ALMOND TOWN BOARD MEETING
1 Marvin Lane, Almond NY
June 16, 2026

THE Board Meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm am with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Supervisor Nate Woodruff, Council members Bryan Snyder, Jo-Anne Freeland, Cash Davison, Deputy Supervisor Danyelle O'Brien and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Julie Phillips. Also Present were: Deputy Highway Superintendent Wayne Jefferds, Town Historian Kathleen Conklin, Village Representative Bill Lockwood, Keith Stanley, Village Resident Paul Gabriel and Town Resident Dan Hegarty.

Absent were Code Officer Jim Myers

Code Enforcement: Written Report.

Town Resident Dan Hegarty addressed the Board regarding the Hometown Hero Flags and handling of orders etc instead of the Town.. The company who produced the flags has the pictures in their database. Other people interested in forming a committee to take over the project are Anne Ernest, Jessica Palmer and Joy Stuart. They would also like to set up a fundraising page to replace flags that family members have passed. Bryan motioned to have the committee take over responsibility of the Hometown Hero Banners. Motion was seconded by Jo-Anne. Motion passed with all in favor.

Minutes: The minutes of April 21, May 4, and May 14th were approved with the discussed corrections by a motion by Danyelle with a second by Nate, motion passed. Send the corrections of minutes.

Supervisor Report: The Tax Collection petty cash has been deposited back in the Town bank account. The ADA website requirement has been pushed back to April of 2028. Danyelle asked about the dog licensing and redemption fees and what financial report the would be on. The Town only receives licensing fees and they are on the Clerk Report. Bryan motioned to accept the Supervisor's report with a second by Jo-Anne. Motion passed.

Bookkeeper Report: Bank reconciliations should not be made public without account numbers redacted. There will be a discussion whether to move some of the Centralized account amounts back to the corresponding CE lines. Nate motioned to accept the report with a second by Danyelle, motion passed.

Town Clerk: The Clerk will close the office at 10:45 on Thursday for the County Clerk Association meeting and luncheon. Board of Elections sent an email regarding the delivery of the equipment for the Primary election. Nate will cover the cameras for the election. The Clerk Report was approved by a motion from Nate with the second from Jo-Anne. Motion passed.

Highway: Provided a written report. Bryan motioned to approve the Highway report, Danyelle made the second. Motion passed.

DCO: No report.

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Assessor: No Report. Patty Wilkins Lorrow will be appointed to the Board of Assessment Review Board in January 2027.

Historian: Strawberry Festival will be on Monday June 24. Working on a database of Civil War Veterans. Nate motioned to approve the Historian report. Cash made the second. Motion passed.

Review of Abstract:
Abstract #6, June 16, 2026 was presented in the total amount of $121,126.96
General Fund A claims in the amount of $ 95,798.92
General Fund B claims in the amount of $ 97.15
General Fund DA claims in the amount of $14,568.92
General Fund DB claims in the amount of $10,685.68
- Joint Municipal Fund JM claims in the amount of $0
Fire Protection District SF claims in the amount of $0
Trust and Agency in the amount of $0

Discussion regarding the gasoline charged on the WEX card. Gas is for mowing and various tools (chainsaws, etc). At the end of the year, the Town bills the cemeteries for their gas used. Discussion about closing the Wex account and the advantages of keeping it. Nate motioned to approve the Abstract with the noted corrections. Bryan made the second; motion passed.

Resolutions:
Resolution #7 of 2026 – Budget modification for the purchase of the roller – Danyelle motioned to approve the resolution. Nate made the second and the motion passed.

Resolution # 6 of 2026 to appoint Jermey Morton as the Highway Superintendent. Jo-Anne motioned to approve the resolution; Nate made the second, Motion passed.

Nate relayed the changes to the employment agreement as to adding the term of appointment, scheduling of vacation etc. Danyelle motioned authorizing Nate to sign the employment agreement with Jeremy Morton, Jo-Anne seconded, and the motion passed.
Nate and the Board formally thanked Wayne for filling the temporary vacancy of the Highway Superintendent. Discussion about doing a physical back-up of the computers.

New Business:
Hometown Heros – See above

Budget-Get ideas as to amounts to remove from Centralized accounts back to the original CE accounts in the new budget for 2027. Postage would be easier if kept centralized.

Moratorium on Solar, BESS, and Data Centers – Jo-Anne motioned for a one-year moratorium. Do we need a resolution? Nate to contact the Attorney for the Town to approve a moratorium. The Planning Board needs to be involved to develop a Plan for amending the zoning and getting approval.

Old Business:
ATV Law Revisions – Committee – The committee has a meeting the following week. Bryan will update at the next Town meeting.

Noise Ordinance – Danyelle stated that an ordinance should not be created until there are numerous complaints throughout the town. Any ordinance or local law needs to be enforceable. – tabled

.gov – the website should be converted next week to .gov. Danyelle will be meeting with both IB Design and Integrated regarding the .gov emails

Village Representative: Nothing

Town Representative: Nothing

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 by a motion from Bryan, a second by Nate. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Phillips, Town Clerk