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**TOWN OF ALMA NY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
Mar. 10, 2026**

MEMBERS OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN SUPERVISOR: PAULA CLAYSON
DEPUTY SUP: MICHELLE DUNBAR
COUNCILPERSON: MICHELLE DUNBAR
COUNCILPERSON: DAVID SHIELDS (@ 6:20pm)
COUNCILPERSON: JOHN WALSH
COUNCILPERSON:

ALSO PRESENT

TOWN CLERK: ANGELA RHODES
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK: MICHELLE STAEDT (ABS)
BOOKKEEPER: N/A
HWY.SUP'T: TOM DANNHEIM
DEPUTY HWY SUP'T: DEAN CLAYSON
JUSTICE: CHERYL DANNHEIM (ABS)
APPLICANT FOR COUNSILMAN: Gerald Mascho
APPLICANT FOR COUNSILMAN: Stephan Jacobs
APPLICANT FOR COUNSILMAN: Harley Cline

Call to order for the board meeting at 6:01pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from previous town board meeting:

-Directed to Angela to make the following adjustments:

* Remove Paula's name from "1st's & 2nd's", then resubmit to the board.

Reports:

Clerk's: read by Angela Rhodes

Highway: read by Michelle Dunbar

Justice: Read by Angela Rhodes

Dog Control: Nothing to report

CEO: Read by Michelle Dunbar

ACTION: Clayson to check on:

- 06/2025 Bill from Tony Hilliard (Sump Pump)
- Annual Membership Fee from Southern Tier West
- Roots water well bill from 2025

Motion to accept reports: Michelle Dunbar, 2nd- John Walsh

Ayes (2) Dunbar, Walsh

Nays: (0)

Motion Carried

6:20PM- Dave Shields enters.

General Bills: Read by Michelle Dunbar

Interviews (Open Interviews per public officers' law 105)

*Council Member: 1st Gerald Mascho, 2nd Harley Cline, 3rd Stephen Jacobs

Motion to move to Executive Session, Michelle Dunbar, 2nd: John Walsh

Exit Executive Session at 7:25pm, Motion: Michelle Dunbar, 2nd: David Shields

Ayes: (2) Dunbar, Shields

Nays: (0)

Motion Carried

*Board offers Stephen Jacobs the Councilman Positions- Jacobs accepts

Highway Bills: Read by Tom Dannheim.

*Computer, Printer, & Warranty discussion from DA5010.4

* Approved adjustment for Highmark (5,849.71 to \$5,821.92)

Motion to accept and pay bills: David Shields, 2nd – John Walsh

Ayes: (2) Dunbar, Walsh

Nays: (0)

Motion Carried

Old Business:

Audit:

* Engagement letter signed and sent.

* Courtney Brock has been assigned to us and will be giving Michelle Dunbar access to the portal, along with Paula Clayson

Road Preservation Law:

- Board to send edits to Clayson as soon as possible.

Comprehensive Plan:

- (2) interested parties: John Walsh & Harley Cline
 - Plan to schedule a follow-up meeting in 3-4 weeks.

DCO Advertisement: Angela Rhodes to put out another public posting.

Moratorium for solar, wind, battery storage, & liquid waste

- Paula Clayson and possibly Michelle Dunbar to attend March 12th meeting with Kier Dirlam to discuss SEQR as 1st step.
 - Filing memorandum will put a hold on the project for (1) year

New Business:

Salt Building:

- Looking into a grant that will cover 75% : 25% for a 70 x 90 salt building.
 - Up for approval for grant June 2026
 - To be dispersed February 2027
 - BID APPROVAL
 - Bright Span: Company to do the work

Motion to accept David Shields, 2nd – John Walsh

Ayes: (2) Dunbar, Walsh

Nays: (0)

Motion Carried

Motion to close meeting, 8:22pm: Michelle Dunbar, 2nd John Walsh

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Rhodes

Alma Town Clerk

03/31/2026