

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Acton. Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Bill Cleveland, Matthew Snyder and Jerry Snyder. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey (arriving at 7:13), Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Arriving at 7:20, Steve Kilmer, CEO. Guests included Bill and Wende Dailey. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim, Ninos.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 3/8/18 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Supervisor Acton reported that the incident report is now working properly and he forwarded it to all Board members. The 7 page report was reviewed and it was noted that there were several vehicle stops.

Monthly Report: The report was reviewed with attention to the DA5130.1 payroll account due to long winter and overtime.

Correspondence: Richardson & Stout Insurance Company - \$47.00 refund from NYMIR.

General Abstract #4- Vouchers #32-43 in the A General Fund, #8-9 in the B General Fund and #4 in the SF Fund for a total amount of \$11262.18 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0. Discussion included the bill from Attorney Mike Finn for an opinion on seasonal roads and cabins or homes built on it. If the structure is occupied, have to upgrade the road. Mr. Acton asked Mr. Finn what occupied meant and Mr. Finn was supposed to get back to him with something in writing.

Highway Abstract #4- Vouchers #46-59 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$12724.18 and DB in the amount of \$1200.00 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Discussion on repairs to the 2010 Mack – Bob Halsey explained that the air valve and leaf spring on back had to be replaced. Got it back and the check engine light came on. Had to take it back to Portville. Fion MacCrea stated that the Town of Almond Highway has a scanner that can diagnose problems with the truck which could save a trip to Portville. Mr. Halsey stated that he will check on that.

Highway Report: Reviewed written report which included repairs and maintenance of equipment.

- Steam Jenny put back together and used to thaw sluice pipes.
- New Roller has arrived.
- Cold patched several potholes.
- Borrowed Hartsville's chipper for branches that were down from storm.
- 2018 Pickup ordered – will be at least 14 weeks. Cost to Town is \$3000.00 with trade in.

CHIPS – Highway Superintendent Halsey stated he would like to do the following roads for this year's CHIPS projects. The total CHIPS allocation is \$109,547.50.

- Grind, reseal and install new sluice pipes on Palmiter Road
- Grind and reseal Sugar Hill Road
- Finish sealing Lake and Waterwells Roads.

Codes Enforcement Officer - Mr. Kilmer presented his written report that included the following:

- Frey house on Jericho Hill is getting worse and Mr. Frey does not respond to any correspondence.

- Question about building a residence on Sugar Hill – it is Zoned Light Industrial so that is not a permitted use.

Supervisor:

- Met with Downtown Revitalization Project. There is \$10 million dollars available for Western New York plus \$2.5 million with a 4:1 match with the municipality having to come up with the 4 share. Jim Ninos stated that it can only be used to develop property and the area includes South Main up Jericho Hill to the Equestrian Center and down to the Bicycle Man. Mr. Ninos added that he has been working on this and a Small Rural Community Grant with the possibility of creating something similar to the Wellsville Creative Arts Center. Alfred University may be willing to release Green Hall to the Village for retail space and an emergency health center. Also, South Hall needs \$10 million for renovations, have \$4 million to date.
- Shared Services meeting with County hired consultants. Learned that Town's cannot dissolve but can consolidate. State will pay 15% if consolidate and you would have a new Board. Only savings would be one less Board and one less clerk. Biggest cost to Towns is Highway.
- Fred Greenthal is planning on retiring the end of June then will use up his vacation thru September. Will be able to use John Eddy for 3 months.

New Business: Jerry Snyder reported on his attendance at the Village Board meeting.

- Hot Dog Day is April 21st.
- Discussion on Tiny houses and possible consolidation of Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water.
- Potentially getting a generator for the water tower on Pine Hill.

Discussion on Equipment: Mr. Acton asked if there was any piece of equipment that would make sense to purchase and share with another Town. Bob Halsey responded that the Grader would be tough since everyone pulls their shoulders at the same time. Fion MacCrea stated that the Town has a track excavator and when Almond gets theirs each could use each others for different times. Bob Halsey added that a rubber tire excavator would make more sense for us. Dan Acton stated that he talked with Jamie Mansfield from Almond to see if there was any equipment that could be shared and he responded that maybe a tractor. Fion MacCrea stated that if two Towns went into together could get a larger machine and mow wider. Cost would be \$80,000 - \$100,000.00. Jerry Snyder stated that the Town of Ward has a mower that possible could be shared.

Equipment Schedule: Bill Cleveland, Fion MacCrea and Bob Halsey have met several times to come up with a 5 year plan for equipment replacement. Looking more closely at the next 2 years. The equipment reserve has about \$134,000. It was noted that some Town's trade their trucks every 5 years. If the Town were to purchase a 10 wheeler in 2019, our oldest truck would be 20 years. Swap out the 1996 in 2019. The 2010 would be next and then the 2006 Sterling. That would mean buying a 10 wheeler every 5 years. The 1 Ton would be kept for 4-5 years then trade for a new one at a cost of about \$7000/year. Would keep the stainless box and only trade in the chassis and plow. After further discussion, Bob Halsey stated that he would talk with Ward about the mower and meet with Almond in regards to sharing excavators.

Mutual Aid Agreement: A motion was made by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0 to approve the 2019 Mutual Aid Agreement.

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Volunteer Firemen's Resolution for Workmen's Comp: A motion was made by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0 to approve this resolution.

Special Use Permits: Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals hope to meet May 24th to discuss the proposed changes.

Town Clerk – 28 Hometown Hero banners have been ordered for the Town and Village.

Other Business- Supervisor Acton met with Acting Town Assessor Jayna DeGroff and reported that she did do some field work. Still having an issue getting Building Permits from the Village. Mr. Acton met with the Village Codes Enforcement Office and arranged for him to get the permits to the Assessor. Mr. Cagle stated that most of the permits are ones that would not affect their assessment.

Matthew Snyder met with the Court Clerk and Town Clerk about addition to building and working on plans.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk