

Town Board Meeting March 13, 2023

Supv. Crossen called the monthly meeting of the Alabama Town Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken, Councilperson Fisher, LaGrou, Klotzbach, Veazey and Supv. Crossen were present. Also present were Supt. Covell, Mark Masse, Dave Bencic, Jeff Tauscher, Vivian Williams, Barry Flansburg, Attorney Boylan, Craig Nale.

Privilege of the Floor

Dave Bencic – asked about minutes on the website.

Highway – Supt. Covell gave update:

Continue to do maintenance/service work on vehicles.

Cornell offers online training courses, taking advantage of them.

Attended meeting at the county with Supv. Crossen regarding the radio tower.

NYS Snow & Ice Amendment – disc held. NYS DOT is considering taking over the plowing of their roads in a few Towns in the County. 1993 was last time the State plowed their roads in Town. Councilperson LaGrou suggested involving State Reps. as well as the County and Emergency Management.

NYSDOT Snow and Ice Adjustment/Calculation 2022/23 Snow & Ice Season

Councilperson Fisher offered the following resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Alabama is under contract with the New York State Department of Transportation to provide snow and ice control on specified State roads within the Town and,

WHEREAS, the base agreement, a five-year contract (No. D014801) commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024, was approved at the March 9, 2020 Town Board Meeting and,

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT Municipal Snow & Ice Program Agreement Adjustment/Calculation Worksheet for Index Lump Sum Agreements for the 2022/23 Snow & Ice Season show an estimate of \$42,880.64, an increase of \$50,022.09 from the original base season estimate of \$192,858.55 from the current agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Crossen to execute the NYSDOT Municipal Snow & Ice Program Agreement Adjustment/Calculation Worksheet for Index Lump Sum Agreements for the 2022/23 Snow & Ice Season with an increase of \$50,022.09.

The resolution was seconded by Councilperson LaGrou and approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Assessor – Barry Flansburg gave update:

2023 Assessment change notices to be mailed out tomorrow. Through State approval the equalization rate should be at 100%. Disc. held on public information meeting on 3/28/23.

Town Board Meeting

MOTION By Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to have a second meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the Alabama Fire Hall. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Resignation

Leslie Moma submitted her resignation from the Clerk of the Planning/Zoning Board.

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to accept the resignation from Leslie Moma with regrets. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Appointment

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to appoint Pamela LaGrou as Clerk of the Planning/Zoning Board. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – abstained C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Court Clerk Position

Sarah Sauka will be resigning from her position as court clerk. She will remain to help train a new court clerk. Disc. held. Clerk Borkholder to advertise the position in the Daily News and on the website.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to direct the court committee to work with the Justices to recommend the appointment of a new clerk to the Town Board. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Fruit Fly Program

USDA has asked for permission to put European fruit fly traps in town cemeteries

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to allow the USDA to put European Fruit Fly traps in the Town Cemeteries. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Town Board Committee

MOTION by Councilperson Veazey, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to appoint Supv. Crossen to the GCEDC Water/Sewer Works Committees. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Tompkins Insurance Quote

| | Expiring | Renewal | % Change |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Property | \$1,951.27 | \$2,021.18 | 3.6% |
| Auto Liability | \$7,329.00 | \$7,586.00 | 3.5% |
| Liquor | | | |
| General Liability | \$6,105.00 | \$7,127.00 | 16.7% |
| Inland Marine | \$4,982.00 | \$5,112.00 | 2.6% |
| Crime | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | 0.0% |
| Public Officials | \$3,041.00 | \$2,867.00 | -5.7% |
| Umbrella | \$4,523.00 | \$4,769.00 | 5.4% |
| Terrorism | | | |
| Total | \$27,981.27 | \$29,532.18 | |

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to accept the insurance quote from Tompkins Insurance for the 2023/2024 Town Insurance policies. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

STAMP – Mark Masse gave update:

FAST NY application being submitted this week for \$80 million for infrastructure.
Meetings being held next week with the DEC and National Grid.
Working on DEC permits.
Supv. Crossen sent a letter of support for the FAST NY application for the GCEDC.
Edwards land sale to close in April.

Water District 2

Clark Patterson Lee received three proposals for the geotechnical boring and foundation report for the relocation of the communication tower to the Alabama Highway Garage.

NW Contracting/Glynn Group \$4,150
SJB Services, Inc. \$4,600
Foundation Design \$4,950

CPL recommends selecting NW Contracting/Glynn Group for this portion of the project. Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to accept the proposal from NW Contracting/Glynn Group at a cost of \$4,150. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Supv. Crossen sent a letter of support, from the Town, to Genesee County for funding the county-wide water system.

Court Lease

Supv. Crossen received and reviewed a draft of the lease for Court with the Town of Oakfield. It will be a 3 year lease beginning 1/1/2024. Disc. held. Supv. Crossen will forward proposed lease to the Town of Oakfield with minor changes for their review.

Town Prosecutor Agreement

Supv. Crossen spoke with Robert Zickl and reviewed the prosecutor agreement with him. Instead of being paid hourly, it is suggested to have a salary of \$5,250.00 for 2023, to be paid quarterly. Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to approve the Town Prosecutor agreement at a salary of \$5,250 for 2023 and to allow Supv. Crossen to sign it. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

2022 Court Audits

Councilpersons LaGrou and Klotzbach conducted audits of the Town Justice records for 2022.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Supv. Crossen to accept the 2022 Court Audits as complete. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Justice Tauscher discussed the possibility of a jury trial in May.

Town Hall – nothing new.

Solar Law Update – Supv. Crossen to send the law to the Planning Board members for their review and input.

Solar – EDP – nothing new

Union Contract – nothing new

Approval of Minutes

2/13/2023 Board Meeting – MOTION by Councilperson Veazey, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to accept minutes as presented. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Supervisors Report

3/4/2023 -- MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Transfers/Budget Amendments

- Transfer \$625.00 from A1990.4 to A1420.43 – Town Prosecutor
- Add line DA5130.22 ARPA Funds
- Transfer \$178,050.74 from DA5130.2 to DA5130.22
- Transfer \$178,050.74 from General Fund Savings to Highway Savings

MOTION By Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to approve the transfers as written. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Audit Bills

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to accept Abstract #003-2023 and pay bills in the amount of \$30,647.21 vouchers 51 to 70 General Fund; \$19,319.34 vouchers 40 to 59 Highway Fund; \$66.00 voucher 3 Water District 2; \$1,384.59 vouchers 6 to 7 Water District 1. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Williams Law Books Contracts

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept the Williamson Law Books Contracts for the Town Clerk and Payroll programs and have Supv. Crossen sign them. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Town Clerk's Report

February 2023 -- MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Supv. Crossen to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Assessor's Report

January 2023 Transfers -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

CEO/ZEO Report

February 2023 -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Communications

Association of Towns Training – Supv. Crossen to attend financial training.

Genesee County Broadband – Supv. Crossen to meet with County to discuss broadband in the Town where needed. He informed the Board that the IZA money from STAMP can be used for it.

Freightliner Invoice

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Supv. Crossen to pre-pay the Freightliner invoice for the new truck on the April abstract in the amount of \$101,602.00. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Banking – Supv. Crossen has had meetings with Bank on Buffalo for investing Town Funds.

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to adjourn meeting at 8:28 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Borkholder
Town Clerk