

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm July 14, 2016. Board members present were Dan Acton, Mary Stearns, and Bob Ormsby. Absent were Jerry Snyder and Fion MacCrea. Guests were Troy and Mallory Morehouse from Alfred State College, Keith Stanley representing the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Dept. Representing the Village of Alfred, Peter McClain. Kasey Klingensmith. Representing the press was Jason Jordon of the *Evening Tribune* and Sadie Myers of WLEA radio. Also Highway Superintendent Brad Price and Town Clerk Jan Burdick.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Acton with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Troy Mallory, Interim Director of Student Engagement, explained the reason raffles are conducted by students. The primary reason given was for the purpose of raising money for local and national organizations. Examples given were mission trips, Habitat for Humanity, Leadership Conferences. Women's Volleyball runs a Dig Pink tournament for Breast Cancer. Men's Basketball for Cystic Fibrosis. Another group uses the money raised to purchase instruments for the Alfred State College Band. Mr. Mallory added that the primary people sold tickets are on campus and within the College community and the money raised is to better the community. Pete McClain added that there is oversight by the administration on all raffles and could probably get a record of what they have. According to The NYS Gaming Commission, if less than \$500 raised, do not have to apply for a permit or pay a fee to the Town or Village. Bob Ormsby was concerned that the Chief of Police will have more responsibility in the Town if this is passed. Dan Acton stated that he doesn't feel it is going to put more of a burden on the Village Police. Mr. Ormsby also added that he was concerned that it would open the Town to larger scale gambling. Mr. Acton stated that all this would do is legalize something that has been going on for many years. A motion was made by Dan Acton to adopt Local Law #1 – 2016 A Local Law Authorizing Games of Chance by Authorized Organizations in the Town of Alfred. The motion was seconded by Mary Stearns. The motion did not pass with Dan Acton and Mary Stearns voting yes and Bob Ormsby voting no therefore a majority of the Board did not vote in favor of this law.

Keith Stanley: Representing the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Department. Requesting an increase of \$1000/year in the new contract. No other changes will be requested in the new three year contract. This would amount to a 2.6% increase. Mr. Stanley stated that the Fire Department is experiencing more expenses and that is the reason for the request. Dan Acton stated that the Board appreciates everything the Fire Dept. does for the Town but noted that the Tax Cap this year is about .67%. Being that the Fire Dept is a Special District, may not fall within the Tax Cap limitation but the Board will check on that.

Robert and Corinna Baker of 6426 Shaw Road presented a Zoning Request to replace a mobile home with a new double wide modular home. Since they are in the Industrial Zone, it has to be brought before the Town Board. Since the new home will not meet the 85' set back from the center of the road, the request was denied with a motion by Dan Acton, second by Bob Ormsby and carried 3-0. They will now file for an area variance with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Approval of Minutes – The minutes of July 14, 2016 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 3-0.

Police Report- Reviewed written report and incident report. Noted there were 20 incidents in the Town, most vehicle and traffic related.

Monthly Report – Both trucks sold at auction for the Town's minimum – waiting for payment.

General Abstract #8- Vouchers #98-107 in the amount of \$7386.25 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 3-0.

Highway Abstract #8- Vouchers #113-128 in the amount of \$19691.86 were approved with a motion by Dan Acton seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 3-0.

Highway Report – Brad Price reviewed the written report and road work that has been done this month.

- Oil and Stone on Kenyon Road is now completed.
- FEMA paperwork has been completed.
- CHIPS reimbursement submitted for \$24,000.00.

Bob Ormsby asked about the surveying stakes that were removed from a property on Kenyon during road reconstruction. Brad Price stated that the bill is included in the vouchers. The stakes were covered when Hornellsville went through and cleaned the dirt from the shoulders.

Supervisor's Report

- Met with Mike Griffin of the NYS Dot regarding Baker's Bridge. The project to replace the bridge has been authorized and bids will go out in 2017 with construction to start in 2018. The road will be closed for about 4 months and cost will be about \$1.8 million dollars. Mr. Griffin will attend a future meeting to answer any questions.
- Met with Presidents from both colleges at the Village Hall.
- Had preliminary meeting for Union Contract Negotiations.

Committee Reports

Kasey Klingensmith stated that the Comprehensive Plan is trying to be competed in the near future. They are trying to come up with an Introduction that would list achievements since the last Comprehensive Plan and needs the Town Board and Planning Boards help. Need it within the next week.

Bank Statements - A motion by Mary Stearns to approve the Bank statements seconded by Dan Acton and carried 3-0.

A motion to go to executive session at 7:58 pm was made by Dan Acton to discuss Union Negotiations, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 3-0. Executive session ended at 8:16 pm with a motion by Dan Acton, seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 3-0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm by Bob Ormsby seconded by Dan Acton and carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

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