

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 8, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm June 8, 2017. Board members present were Dan Acton, Mary Stearns, Jerry Snyder and Bob Ormsby. Absent was Fion MacCrea. Guests were Brooke Harris and Matthew Snyder. Also attending were Codes enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer, Town Clerk Janice Burdick and Highway Superintendent John Billings. The meeting was opened by Supervisor Acton with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests:** Brooke Harris stated that he is running for County Legislator for District V and Matthew Snyder stated he is here to observe since he is running for Town Board.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of 5/11/2017 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 4-0.

Police Report: There was no written report available this month.

**Monthly Report:** A5010.4 Highway Contractual and A5132.4 Garage Contractual are over budget.

### **Correspondence:**

- Allegany County Legislators Clambake – July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield requesting a 9% increase in 2018.
- Equalization Rate has dropped to 95%. Jerry Snyder will stop and see the Assessor to see what can be done about getting it back up to 100%.
- Dept. of Ag. & Markets – Inspection of Dog Kennel – all areas passed.

**General Abstract #6-** Vouchers #75-83 in the amount of \$9100.93 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

**Highway Abstract #6-** Vouchers #87-101 in the amount of \$20157.08 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 4-0.

**Highway Report:** Reviewed written report.

1. Finished grinding and hauling of gravel on Lake and Waterwells. 2 sluices still need to be changed. Sealing middle of July.
2. Installed sluice pipes Lake and Sibley Roads.
3. Mowing
4. Hauled brine

Mary Stearns asked Mr. Billings when he would be taking his CDL test and was told he was taking it the next day.

Jerry Snyder suggested using the grader when pulling shoulders and asked why they are ditching with the excavator? Mr. Snyder suggested when he goes to school in Cornell to ask for their advice. John Billings stated that they use the excavator to ditch to get the proper drainage. Mr. Snyder responded that if use the Grader, get a better contour and can do more at a time. Can cover 5 times the road mileage with the Grader and more gentle slope in the ditch. Mary Stearns added that the ditches look pretty deep.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

- Attended 1st meeting with the County Administrator on Shared Services. Large turnout that is supposed to be attended by all Supervisors and Mayors in the County. The first thing decided was to defer the plan until 2018 since the deadline in August. This group

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is responsible to submit a plan to the County Legislators then the County would make recommendations. A public presentation is planned for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some of the suggestions so far:

- Have all tax collection done by the County Treasurer's office. (County would have to hire more personnel).
- Have County do payroll for all the Towns and Villages.
- Countywide Health Insurance
- District Courts instead of Town Courts. If this were to occur you would need a Judge which would be very expensive.
- Next meeting June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Acton commented that the Town currently does shared services with Dog Control, Police, Court and Highway. Mary Stearns stated that she attended a meeting in Belmont last year regarding shared services and they had suggested having one person oversee all the Water Treatment Plants. Wouldn't help the Town but would help the Village. Also, Almond has one Town Justice and we have 2, maybe can reduce to one.

**CEO** – Steve Kilmer reviewed his written report. Cow Palace is slowly removing the cars. Mr. Wisnewski told Mr. Kilmer that he recently bought a commercial property that he will be moving them to. Says he will have them gone by fall. Mr. Kilmer added that it is always better to let someone comply voluntarily than to go to Court. Mary Stearns agreed and added that if he is willing to continue to work on it let him have the extended time.

Addison Frey – he is living out of State and not answering Steve's letters. Option is for Town to repair it then try to get reimbursed from Mr. Frey. Ralph Sollie – Cornelius Road. Sent letter, waiting for response. (Note: Mr. Sollie responded to Steve's letter and after further research it was discovered that he had applied for a Permit.)

Brad Cannon – put on an addition with no permit. Sent letter.

Aaron McGraw – cabin across from his house – sent him a letter.

Brad Price – Started construction before Variance Hearing. Mr. Price called Mr. Kilmer and wanted to put the metal on the roof. Steve Kilmer told him to call Jud Stearns, Chairman of the ZBA, and see if he thinks they will approve the Variance Request. Mr. Stearns thought they would so Mr. Kilmer told Mr. Price he could just do the roof and no more until the Variance is granted.

Mary Stearns informed Mr. Kilmer that Southern Tier Concrete has tried to call Steve, have several questions for him.

**Dan Acton** – email from Becky Graves stating that she never received anything in writing that her Special Use Permit was approved. Mr. Kilmer will get it in the mail.

**Unfinished Business: Special Use Permits in the Ag. District**

Supervisor Acton explained to Steve Kilmer the idea to expand what is allowed in an Ag. District so won't have to get a Variance. Dan Acton questioned how to expand without making a long list. Mr. Kilmer suggested make it general. If it doesn't change the character of the neighborhood it would be allowed. Dan Acton stated that the problem is what businesses would be subject to a Special Use Permit. Mary Stearns added that it would be impossible to list everything. Steve Kilmer also suggested that it should be owner occupied. Owner of the property should be the one that has the business. Mary Stearns also commented that the idea was so the applicant didn't have to prove hardship. S. Kilmer stated that leaving it general

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won't hurt the Town and gives an avenue to allow businesses to come in but Town can still decide if it is an acceptable use.

**Town Clerk** – Job Trak starting Monday.

**Other Business** – Supervisor Acton reported that he and Fion MacCrea received a voice mail stating that Sandy Cameron was serving has Justice illegally due to not filing a Bond with the County. Town Clerk Burdick contacted Rich Ewell who assured her that the Justices as well as all Town Officials are bonded. Mr. Ewell also contacted NYMIR and obtained a copy of the Bond and sent it to the County. Mrs. Cameron has also filed her Oath of Office in a timely manner.

**Bank Statements** - A motion by Dan Acton to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Dan Acton at 8:15 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 4-0. A motion to adjourn Executive Session was made at 8:20 pm by Bob Ormsby, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by Bob Ormsby seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick  
Town Clerk