, the Town Board of the Town of Town of Albion and the Village Board of the Village of Albion at shall be held at 6:00 on March 27, 2024, at the Gaines Town Hall,14087 Ridge Road West, Albion, New York 14411, this location being within the boundaries of the proposed joint fire district as follows:

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Bensley and was seconded by Councilperson Darlene Benton authorizing the adoption of the aforementioned resolution. Resolution duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a resolution approving the Union contract.

Resolution #54 APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ALBION AND CSEA O/B/O ALBION TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS the Albion Town Board has reached an agreement on behalf of the Town of Albion with the Town of Albion, Unit Orleans County Local, Civil Service Employees Association Inc. Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 837-7955 relating to the employees of the Town of Albion Highway Department, and

WHEREAS the parties thereto are now reducing same to a binding written agreement, and

WHEREAS the Albion Town Board has been presented with a proposed four (4) year written agreement, January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Albion Town Board does hereby accept and approve the written agreement in the above matter.

Section 2. The Albion Town Board does hereby authorize Albion Town Supervisor F. Richard Remley to execute the written agreement in triplicate.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Bensley and was seconded by Councilperson Darlene Benton authorizing the adoption of the aforementioned resolution. Resolution duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a resolution for the west Albion solar project.

Resolution #55 GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL WEST ALBION COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT
12795 NYS ROUTE 31

WHEREAS the Town of Albion Planning Board (hereinafter referred to as "Planning Board"), is considering a Special Use Permit and Site Plan approval for the construction of a 2.25 megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) solar photovoltaic facility occupying approximately ±15.7 acres of ±60.86 acre parcel located on Tax Number 71.-1-61.1, located at 12795 NYS Route 31 in the Town of Albion, Orleans County, New York, and as described in the Site Plans dated May 25, 2023, last revised September 14, 2023 and all other relevant information submitted, and

WHEREAS the property owner by and through NY USLE ALBION LONG BRIDGE LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Project Company") having submitted, among other things, a Site Plan, an Operations and Maintenance Plan and a Decommissioning Plan all in furtherance of the Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval applications currently pending before the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS on January 3, 2024 the Albion Town Planning Board having granted conditional approval to the application subject to this Board's Resolution approving the Decommissioning Plan financial security, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Board does hereby approve the proposed Decommissioning Plan and financial security from the Project Company in the form of a Surety Bond conditioned and contingent upon:

a) The financial security is to be provided by the Project Company to the Town of Albion in the amount of Two Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$276,546.75), same to be provided by the Project Company to the Town of Albion in the form of a Surety Bond prior to issuance of any Certificate of Completion.

b) Deliver to the Town of Albion, through Albion Town Attorney James D, Bell, of the original Surety Bond executed by the applicant and insurance company.

c) Final approval by the Albion Town Planning Board of said application.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Bensley and was seconded by Councilperson Darlene Benton authorizing the adoption of the aforementioned resolution. Resolution duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a resolution for climate smart community.

Resolution #56 Climate Smart Community

WHEREAS, the Town of Albion (hereinafter "local government") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town Albion of in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:*

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.
- 3) Decrease energy use.
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Bensley and was seconded by Councilperson Darlene Benton authorizing the adoption of the aforementioned resolution. Resolution duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a motion to bid out for the Moore St water district materials.

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Bensley and was seconded by Councilperson Arnold Allen authorizing Highway Superintendent Michael Neidert to bid out for the Moore St water project materials. Motion carried by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a motion to purchase a utility truck.

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Bensley and was seconded by Councilperson Arnold Allen authorizing Highway Superintendent Michael Neidert purchase of a 2025 F550 from Van Bortol at a cost of \$82,506.82. Motion carried by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: If there is nothing further, I need a motion to enter executive session.

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Bensley and was seconded by Councilperson Terry Wilbert authorizing executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 5:45 pm. Motion carried by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

TOWN of ALBION

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Good Afternoon-

The Town of Albion recently received a Clean Energy Communities Designation, and is submitting its application to receive the \$5,000 Designation Grant earned as part of the Clean Energy Communities, Leadership Round. Please accept the following as the required Letter of Commitment for our application.

We plan to use all \$5,000 to offset the cost of several building efficiency projects, including replacing old windows, old entry doors, and old bay doors that are rusted out and leaking energy. The grant award will help our community achieve another Clean Energy goal and move us one step closer to supporting the Clean Energy Goals of New York State. While we will not receive a formal contract for this grant, we're committed to completing the project the \$5,000 award is applied to within 3 years of award.

We're honored to be recognized by NYSERDA as a Clean Energy Community, and appreciate NYSERDA's commitment to helping communities Statewide achieve their Clean Energy goals.

Sincerely,

F. Richard Remley
Town Supervisor

Social Media Announcement

Town of Albion Earns Clean Energy Communities Designation, \$5,000 Grant

The Town of Albion recently earned recognition as a Designated Clean Energy Community through the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program. In doing so, the Town also earned a \$5,000 grant to assist with future Clean Energy Initiatives.

To earn designation, the Town needed to complete four (4) of the High Impact Actions included in the CEC Program. They chose to complete an LED Streetlight Conversion, adopt Benchmarking, adopt the Unified Solar Permit, and attended Code Enforcement Training in the current Leadership Round.

By replacing conventional streetlights with energy efficient LED technology, communities can reduce street light energy use by 74%, generating significant cost savings and emission reductions. Because street light electricity is typically a municipal expense, the opportunity to cut costs in the municipal budget is large. LED streetlights last much longer and require much less maintenance than conventional streetlights. They can incorporate smart, connected technologies, such as dimming functions, and parking management.

The Town plans to use their \$5,000 Designation Grant towards future clean energy and sustainability projects and initiatives.

Congratulations to the Town of Albion!

If you're interested in seeing your municipality designated as a Clean Energy Community, contact your CEC Coordinator.

