

TOWN OF ALMA NY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
Jan. 13, 2026

MEMBERS OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN SUPERVISOR: PAULA CLAYSON
DEPUTY SUP: MICHELLE DUNBAR
COUNCILPERSON: MICHELLE DUNBAR
COUNCILPERSON: DAVID SHIELDS
COUNCILPERSON: JOHN WALSH
COUNCILPERSON:

ALSO PRESENT

TOWN CLERK: ANGELA RHODES (ABS)
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK: MICHELLE STAEDT
BOOKKEEPER: N/A
HWY.SUP'T: TOM DANNHEIM
DEPUTY HWY SUP'T: DEAN CLAYSON
JUSTICE: CHERYL DANNHEIM (ABS)

Call to order for the board meeting at 6:06pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paula Clayson made the following appointments:

Dog Control: Tom Dannheim

Deputy Dog Control: Dean Clayson

An ad will need to be placed for Dog Control officer. Tom will stay on until an officer is found.

Deputy Town Clerk: Michelle Staedt

David Shields arrived at 6:20pm.

Motion to move monies from ARPA to Building reserve, \$1540.00 and \$5850.00, Michelle Dunbar, 2nd: John Walsh

Ayes: 3, Clayson, Dunbar, Walsh

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Minutes: Dec. 9, 2025, Dec. 29, 2025, and Jan. 6, 2026 Motion to accept: Michelle Dunbar, 2nd: Josh Walsh

Ayes: 3, Clayson, Dunbar, Walsh

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Michelle Dunbar spoke about the town audit. Michelle will contact the audit companies. Hopefully hear back by March 1st, 2026.

Snow & Ice: other half from the County should be sent in March.

Attorney Michael Burke: He has advised that Michelle Staedt could not do Deputy Town Clerk and Councilmen at the same time. Michelle Staedt will stay as deputy.

David Shields arrives at 6:20pm.

Reports:

Clerk's: read by Michelle Staedt

Highway: read by Paula Clayson. Tom Dannheim stated that there was an incident with the Volvo truck. The clutch was gone and the rear end locked up. Estimate repair: \$15,000.00. Tracy Road stated that the Volvo in working condition was worth \$50,000. Board agrees to have Tom go ahead and do the repairs on the Volvo.

Dog Control: no action

Code Enforcement: read by Michelle Dunbar. Board would like to invite Rich Wenslow to our next meeting, to ask him of the State passing Executive orders that deal with electric mandates for housing structures. And if the town will be held to the Unified Codes.

General Bills: Read by Michelle Dunbar. #001-26 to 024-26, \$100,945.08. Paula Clayson stated that there has been complaints about the Alma Fire Department.

Highway Bills: Read by Michelle Dunbar. #001-26 to 013-26, \$25, 343.47

Motion to pay bills as adjusted pending funding: John Walsh, 2nd: David Shields

Ayes: 4, Clayson, Dunbar, Walsh, Shields

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Agreement (Highway) of Expenditures of Highway funds, read by Michelle Dunbar, State aid monies received, to be used for town roads/highway, signed by board members

Model Road Preservation Law: Paula Clayson mentioned this, and that the board to discuss at next meeting and be prepared for a hearing to adopt at the March meeting.

Highway compressor: to be looked at to possibly purchase a new one

Executive Session: 7:05pm. Motion to go into Executive Session: John Walsh, 2nd: David Shields

Ayes: 4, Clayson, Dunbar, Walsh, Shields

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Motion at 7:52pm to come out of Executive session and return to regular meeting: John Walsh, 2nd: Michelle Dunbar

Ayes: 4, Clayson, Dunbar, Walsh, Shields

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Reason for the Executive Session was to discuss procedures for conducting personnel reviews regarding employee's performance.

Motion to close meeting, 7:53pm: John Walsh, 2nd David Sheilds

Ayes: 4, Clayson, Dunbar, Walsh, Sheilds

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Staedt
Alma Deputy Town Clerk
01/27/2026