

Town Board Meeting February 10, 2025

Supv. Crossen called the monthly meeting of the Alabama Town Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken, Councilperson Klotzbach, Fisher and Supv. Crossen were present. Also present were Supt. Covell, Attorney Boylan, Dave Bencic, Terry Thompson, Pam LaGrou, Katie Rivers, Joe Cassidy, Drew Klotzbach, Chad Klotzbach, Travis Warner, Heather Shultz.

Privilege of the Floor

Katie Rivers – suggested that the Town send out monthly newsletters to resident about projects in Town. She had to hear from someone about a proposed round-a-bout near her home. Also suggests that the Town send a questionnaire on what people would like to see in their community. Would be nice to have a park with a playground. Disc. held.

Supv. Crossen read the following statement: Councilperson Dianne Klotzbach has informed me of a conflict with STAMP. Councilperson D. Klotzbach will not participate anytime the issue is discussed and simply vote 'present' on any vote taken.

Highway – Supt. Covell gave update:

There has only been two days out of the last 41 days that they have not plowed.

Salt – down to 300 ton. Called American Rock to see if he can get more if needed. The State DOT said they may be able to help if we need more and can't get it.

Salt Barn Roof – the last wind storm tore a 5x15ft hole in the roof. It was installed in 2006, got a quote three years ago to replace it at \$42,000. The DEC has a program to replace covers. Pavilion has received a grant to replace theirs. Currently have a 60x80ft salt barn, Jeff would like to make it bigger, 72x100ft. Disc. held. Jeff to get more info. on the grant.

Thanks to Dave Bencic for letting Jeff know about a National Grid program to replace lights. It was a huge savings to use the program to replace the shop lights.

New employee is working out great.

STAMP – Supv. Crossen gave brief update:

Edwards road use agreement received today, will review.

Edwards building is completely enclosed, working on inside.

Plug Power Letter of Default

Supv. Crossen provided the Board with a Letter of Default to send to Plug Power, they have not made their PILOT and Host Comm. Benefit payments for 2025. Disc. Held.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to have Supv. Crossen send the Letter of Default to Plug Power. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Data Centers – public hearings for the financials were held Feb. 2nd at the Fire Hall. EDC to make decision this month.

Town Bicentennial

Supv. Crossen spoke with Joe Cassidy, Terry Thompson and Dawn Fisher (via speaker phone) to set up a committee for the Town's Bicentennial next year. Terry Thompson informed the Board that the

Fire Dept. has set up a committee already, he is Chairperson. They would like to combine their Community Day with the Bicentennial.

Dawn has a list started to include the Town Churches, Legion, local businesses and the Refuge. Disc. held on creating a committee.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to set up a Bicentennial Committee including Joe Cassidy, Terry Thompson and Dawn Fisher. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Disc. with committee, Dawn Fisher has agreed to Chair the Committee. Chad Klotzbach volunteered to be on the committee as well. Kevin Fisher will represent the Town Board.

Executive Session

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to go into executive session at 7:34 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 and Town Board candidates Travis Warner, Pam LaGrou and Heather Shultz. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to come out of executive session at 8:03 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Water District #2 – Wendel looked at the proposed changes to the valves, says they are reasonable. Disc. on contribution to cost of changes, Tabled to next month.

Solar – EDP contacted Mark Masse about the project, they want to meet with him. Disc. held.

Battery Storage Law – Moratorium continues, waiting on NYS.

Town Hall – nothing new.

Court – Supv. Crossen spoke with Sheriff Graff, there may be times when there is no one available for Court Security. Disc. held.

7047 Maple Rd. – Substantial cleanup has been done. Still some items left. Homeowner continues to work on cleaning up the property.

Town Board Vacancies

Dave Bencic withdrew his letter of interest.

Sharon Lindsley is sick, not able to make it tonight for interviews.

Pam LaGrou, Travis Warner and Heather Shultz were interviewed by the Board in Executive Session.

The Republican Committee recommends appointing Travis Warner and Heather Shultz. Disc. Held.

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to appoint Pam LaGrou to fill one of the open Town Board positions until 12/31/2025. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

MOTION by Supv. Crossen, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to table the other Town Board position appointment to the March Town Board Meeting. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Zoning Grant – The Town received a letter from NYS awarding a \$75,000 grant to update our Zoning Law.

Bingo Inspector -- Clerk Borkholder researched the Bingo Inspector requirements. We are not required to have a bingo inspector. Disc. held. Supv. Crossen would like at least 1 inspection with a followup. Clerk Borkholder offered to take on that duty as she is familiar with the Bingo Laws. Tabled to next month, Supv. Crossen needs to submit a letter of resignation from the Bingo Inspector position.

Court Audit -- Received letter from the Justices, they are ready for their annual audit. Councilpersons Klotzbach and LaGrou will complete the audit.

Approval of Minutes

1/13/2025 Board Meeting – MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept minutes as presented. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Supervisors Report

2/2/2025-- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

Audit Bills

MOTION by Supv. Crossen, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept Abstract #002-2025 and pay bills in the amount of \$50,311.98 vouchers 33 to 56 General Fund; \$15,876.88 vouchers 21 to 30 Highway Fund; \$388.00 vouchers 5 to 6 Water District 2; \$107,993.00 voucher 3 Alabama Fire Protection District; \$9,770.18 voucher 4 E. Pembroke Fire District. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

Transfers

MOTION by Supv. Crossen, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to approve the following 2024 Accrual Budget transfers:

\$16.80 from A1110.42 to A1110.4

\$3,573.40 from A1990.4 to A1440.45

\$278.96 from A1990.4 to A1989.43

\$15.22 from A1410.4 to A1410.42

\$754.38 from SW1-8310.1 to SW18320.4

\$65.75 from SW1-9030.8 to SW18320.4

Approved by roll call vote:

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

Town Clerk's Report

January 2025 -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

Assessor's Report

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

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

CEO/ZEO Report

January 2025 -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to adjourn meeting at 8:29 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Borkholder
Town Clerk