

TOWN OF ALMA NY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2026

MEMBERS OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN SUPERVISOR: PAULA CLAYSON
DEPUTY SUP: MICHELLE DUNBAR
COUNCILPERSON: MICHELLE DUNBAR
COUNCILPERSON: DAVID SHIELDS (ABS)
COUNCILPERSON: JOHN WALSH
COUNCILPERSON: STEPHEN JACOBS

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)
TOWN MEMBER(S): Wayne Conover, Shaun and Azura Taylor

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

Motion to enter to Executive Session: Potential litigation: ***Dunbar, 2nd – Jacobs***

Motion exit to Executive Session (6:11pm): ***Dunbar, 2nd – Jacobs***

Minutes from previous town board meeting:

- Motion to approve 6/9/26 minutes: ***Walsh, 2nd - Dunbar***

Reports:

Clerk's: read by Angela Rhodes

Highway: read by Michelle Dunbar

Justice: Read by Angela Rhodes

Dog Control: Read by Paula Clayson

CEO: June report read off by Michelle Dunbar

- * Motion to approve Reports: ***Walsh, 2nd – Jacobs***

General Bills: Read by ***Dunbar***

Steet Light Bill: Read by ***Dunbar***

Highway Bills: Read by ***Dunbar***

Motion to accept and pay bills: ***Dunbar, 2nd- Jacobs***

Old Business:

- **Tractor:**
 - Tractor broke down: Town of Alma Highway Dept. made the appropriate repairs to the leaks that were in the lines, now operating efficiently with daily checks on hydraulic fluid.
 - ***T. Dannhiem*** to research options for financing options for needed upgrades on current equipment.
- **Excavator:**
 - Discussion on moving forward with Anderson: 7 year maintenance with 5,000 hour warranty, in-field service, total cost to be \$255,414.00.
- **Resolution for Online Payments:** To be discussed further when complete board is present at July 28, 2026 meeting. (Resolution 4-2026)
- **Road Preservation Law:** Scheduled a Public Hearing for July 28, 2026 (Resolution 6-2026)
- **Junk Law:** Clerk and Supervisor are gathering more information to put this law into effect; CEO and Attorney Burke will look over what is compiled and give suggestion and finalization.
- **Wayne Conover FOIL Request:**
 - Board was provided e-mail thread for review
 - Mr. Conover was informed of:
 - upcoming budget meeting information
 - public meeting announcements
 - his need to send a FOIL request to the Alma Fire Dept. for what he is asking

New Business:

- **Online pet and marriage processing, reporting, and payments**
 - Board approves to move forward with “Resolution 7-2026”

6:53PM – MEETING PAUSED

6:54PM – MEETING RESUMED

- **Town of Alma Cable Franchise Agreement with Spectrum**
 - Sections that need to be negotiated:
 - Section 2.1 of Agreement Conflicts with (planned) Town of Alma Road Preservation Law (8/11/26 meeting to be discussed further)
 - Send to Attorney Burke to clear up language and shorten the term outlined in Section 2.2
 - Section 2.4 of Agreement states that Spectrum will restore damaged town property to “Serviceable Condition” – What does this mean??
 - To be discussed at Public Hearing on July 28, 2026 at 6:00pm.
- **2027 Budget Workshop**
 - Tentative time and date: 8/25/26 @ 6pm
- **Association of Towns:**
 - Bill of Rights
 - Needs to be reviewed by all board members
 - Finalized and submitted by 9/16/2026

7:02pm Motion to close meeting, ***Dunbar, 2nd Walsh***

Ayes (3) Dunbar, Walsh, Jacobs

Nays: (0)

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Rhodes
Alma Town Clerk
07/23/2026

(FINAL)