

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Dan Acton.

Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Jerry Snyder, Bill Cleveland and Matthew Snyder. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Wendy and Bill Dailey, Anne Acton, Pam Jones, and Cara Dobson. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos and representing the press was Jason Jordon of the *Spectator*.

Guests: Anne Acton and Pam Jones were in attendance to present a petition signed by residents of Alfred Station which represented residents, businesses and student rentals from the Alfred Station Post Office to the traffic light on State Rt. 21. The petition is requesting the Town of Alfred Highway Department assume responsibility for the sidewalks within the hamlet of Alfred Station. Concerns listed included safety, economic opportunity, accessibility, quality of life, Consistency, and seasonal continuance of service. Mrs. Acton stated that there are 25 residences, businesses and rentals in this area. 14 shovel regularly, 7 never shovel and 4 shovel sometimes or partial. Some comments made included:

- Possible shared service with the Village.
- Residents in Village are reasonable for shoveling in front of their property.
- Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey stated that he does not have the manpower or equipment to do this. Priority is to get the roads cleared.
- Problem walking to the Post Office.
- Fion MacCrea asked if the Town has ever shoveled sidewalks and no one knew of any time the Town did this.
- Where will the snow be put? Illegal to put snow in the road.
- If men are out plowing roads, how and when will they get to the sidewalks?
- How many times would the Town have to shovel – every time the state goes through since they through the snow from the road onto the sidewalk?

Fion MacCrea referred to forming a snow removal district. District would be established within the area outlined by the petition and it would be a line item on their tax bill. Town would bid it out to establish cost and that cost would become a tax item on the Town and County Bill.

Dan Acton asked if this would be in the Building Code under property maintenance. Mr. Acton will check with the Codes Enforcement Officer and also see what Almond does. Jerry Snyder asked if anyone had talked with those that don't shovel and if so, what was the response? Mrs. Acton stated that some are absentee landlords. Mrs. Acton stated that she realized this wouldn't be able to be resolved tonight and that they don't expect it to be plowed every little snowfall. When get a large amount would like Town to do it. Bill Cleveland suggested a letter be sent to all residents in this area letting them know they are responsible for shoveling – maybe not everyone is aware it is their responsibility. Anne Acton stated that some of the landlords have it in their lease that the occupants are responsible for shoveling – that isn't happening. Snow Removal District would be a local law and require a public hearing.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 11/8/18 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Police Report: Reviewed report. Very busy month. Dan Acton is requesting in the new contract, to have a representative of the Village Police Department attend the Town Board meeting quarterly.

Monthly Report: Snow Removal Payroll account may go over depending on overtime.

Mortgage Tax received - \$18,573.32 more than budgeted.

Code Enforcement Report: Reviewed written report.

Correspondence:

- Board of Elections Statement of Elections and Primaries for 2018.
- Resignation from Jud Stearns from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Accepted with appreciation and thanks for many years of dedicated service.

General Abstract #12- Vouchers #102-110 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$8951.10, #18 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$3198.91 and #13 in the SF Fund for \$3291.00 for a total amount of \$1541.01 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #12- Vouchers #116-135 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$27,283.09 and Voucher #39 in the DB fund in the amount of \$471.58 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0. This included \$5746.92 for repairs to the 2010 Mack.

Highway Report: Bob Halsey explained the repairs to the 2010 Mack included the clutch that has been a problem so they took it out and put in an old style one to solve the problem. Also an air leak. The Sterling was taken to Portville for a starter issue. Sanded and plowed roads, mowed and hauled salt and sand to Town shed. Made new floor drain grates in shop. Bob Halsey would like to buy a Mig Welder for \$2498.00 less a \$500 rebate from Airgas. Mr. Halsey received two quotes one from Bradley Supply for \$2701.00 and one from Airgas for \$2498.00 less a \$500.00 rebate. Will sell the old one since it is too small for what they need. A motion was made by Bill Cleveland to approve the purchase of the one from Airgas, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Report: Received a call from someone that wants to put in a car wash – referred him to the DEC.

When Zoning Law was redone to prohibit fracking some things got changed that are confusing. Would like the Planning Board to look it over and make suggestions.

Baker's Bridge will not be open till next year – can't do any further work until spring.

Attended Village Board meeting with Fion MacCrea. Asked if they would be supportive of joining the Town for a Justice Court Grant for a storage area for old court records and they stated yes.

Village Issues: Much discussion of the Pine Street Bridge. Jim Ninos stated that it is the first time they have been able to negotiate with Alfred University on water billing. The Village wants to meter them. In order for all to agree the Village had to take ownership of the road and AU will take ownership of property around the road. Town owns the Bridge. Bridge will start in spring of 2020 and is being paid for with grants. Jim McNulty has retired and Tom Costello is taking over all Public Works responsibilities. AU is planning on putting in new fields on Jericho Hill and the Village is planning on running water up there.

Town Clerk – Presented the Town of Alfred Policy Against Discrimination and Sexual Harassment. A motion was made by Matthew Snyder to adopt this policy, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Southern Tier West Grant for Records storage. All vital statistics and old minutes will be scanned.

Old Business: Matthew Snyder asked if any money was put in the budget for a reval in 2020. No it was not.

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New Business: Year-end and Organizational Meeting – January 3rd at 10:00 am.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Bill Cleveland 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