

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 14, 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, Fion MacCrea, Mary Stearns, Jerry Snyder, and Bob Ormsby. Guests were Tim and Jane Cochran. Representing the press was Jason Jordon of the *Evening Tribune*. Also Highway Superintendent Brad Price, Town Clerk Jan Burdick and Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer.

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

### **911 Project**

A motion was made by Dan Acton to approve Voucher #1A for Certified Safety Products for 300 posts for the 911 numbers in the amount of \$4677.00, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0. This will come out of the designated account for the 911 project. Jane and Tim Cochran stated that Waterwells and Moland roads are done and they have received positive feedback so far from the ones that have been installed. Jerry Snyder expressed a note of thanks to Silas Cochran for a job well done.

**Unfinished Business** – Allegany County SPCA Contract. Mary Stearns stated that she had read the contract over. Basically they want \$35 per dog to take any dog from the Town. Dan Acton asked if there was a cost to enter into the agreement and Mrs. Stearns stated no – just if we use them to take a dog. A motion was made by Mary Stearns to sign the 2016 Contract with the Allegany County SPCA so the Town has the option of taking any dog to them at \$35.00 per dog, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-1 with Bob Ormsby voting no.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of June 9, 2016 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

**Police Report**- Reviewed written report and incident report. Noted there were 26 incidents in the Town, most traffic related.

**Monthly Report** – Received \$60,000 of CHIPS reimbursement for the 1 Ton truck.

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

**Correspondence- None**

**General Abstract #7**- Vouchers #86-85 in the amount of \$9002.20 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

**Codes Enforcement Officer** - Lang Court Case has been postponed until July 20, 2016 due to John Lang illness. Steve Kilmer reviewed his written report. John Wisniewski has removed 5 cars so far. Appreciates the Town working with him as he works to get them taken care of – still about 20 cars up there. Participated in a conference call with the Town Lawyer regarding the Lang Case. Coral Link – received certified letter, now trying to catch up with her. Will call maintenance company responsible for Earl Stopfel's house regarding mowing lawn. Told Becca Powell on Rt. 21 that she is not allowed to have people living in the garage.

**Highway Abstract #7**- Vouchers #88-112 in the amount of \$51123.44 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

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

- Reported on that they went over budget for stone on Kenyon Road. There was a lot of sand so had to put more stone in than anticipated.

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- Hazard Mitigation Report almost done – just need to take to Belmont.
- Projects – Oil and stone Kenyon and Lake.

Discussion on selling of 2 trucks – 2004 International and 1994 Ford – on Auction International. Currently the International is at \$18700.00 and the Ford at \$2600.00. Auction ends tomorrow afternoon. The Board put a minimum of \$25,000.00 on the International and \$5000 on the Ford. Brad Price stated that the person that is interested doesn't want to go much higher due to having to pay the 14% buyers premium plus sales tax. Jerry Snyder stated the auction should go the entire time and see what happens. Many times, bids will come in at the end of the auction. Dan Acton asked the Board what they wanted to do if the minimum bid was not met. Jerry Snyder stated that the Board already made the decision to not take less than \$25,000. 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. It was agreed to relist them if they do not meet the minimum bid. (Please note: The 1994 Ford sold for \$5000.00 and the 2004 International sold for \$25,000.00.)

Jerry Snyder stated that Waterwells Road is in serious need of repair. Could they put some cold patch in there? Brad Price agreed but said the cold patch doesn't stay.

Brad Price's laptop doesn't work – can get a good used one from Josh McGraw for \$200 - \$300.00

**Supervisor's Report** – Mr. Acton and Mr. MacCrea have met to put together some information for the Union Contract negotiations.

**Games of Chance Law** - A flow chart was provided by SUNY that shows the process for raffles and whether they are permitted to be conducted. Alfred State College has about 35 raffles a year and were told they can no longer conduct any raffles until the Town and Village pass a Games of Chance Law. If passed by the Boards, would then have to go up for Public Referendum. Dan Acton had contacted Spencer Peavy from Alfred State College to find out what the raffles are done for and has not heard back from him. Mr. Acton stated that he is in favor of the Board passing this local law so that the students can conduct their raffles. Jerry Snyder asked what they need a raffle for – if there is a need the community will support it. If you need to gamble to raise money, feels it crosses the threshold of why you are giving to something. Mary Stearns stated that the Fire Department conducts a 300 Club every year and it raises a considerable amount for the Fire Co. People buying the tickets get food and people buy the tickets from other areas as well as local. Fion MacCrea added that for a lot of people it is a social event and some winners donate it back to the Fire Co. Bob Ormsby commented that he would rather donate money than buy a ticket. Jane Cochran stated that ½ the income for the Ambulance comes from the Breakfast with Santa and a Chinese Auction conducted at that time. Feels Fire Co. would suffer if not allowed. Jerry Snyder added that he feels it opens the door for future gambling. Supervisor Acton stated that before any further action is taken will wait until the Board receives more information from ASC.

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### **Committee Reports**

Website Update – Fion MacCrea stated that during the Comprehensive Plan discussions it was suggested that a shared Community Calendar be put on the Town, Village, County and schools websites. The person that could do this charges \$12.00 per hour.

Mr. MacCrea also stated that the Draft Comprehensive Plan is almost ready and the 2016 Plan will be less wordy than the 2004 plan but the 2004 plan will remain as a reference to the 2016 plan. Supervisor Acton asked what the Board's roll is in finalizing the Comprehensive Plan and Mr. MacCrea stated a Public Hearing will have to hold and the Town Adopting the final plan.

Jerry Snyder noted that that the College and University are not present at any Town or Village meetings but many times a topic of discussion. Perfect time to establish communication between the Colleges and municipalities. Mr. Acton agreed and felt once a year would be good and Mr. MacCrea added that he thought prior to each semester would work.

Planning Board – Special Use Permits. Will meet with Jud Stearns, Chairman of the ZBA for his input.

Village Meeting – Mary Stearns attended the Village meeting where they discussed sewage being pumped up from Almond. They are looking for the Town to support the Town of Almond being lead agency for extending the sewage lines. Almond has agreed to apply for a grant for the study. Still a lot to do and many questions. Fion MacCrea added that he hopes it will encourage more development.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Bob Ormsby seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick  
Town Clerk