

**TOWN OF OAKFIELD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

**ROLL**

**CALL:** Supervisor Martin  
Deputy Supervisor Wolcott  
Councilman Carroll  
Councilperson Glor  
Councilman Kabel

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Town Clerk Haacke  
Superintendent of Highways Schultz  
Assessor Flansburg  
CEO/ZEO Mikolajczyk  
Carol D’Alba, Library Board  
Joel D’Alba, Resident  
Natalie Emerson, Resident  
James Emerson, Resident  
Anne Engel, Library Board  
Kim Gibson, Library Director  
Debbie Lynch, Resident  
Gordy Bow, Resident  
Dan Groth, Library Board  
Jessica Baker, Library Board  
Denise DiMatteo, Library Board

Supervisor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm; followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

**Minutes of the August 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting:** **MOTION** Councilman Carroll, second Deputy Supervisor Wolcott to approve the minutes as written.

**Ayes:** Martin, Wolcott, Carroll, Glor, Kabel

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0)**

**HAXTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

As the Town is working on the 2020 Budget and dealing with a loss in sales tax revenue, the library stated the following:

Anne Engel began by thanking the Town Board for having the Library come to the Board meeting.

Kim Gibson then gave an overview of the Library and its services.

Carol D’Alba stated that she drafted letters to the Towns of Alabama and Elba for financial support of the library.

The Library Board is looking for some other ideas to help offset the Town’s decrease in funding.

Jessica Baker spoke about home schooling her children and the positives of the library.

Carol D’Alba stated that the county money they receive is earmarked only for books and materials.

Library asked if the Town would consider at least covering their operating costs.

**CEO/ZEO**

Mr. Mikolajczyk's report is available for review during regular business hours

**ASSESSOR**

Speaking with Kevin at the county, sales trends are up 5%, which means the state probably say 7% increase.

There will be a land increase in 2021.

Houses are selling at an average 40% over assessment.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS**

**ROADWORK UPDATE**

Mowing ditches with tractor and excavator

Supplied trucks for Village milling

Milling around man holes for Village

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

MJ Mechanical fixed thermostat in breakroom

**CEMETERIES:**

One cremation, one sale of grave

Trying to find time to do headstone foundations

**PARKS:**

Meeting with Lion's club for bench in the park

**EQUIPMENT UPDATE:**

Everything is running fine

**LIBRARY:**

MJ Mechanical performed their service call

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Three people looking to seal the parking lots, no quotes as of yet

**TOWN CLERK**

**Abstract 9-2020—MOTION** Deputy Supervisor Wolcott, second Councilman Carroll to authorize the following:

General Fund	1885-1908	\$ 60,002.83
Part Time B	221-222	\$ 1,114.86
Library	8	\$ 53,600.00
Highway DA	654-659	\$ 1,622.40
Highway DB	310-313	\$106,062.94
Capital Water	8-9	\$ 16,775.25
	TOTAL	\$239,178.28

**Ayes:** Martin, Wolcott, Carroll, Glor, Kabel  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0)**

Justice Baker had to open a new bank account in July, the Water District 10 account number was inadvertently used to set up his credit card account. All monies that were due to Justice Baker’s account have been transferred back to his account and the credit card company has been contacted to correct.

A transfer from NYCLASS was done to cover bills, payroll and water district payments.

Working on letters for the Scarecrow competition.

Contacted Andy Harrington regarding Christmas trees, he stated that he is waiting to hear from a new supplier but feels we will be all set.

Food Link is scheduled to be at the Town building September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SUPERVISOR**

**MOTION** Councilperson Glor, second Councilman Kabel to approve the Supervisor’s report as written.

**Ayes:** Martin, Wolcott, Carroll, Glor, Kabel

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0)**

**LIBRARY**

Councilperson Glor met with the Library Director and a couple of Library Board members to discuss the decrease in funding for the Library.

**GAM**

Meetings to resume next week, not sure if in person or via Zoom.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nothing to report, hoping to meet with men early next week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2021 Budget: Justin will be here tomorrow to work on Elba’s budget, there are some changes we need to give him for Oakfield’s budget. Assessor Flansburg and Town Clerk Haacke are waiting on answers on the men’s contract. Workman’s Comp went down to \$29,429 (.23/1000). Clark Patterson Lee will only be renting one office this year. Highway side cannot be finished until meeting with men takes place.

The County intends to distribute \$8 million (Oakfield \$239,800.00) in 2021; normally \$12.1 million.

**LIBRARY BUDGET LINE 2021**

**MOTION** Councilman Carroll, second Supervisor Martin to fund the Haxton Memorial Library \$75,000.00 for the 2021 budget.

**Ayes:** Martin, Carroll

**Nays:** Glor, Kabel, Wolcott

**MOTION DENIED (3-2)**

**MOTION** Deputy Supervisor Wolcott, second Councilman Kabel to fund the Haxton Memorial Library \$80,000.00 for the 2021 budget.

**Ayes:** Glor, Kabel, Wolcott

**Nays:** Martin, Carroll

**MOTION CARRIED (3-2)**

Councilperson Glor will attend the Library Board meeting on September 9, 2020, she will ensure that the Library understand they must look for alternate sources of future funding as well as the possibility of becoming a school library.

**RESOLUTION NO. 39-2020—CHANGE EXISTING LAND CONSERVATION ZONED AREA TO RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL, ALBION ROAD**

Deputy Supervisor Wolcott offered the following:

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Oakfield is changing parts of the following parcels from land conservation to residential agriculture per the attached map;

11.-1-20	11.-1-25.21	11.-1-24.1
11.-1-24.2	11.-1-22.1	11.-1-22.22
11.-1-23	11.-1-80	11.-1-22.21
11.-1-21		

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the above mentioned parts of parcels are zoned residential agricultural.

**Second:** Councilperson Glor

**Ayes:** Martin, Wolcott, Carroll, Glor, Kabel

**APPROVED UNANIMOUS VOTE (5-0)**

**WATER DISTRICT 6**

We have not heard anything more from the Town of Batavia

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Emerson Special Use Permit for chickens**—Public Hearing set for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.

**LITTLE LEAGUE**

Deputy Supervisor Wolcott would like a letter drafted to Oakfield Alabama Little League stating that it was great that some pickup games were played, a GLOW league used the park and reminding them that the \$1200 fee was bypassed for 2020 and is expected in 2021 by start of the season.

**TOWN OF ALABAMA**

Supervisor Martin and Justice Graham met with representatives from the Town of Alabama Court about using our facility for their court night. A three year contract is requested at \$550.00 per month. Supervisor Martin stated that the Town of Alabama must first contact the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to see exactly what is needed to move forward.

**RESIGNATIONS**

As Anne Engel and Mike Hamm have resigned their positions with the Library and Planning Board, a letter of thanks will be sent to each.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** Councilman Kabel, second Deputy Supervisor Wolcott to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. Haacke,  
Town Clerk