

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 14, 2019

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

All Board members were present. Also in attendance were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Bill and Wendy Dailey and Cara Dobson. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 2/14/19 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Police Report: Reviewed written report.

Code Enforcement Report: No report

Monthly Report: All ok.

Correspondence: Allegany County Legislators District V quarterly meeting will be held at 5:00 pm in Canaseraga on March 25, 2019.

General Abstract #3- Vouchers #25-35 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$4770.65, #3-4 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$3652.91 and #3 in the SF Fund for \$3375.00 were approved except for Voucher #35 in the A Fund, for Sandy Cameron reimbursement, until further documentation is provided, with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0. Included was the cost of the new heaters in the garage which was a little over \$3500.00. Discussion involving reimbursement for Justice Sandy Cameron was that the amount spent is not in the budget and she did not request this ahead of time. Supervisor Acton suggested the Town pay the difference if conference was held in upstate New York vs. New York City.

Highway Abstract #3- Vouchers #36-55 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$24879.66 and Voucher #2 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$1200.00 were approved with a motion by Dan Acton except for #53 to Maple City Dodge seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. #53 to Maple City Dodge was not supposed to be submitted at this time.

Discussion: New pickup will cost \$4000 plus trade of current truck. Fion MacCrea commented that this has worked out so far (trading every year) but not sure what the turnaround would be if kept the truck longer. Wondered what cost would be if kept two years? Matthew Snyder questioned if they would hold the price and wait to get a 2020. Bob Halsey stated that the problem is it is a Fleet price and they may not know what that will be for 2020 now. Fion MacCrea suggested seeing what a 2 year turn around would be. Bob Halsey reported that he had also contacted Bokman's but hasn't heard anything back from them. Bob Halsey will try Bokman's again and report the results next month.

Highway Report: 2010 Mack – clutch fan and water pump had to be replaced. Last garage door done in the shop and the heaters are done. New oil pan on grader, new air governor on 96 Mack. Plowed and sanded, hauled salt and sand and patched pot holes.

Bob Halsey stated that he is still looking for a good used truck. Found a 2017 and looked at it but another Town bought it.

Supervisor's Report: Contacted David Byrnes about being on the Planning Board and he has agreed.

Met with Pete McClain of the Village regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project. This is a 4-1 match. John Ninos will get \$700,000 for a new building and S. Tier Concrete will get \$12,000. The old Town building on Rt. 244 is being bought and will be used for a ceramic company. Jim Ninos explained that with the Smart Growth Grant they will receive \$1.2 million and no match. This will be used to install sidewalks down Rt. 244. From the Village line to the Town. Will go along with the new water line that is being paid for with an EFC Grant.

Supervisor Acton stated that he feels this is a good thing for the safety of people walking along Rt. 244. Mr. Acton stated that the Town will have no financial obligation. Jerry Snyder asked who will be responsible for plowing and Mr. Acton stated that is to be determined. Mr. Snyder then asked if the Town will be obligated to maintain it and who is going to do that. Mr. Ninos stated that a machine to plow the sidewalks is included in the grant. Mr. Acton commented that should look at the bright side – there is \$1.2 million dollars sitting on the table. Jerry Snyder stated that grant money is still taxpayer's money. Mr. Snyder added that you have to look at the future and maintenance – may have to add a man and equipment to take care of it. Fion MacCrea asked when the projects area planned out will they be bid and Mr. Ninos stated yes. Matthew Snyder asked if some of the money could be held back for maintenance. Mr. Ninos replied no – have to spend the money by a specific time.

Zoning Law Amendments: Reviewed suggested changes.

Building Discussion: Bill Cleveland stated that he looked over the metal building. It was originally built by Harold Ford. Mr. Cleveland stated they are trying to come up with a plan where an addition can be built onto it. The existing building needs to be maintained and needs a new roof and siding. Thought of adding a lean to type structure across the front and maybe along the back. Would have to be a multi-year program. Current building is 54' x 24 plus an 18' x 12' addition. Thought is to add 36' on the end toward Rt. 21. That would then give enough room for all the equipment. Fion MacCrea asked if it would have to be fully enclosed or open storage so equipment could be backed in. Bob Halsey stated doors would just be put on each end. Dan Acton added that the building is a good solid building and just use for cold storage. Bill Cleveland added that in order to continue exploring this option, need to figure out how to pay for it. Matthew Snyder asked if the roof is leaking and Bill Cleveland said he didn't know because it is insulated. Jerry Snyder added that the roof could probably be sand blasted or painted. It is heavy gauge metal and probably doesn't need to be replaced. Another suggestion was a pole barn – cheap and goes up quick. Bob Halsey responded that he had thought of that but there really isn't anything wrong with the current building. Could put on larger door so a 10 wheeler would fit with the plow on. Matthew Snyder agreed and felt what is there should be stabilized. Jerry Snyder felt it should be done in stages and start with an estimate. Bill Cleveland contacted NYSEG in regards to an energy audit and they don't do them There is a company that does do them but they charge about 10% of the heat bill. Bob Halsey stated that with new doors and new furnaces should see a difference in the heat bill.

Other Business: Bill Cleveland attended the Village Board meeting. The Comprehensive Plan is moving right along. Jim Ninos and Fion MacCrea will get together with the County to finish up the Town/Village Comprehensive Plan. Jim Ninos stated that they want to include the awarding of the grant so it looks like they have done new things.

Logging on Palmiter Road – Bob Halsey reported to the Board that Wagner's want to start logging on Palmiter Road. Since the Town does not have a road use Policy can't stop them or make them get a bond. Dan Acton stated that it was posted for weight limit. Bob Halsey expressed concern due to how soft the road is. The option is to have them use Sugar Hill Road.

Town Clerk – Fion MacCrea is working on the Town website. Could transfer domain name for \$10-\$11/month.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0. A motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted, Janice L. Burdick Town Clerk

