

Town Board Meeting October 9, 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, Veazey, Klotzbach and Supv. Crossen were present. Absent: Councilperson LaGrou. Also present were Supt. Covell, Mark Masse, Attorney Boylan, Dave Bencic, Barry Flansberg, Terry Thompson, Wendy Thompson and Alison Thompson.

Privilege of the Floor -- none

Highway --- Supt. Covell gave update:

- Culverts cleaned out and installed around Town
- AFD Station 2 installed pad for equipment trailer
- Water & Soil finished hydro seeding
- Last round of mowing being done
- Town Hall – removed extra signs, repaired ramp, cleaned AC unit

Water District 2

Grant Funds – Rural Development approved the purchase of the loader, looking for loader.

Assessor

Barry spoke to the board about PILOTS and assessments, explaining what PILOTS are and how they work. Mark Masse stated that the EDC is setting up fixed dollar PILOTS, they are not based on tax rate. Disc. held.

2023 Budget

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to add revenue line A2421 for the Maple Road lease payment. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – absent C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Bank on Buffalo new Money Market Accounts

The bookkeeper needs to be added as a signor to the new money market accounts to be able to make transfers. There are no paper checks for these accounts. Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to add Mary Jo Hinkson as a signor to the Money Market Accounts. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – absent C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

STAMP – Mark Masse gave update:

- Edwards closed on land sale, Town will get check for approx.. \$187,000.
- Other companies looking at the site.

Water Dist. #2 Close Out

Disc. on end date for residents to hook up to water with the included costs as covered by the loan. Supt. Covell has approx. 12 meters in stock, cost includes \$75.00 inspection fee to Town of Batavia.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to charge residents beginning Jan. 1, 2024 for water installation inspections. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – absent C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Water District #2 EDU Changes for 2024 Tax Bills

After review of the current EDU list and water usage for the past year, the following changes to EDUs for 2024 tax bills are as follows:

- Lamb Farms, 1705 Lewiston Road, TM# 7.-1-20.1, increase to 11 EDUs, due to water usage
- John Grainy, 7445 Wight Road, TM# 15.-1-37, increase to 1 EDU, has pole barn
- John Grainy, 1452 Ledge Road, TM# 19.-1-26.2, increase to 1 EDU, has pole barn

Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Supv. Crossen to make the following changes to EDU’s for Water District #2 as follows:

- Lamb Farms, 1705 Lewiston Road, TM# 7.-1-20.1, increase to 11 EDUs
- John Grainy, 7445 Wight Road, TM# 15.-1-37, increase to 1 EDU
- John Grainy, 1452 Ledge Road, TM# 19.-1-26.2, increase to 1 EDU

Approved by roll call vote:

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

**WATER DISTRICT #2
PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Alabama has received funding from Rural Development for their Water District #2 (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to adjust project budget items to more accurately reflect actual costs and;

WHEREAS, Rural Development requires the Town Board to authorize all changes to the Administrative Budget as shown on the Form E; NOW, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Alabama authorizes the following Budget modifications for the Project:

Legal	Decrease of	\$487.50
Miscellaneous	Decrease of	\$5,256.04
Meters and Installation	Decrease of	\$13,094.08
Metering Antenna	Decrease of	\$113.32
Automatic Flushing Device Modification	Increase of	\$1,276.68
Storm Sewer Pipe Replacement	Increase of	\$585.60
Water System Replacement Appurtenances	Increase of	\$2,047.10
Water Meter Antenna Tower	Decrease of	\$36,969.82
Septic Field Repairs	Decrease of	\$9,116.00
Meter Pits (T. of Batavia Replacements)	Increase of	\$3,583.56
Compact Loader	Increase of	\$77,376.74
Contingency	Decrease of	\$19,832.92

Supv. Crossen offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilperson Fisher and approved by roll call vote:

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

Executive Session

MOTION by Supv. Crossen, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to go into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; and/or Negotiations and updates subject to NDAs regarding the IZA; and/or Negotiations regarding the Teamsters Contract with Attorney Boylan.

Approved by roll call vote:

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

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Court – nothing new

Town Hall – nothing new

Solar – nothing new

Union Contract – will be meeting with Insurance company on 10/30/23

Approval of Minutes

9/11/23 Public Hearing & Board Meeting; 9/25/23 Board Meeting – MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept minutes as presented. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Supervisors Report

10/1/2023 -- MOTION by Councilperson Veazey, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

Audit Bills

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to accept Abstract #010-2023 and pay bills in the amount of \$49,197.19 vouchers 186 to 201 General Fund; \$175,298.69 vouchers 147 to 159 Highway Fund; \$83,814.24 vouchers 25 to 28 Water District 2; \$318.92 vouchers 24 to 25 Water District 1. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

Town Clerk’s Report

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

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

Assessor’s Report

7/7/23 to 9/14/23 Transfers -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

CEO/ZEO Report

August & September 2023 -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Supv. Crossen to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

FEMA – Town’s end is done.

2024 AFD Budget

Wendy Thompson and Alison Thompson were here to discuss the proposed AFD budget for 2024. They are asking for a 2% increase from last year, \$105,876.00. No big purchases for 2024.

2024 Town Budget

Disc. on revised budget:

Disc. on adding funds for Co. Sheriff to patrol Town roads for a few hours per week.

Budget Changes:

DA5130.2 – reduce to \$85,000

DA5130.2R – increase to \$90,000

Add line for Highway Secretary -- \$10,000

Add line for Supv. Confidential Secretary -- \$10,000

Add line for Co. Sheriff to patrol Town -- \$20,000 (use \$10,000 from unexpended funds and add \$10,000 to amt to be raised by taxes)

2024 Alabama Fire Dept. Budget Public Hearing

Councilperson Veazey offered the resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2023 Alabama Fire Department contract in the amount of \$105,876.00 for the contract year beginning January 1, 2024 on the 13th day of November 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Alabama Town Hall, 2218 Judge Road, Town of Alabama, Genesee County, NY.

Which was seconded by Councilperson Fisher and approved by roll call vote:

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

2024 Town of Alabama Budget Public Hearing

Councilperson Veazey offered the resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the 2024 Tentative Budget, with changes, and also **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on the 2024 Town of Alabama Budget on the 13th Day of November, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alabama Town Hall, 2218 Judge Road, Town of Alabama, Genesee County, NY with salaries for Elected Officials to be Supervisor \$19,000; Town Clerk \$39,790; Town Board \$12,240 (4); Town Justices \$19,700.(2); Highway Superintendent \$77,365;

Councilperson Klotzbach seconded the resolution which was approved by roll call vote:

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

Solar/Battery Law – no discussion

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Borkholder, Town Clerk