

Town Board Meeting August 11, 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. Absent: Pam LaGrou. Also present were Supt. Covell, Attorney Boylan, Mark Masse, Dave Bencic, Travis Warner and Dawn Fisher.

Privilege of the Floor

Dave Bencic – who is responsible for traffic signs on the reservation? Disc. held.

Highway – Supt. Covell gave update:

Ledge Road damage – working on cost to repair. Also had a 200 ft gouge from a vehicle that lost its axle, working on quote for insurance company.

Re-mowed Sour Springs Road.

Shared Services with Genesee County, LeRoy, Alexander, Darien, Pembroke, Elba and Town of Batavia water dept.

Batavia Overhead Door replaced panels on the overhead doors.

Kenyon @ Judge Rd. Yield sign – this is the last Yield sign in Town, requires a letter from the Supv. to the State DOT to change it to a Stop Sign. Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to authorize Supv. Crossen to send a letter to the State DOT to request the Yield Sign be changed to a Stop sign at the intersection of Kenyon and Judge Rd. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Hotbox – Supt. Covell found a used hotbox on Marketplace for \$5,500. The Highway Supt. from Alexander, Darien and Pembroke are willing to share the cost of the purchase and maintenance on the hotbox, for a cost of approx. \$1,300 per Town. The Town of Alexander Supv. would like a shared services type of agreement or letter of understanding outlining the shared costs and ownership. Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Supv. Crossen to authorize Supt. Covell to purchase the 2012 Falcon Hotbox at a cost of \$5,500.00, to be split with the Towns of Alexander, Pembroke and Darien. Approved by roll call vote:

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

STAMP – Mark Masse gave update:

Edwards nearing completion.

Water ready to be hooked up. Line has to be flushed and tested.

Electric set to go, waiting on National Grid.

Paving contract awarded to Keeler.

Waiting on Army Corps. Permit for Crosby Road rebuild. To be done next year.

Letter to Editor in Orleans Hub, has inaccuracies.

Supv. Crossen did not have an update from Wendel on the Edwards building.

Water District #2 Out-Of-District Users

Supv. Crossen received a letter from Jeremy DeLyser, MCWA approved Pembroke Residents (McAlpine Rd) for water from Alabama. Disc. Held. Supv. Crossen would like to see the out-of-district user pay the debt service.

Water District #1

Town of Batavia is working on paperwork to do the O&M.

Clerk Borkholder informed the Board that the Community Building water bill has not been paid for the last quarter. Supv. Crossen to look into it.

Councilperson LaGrou arrived at the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Executive Session

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to go into executive session at 7:36 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. Klotzbach – yes C. LaGrou – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to come out of executive session at 7:45 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Solar Project

Supv. Crossen has a meeting with the Towns on Tuesday; meeting Wednesday morning with EDPR and there is an informational meeting for the public at the Oakfield Fire Hall from 4 to 7 on Wednesday.

Battery Storage – Nothing new

Town Hall – Nothing new.

Bicentennial Committee – Dawn Fisher gave update:

She is looking into preserving history and what should be preserved going forward.

Calendar of Events for Bicentennial – there is a list of events to be held at the Fire Hall and Local Churches. Whose liability is it for a community event? Disc. held.

Sponsorship Letters will be sent out with different levels. Who should the check be made out to? She asked how the committee will be able to purchase things needed for the events. Disc. held.

GoArt has Community Grants, she is looking into a grant for possibly two murals in Town.

Story Bridge – There are grants available to help pay for the software and website costs. She is looking into that.

Alabama Cemetery Sign – she is looking into a grant to help preserve the top of the sign.

Supv. Crossen informed Dawn that she will need Board approval to apply for grants. It was also noted that EDPR may have funds available for community events.

Alabama Cemetery Sign – Supv. Crossen said there is a possibility of receiving enough funds for the full cost of the sign. Waiting to hear back on it.

County Hazard Mitigation Plan – It is coming to a conclusion, there will be a community review.

Town Justices Travel Requests

The Town Justices submitted a travel request for the 2025 NYS Magistrates Assoc. Conference in Niagara Falls, NY Sept. 14 to 17, 2025.

Vivian Williams -- \$441.65 (Meals and Registration)

Mark Williams -- \$1,051.34 (Meals, Registration, Mileage & Lodging)

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to approve the Travel Requests for Mark Williams and Vivian Williams to attend the 2025 NYS Magistrates Assoc. Conference in Niagara Falls, NY Sept. 14 to 17, 2025. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Zoning Grant Update

Supv. Crossen and Clerk Borkholder met with Melissa Keller from NYS Office of Planning to go over the requirements for the Zoning Law Update Grant. Drew Reilly says communities are rejecting it. Not one community has completed it yet. Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to reject the grant for the Zoning Law Update. Approved by roll call vote:

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

2026 Budget

Supv. Crossen has received most of the budget sheets from Dept. Heads. He will be working on the budget. He will be at the Town Hall from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

Sierra Club/TSN Article 78 – October is the first hearing. Paperwork is due in September. Supv. Crossen stated that the Town has not received an application yet.

Casella Waste Management Contract

Casella sent an updated service contract for the dumpster. \$61.24 monthly service fee for every other week pickup. Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to approve the Casella Waste Management service contract and have Supv. Crossen sign it. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Audit 2024 Books

The Bookkeeper, Town Clerk and Tax Collector accounts for 2024 need to be audited. Disc. held. Councilpersons Klotzbach and Fisher will do the audit.

Approval of Minutes

7/14/2025 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 C. LaGrou – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Transfer

A transfer is needed to pay for the replacement mower that was wrecked in an accident. The insurance funds were put in a revenue line for insurance recoveries. Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to transfer \$16,231.00 from DA2680, Insurance Recoveries to DA5130.2 for the replacement of the mower that was damaged in an accident. Approved by roll call vote:

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

Supervisors Report

8/1/2025 -- 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

Audit Bills

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Supv. Crossen to accept Abstract #008-2025 and pay bills in the amount of \$25,304.54 vouchers 166 to 183 General Fund; \$42,751.23 vouchers 122 to 139 Highway Fund; \$2,159.60 vouchers 20 to 21 Water District 1. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

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

Town Clerk's Report

July 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

Assessor's Report – not submitted

CEO/ZEO Report

June & July 2025 -- MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Fisher 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 Supv. Crossen to adjourn meeting at 8:40 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