

Town Board Meeting

June 9, 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, LaGrou and Supv. Crossen were present. Also present were Supt. Covell, Attorney Boylan, Mark Masse, Dave Bencic, Terry Thompson, Katie Rivers, Sharon Larmon, Rachel Smith, Katherine Weaver and Travis Warner.

Privilege of the Floor

Supv. Crossen noted that Sharon Larmon did not email the list of her concerns from the last meeting.

Dave Bencic – the couch is still there. Don't see April minutes on the website.

Rachel Smith, EDP – Town Resident Katherine Weaver is work for EDP as a Community Liaison.

Highway – Supt. Covell gave update:

- Shared services with Batavia, Newstead and Darien.

- All lawns rolled.

- Misc. equipment repairs completed.

- Mill/Fill Kenyon/Marble. Fixed driveways and cleaned up yards from mill/fill work.

- Salt barn – grant 75% with 25% in-kind services (taking down existing and site work) Grant paperwork due August or September.

- Additional CHIPS funding was awarded to the Town.

- 2019 Chevy did not sell at auction. Will wait to list it again in September.

- Attended Highway School June 1-4. Competed in “Build a Better Mouse Trap” competition.

- Won 2nd place “Peoples Choice Award”.

- Accident – A car hit the mower on Townline Rd., Ben was not hurt. Jeff took him for testing within 3 hours of the accident, he passed. Working with Selective Insurance.

- Cemetery – stumps ground & cleaned up, 2 burials this month. Disc. on banning plastic pots. They break easily and blow away. Will put on next month's agenda to update the Cemetery Rules.

Town Hall – A/C wasn't working, called Houseman. There is a coolant leak. They quoted approx. \$6,000 to replace the outside unit and the evaporator coil. Disc. held. Will try to use stop leak if it happens again.

STAMP – Mark Masse gave update:

- Water tank site work started, building in July.

- National Grid leasing space in the laydown area through 2028.

- Edwards – should be completed in July and then starting to put equipment in.

- Data Center – working with National Grid for power.

- Working on agreements with Oakfield for the force main.

Water District #2 – Batavia did restoration work from valve replacement work.

Water District #1 – 2024 Annual Report

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to approve the 2024 Annual Report for Water District #1. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Solar Tier 4 Project – meeting with Alabama, Oakfield and Batavia on July 17th.

Battery Storage Moratorium Local Law 2-2025

Sent referral to Gen. Co. Planning. Felipe responded that the County does not need to review it if it is 1 year or less. Need to set public hearing.

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to have a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., July 14, 2025 for Local Law 2-2025 Battery Storage Moratorium. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Court – Supv. Crossen received a call from the Mayor of Corfu regarding court security. They seem interested, will follow up with them.

Town Hall – A/C repair estimate. Will get other estimates.

Bicentennial Committee – Met on May 31st. Report sent to Board Members.

Lions Club would like to donate \$1,000 to the Committee. Disc. held. Will create a revenue and expense line in the budget.

Re-Branding – disc. on new Town logo and Bicentennial logo.

Alabama Cemetery Sign -- \$20,000 estimate for a new sign. Supv. Crossen is in talks with the Solar Grant reps. Might be able to get more grant monies.

Tax Cap Override Local Law 3-2025

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to have a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2025 for Local Law 3-2025 Tax Cap Override. Approved by roll call vote:

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

2030 Census – Supv. Crossen is receiving emails about the upcoming Census in 2030. The last census enumerator quit and didn't finish the Town. He believes we were underreported, wants to make sure that it doesn't happen again. Disc. held.

2025 Budget Amendments

Add \$200,000.00 to lines A1440.42 (exp) and A2210 (rev) for Edwards

Add \$12,367.74 to lines DA5112.4 & DA3501 for additional CHIPS funding

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to approve the above budget amendments as written. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Approval of Minutes

5/12/2025 Board Meeting – MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Supv. Crossen to accept minutes as presented. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Supervisors Report

5/31/2025 -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

Audit Bills

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson to Fisher accept Abstract #006-2025 and pay bills in the amount of \$21,292.14 vouchers 128 to 152 General Fund; \$10,628.50 vouchers 90 to 102 Highway Fund; \$2,058.605 vouchers 14 to 15 Water District 1. Approved by Roll Call Vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. LaGrou – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Transfer

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to transfer \$1,038.00 from A1990.4 to A1920.41. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. LaGrou – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Town Clerk's Report

May 2025 -- MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. LaGrou – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Assessor's Report – not submitted

Supv. Crossen received Annual Re-assessment forms from Barry to be signed so he can submit them to the State. Disc. held. The Town approved annual re-assessments for 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 at the June 10, 2024 meeting.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to allow Supv. Crossen to sign the annual re-assessment forms for New York State. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. LaGrou – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

CEO/ZEO Report

April 2025 -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. LaGrou – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to adjourn meeting at 7:44 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. LaGrou – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Borkholder
Town Clerk