

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 9, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm June 9, 2016. Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Mary Stearns, Jerry Snyder, and Bob Ormsby. Guests were Tim, Jane and Silas Cochran and Jud Stearns. Drew McInnis, representing the Village of Alfred. Representing the press was Jordon of the *Evening Tribune*. Also Highway Superintendent Brad Price and Town Clerk Jan Burdick.

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

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of May 12, 2016 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

**Police Report**- Reviewed written report and incident report. Mary Stearns noted that the incident report shows that the Village Police are doing something in the Town.

**Codes Enforcement Officer** – Reviewed written report.

**Monthly Report** – All ok.

### Correspondence-

- Board of Elections – Passed ADA compliance. Possible primary September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Teamsters – Notice to open contract negotiations. – Jerry Snyder suggested beginning the negotiations early and set meeting dates so progress can be made and negotiations keep moving along.
- Constellation – notice of increase in rates.

**General Abstract #6**- Vouchers #74-85 in the amount of \$9245.97 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

**Highway Abstract #6**- Vouchers #73-87 in the amount of \$8899.24 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

**Highway Report** – Brad Price reviewed the written report.

- Reported on road maintenance and equipment maintenance.
- Worked with Andover.
- Installed radio in 2006 Sterling.

Discussion on method to sell 2 trucks – 2004 International and 1994 Ford. Estimated \$20,000 - \$25,000 for the 2004 International and \$5000-6000 for the 1994 Ford. Brad Price feels minimum should accept for the International is be \$20,000 and \$5000 for the Ford. Jerry Snyder suggested setting the minimum to accept higher – can always come down. It was decided to list them through Auctions International. A motion was made by Fion MacCrea to accept a minimum bid of \$25,000 for the International and \$5,000 for the Ford, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Jerry Snyder questioned Brad Price on several items related to highway maintenance as follows:

- How often are ditches cleaned? Response: Whenever needed – depends on the road. Mr. Snyder – every 5 or 10 years? Response – not really a timeline.
- How do you keep the right of way clear? Response – Mow them. Mr. Snyder asked about trees and stated that the Town used to use a sickle bar – cheaper than using the Kubota. Feels more effective way to clear and upkeep the right of way. Cheaper with sickle bar. Growth is coming into right way and hitting vehicles especially on Waterwells

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Road. The Town of Hornellsville mowed Kenyon and it took them 70 hours to do both sides. Mr. Snyder added that the ditches are getting overgrown with trees. Fion MacCrea asked if the Town of Almond's flail reaches out further. Brad Prices stated it does and Mr. MacCrea added that he likes the idea of being able to reach out into the ditches more. Brad Price stated that the Town of Amity hooked one up to their excavator but Mr. MacCrea noted that the Town of Alfred has a steel track excavator so that would not be a good choice. Mr. Snyder added that that would not be good for the roads and would be very slow.

- What slope are the dirt roads graded? Response – 3% but feels they need to be 5-6%.
- How do you keep the visibility at intersections? Response – Town mows them. Mr. Snyder – feels need to find a better way to keep the right away and ditches cleared. Money getting spent but not getting a lot of the roads done, in his opinion. Mr. Snyder added that there are 42 miles of road and may need a part time in the summer and may want to include that with the Union Negotiations.

**Eagle Project** – Silas Cochran reported that he is ready to start installing the posts and numbers. Jud Stearns reported that there has been talk that the County Dispatcher wants to renumber the entire County. He has not approached the County Fire Board or the Public Safety Committee. County Legislator Phil Curran told Mr. Stearns that he has not approached the County Legislators to date. Mr. Stearns felt it could be at least 3-4 years before they even start, if they do it. Dan Acton called Mr. Swarthout and has not heard back from him. Silas Cochran stated that he is going to stay with the numbers the owner's currently have. Will do all residents first then vacant land. Will be placing a flag where the post is going then if property owner wants it somewhere else, they can let Silas know. Phil Curran is donating the material for the numbers and Joyce's will cut it. It will take about 2 weeks to order and assemble. The Town Board agreed that Silas should continue on with the project.

**Supervisor's Report** – Request from Village Mayor Grigg for a letter of support for the sewer district from Alfred to Almond. The Town of Almond will be the lead agency. Supervisor Acton was asked if the Town signs a letter of support does it mean everyone along the sewer district will be required to hook into it. Jerry Snyder stated that he feels the Town needs to know what they are getting into before they give a letter of support. It was reported that the sewage will be pumped up from Almond and it was noted that everything in Almond is in the flood plain. Court Date for John Lang case is scheduled for June 22nd in the Town of Amity.

Met with Mayor Grigg – the Village is not going to replace Mark Serra – going to use a part-time person and will not need anyone from the Town.

Suggested changing term of Highway Superintendent from a 2 year term to 4 year term. Would have to go on the ballot in November.

Reported that Assessor Sue Putt fell and broke her foot in two places and also has with some other serious health issues.

**Games of Chance Law** - After some discussion it was decided to table this for further investigation.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report. SPCA Contract – tabled until July meeting.

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**Committee Report – Special Use Permit**

The Planning Board met with Fion MacCrea to discuss having the Planning Board review the current Zoning Law in particular using a Special Use Permit to address a home based business in an Ag. District. Kier Dirlam from the County Planning Dept. agreed that it would be a good idea for the Planning Board to come up with a list of businesses that would be allowed. Jud Stearns stated that with a Variance you have to meet the 4 criteria's. With a Special Use Permit it is an allowed use but would still need to go to the ZBA who would review the application and recommend it to the Town Board. The Town Board would review it and make a recommendation to the ZBA who would then approve or deny it. Dan Acton stated that he would like the Planning Board to expand the list of businesses that would be allowed with a Special Use Permit.

A motion was made at 8:23 pm to go to Executive Session by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0 to discuss personnel. Executive Session was adjourned at 8:34 pm with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

**Bank Statements** - A motion by Dan Acton to approve the Bank statements seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm by Bob Ormsby seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick  
Town Clerk