

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Acton. Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Bill Cleveland, Matthew Snyder and Jerry Snyder. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, Town Clerk Janice Burdick and Chief of Police Paul Griffith. Guests included Bill and Wende Dailey. Representing the press was Jason Jordon.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 2/8/18 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Codes Enforcement Report – no report submitted this month.

Police Report – Chief of Police Paul Griffith reported that the incident report issue is still not resolved but is being worked on. Chief Griffith reported that there were 16 calls last month and 44 YTD in the Town. 287 calls in the Village and 573 YTD. Also reported that there were 2 arrests in the Town and 6 traffic tickets. Had numerous calls last week due to the snow storm causing trees and wires to come down. During the storm there were cars and a fire truck off Rt. 12. State Police couldn't respond due to numerous other calls and bad road conditions. Also, a roll over on Lake Road. The State Troopers did show up and handled the situation. Chief Griffith stated that the Troopers have been sitting up by Lake Road and issuing speeding tickets. Also, on Friday during the storm the power outages caused many to be without heat. A warming center was set up at McLane Center. Also the fuel pumps didn't work due to no power so the closest place to get gas was Hornell. The Village does have a generator but it ran out of gas.

Dan Acton informed the Chief that with the shared services program, Washington County has electronic arraignment.

Monthly Report: Reviewed the report.

Correspondence: District V meeting – 7:00 pm here March 15, 2018.

NYSEG – LED Light Program. Bill Dailey stated that he switched his farm and riding arena to LED and feels he gets more even light but not as bright. Also, lights didn't so well with the cold and didn't feel it was worth it.

General Abstract #3- Vouchers #21-31 in the A General Fund, #6 in the B General Fund and #3 in the SF Fund for a total amount of \$14356.24 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0. This includes the new overhead door on the garage.

Highway Abstract #3- Vouchers #31-45 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$15586.01 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed written report which included repairs and maintenance of equipment. Cold patched potholes, worked on sluice pipes and fixed shoulders. Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey reported that they have been busy plowing and sanding.

Mr. Halsey reviewed some of the summer projects, CHIPS projects will be reviewed at the April meeting for approval.

- Bill Cleveland and Bob Halsey met with Guy James, County Highway Superintendent, and reviewed state bids on vehicle and how state bidding has changed. Mr. James also reviewed the equipment rotation that the County uses for dump trucks. Mr. James stated that some Towns trade every 5 years but most are on a 10 year rotation. No one exceeds 15-18 years. Fion MacCrea stated that if the Town plans on keeping 3 10 Wheelers the ideal situation would be to buy 1 every 5 years so the oldest is 15 years.

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- Reviewed the plan to rotate the 1 Ton pickup every two years but the difference to trade is now \$21,000. Fion MacCrea reported that he talked to Jamie Mansfield, Almond Highway Superintendent, who stated that his plan is to keep the 1 Ton for 4-5 years. Sells the chassis and plow at auction then keeps the box and buys new chassis and plow for a cost of about \$4-5000.00 a year. Bill Cleveland and Fion MacCrea met with Titsworth Auction and he gave them low auction process. Better to go with Auctions International that the Town has used in the past. Much discussion was had on whether or not Maple City has a State Bid or just the Chrysler Fleet pricing.

Supervisor:

- Condemnation of Property-nothing in Maintenance Law that allows Towns to condemn property.
- John Lang – Mr. Acton called Mr. Lang’s attorney.
- Court Audit – Matthew Snyder and Mr. Acton will do this (it has been completed).
- Comments received from Almond Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield regarding the Veteran’s Banners: “Almond has 100 banners – takes 2 men about 20 minutes to put each one up. Using the front loader bucket is not OSHA compliant. Would like to know if the Town of Alfred would be willing to buy a bucket truck with Almond and share it. Cost would be about \$10,000 each. Jerry Snyder stated that is a lot of money for twice a year. Bob Halsey stated that the Village of Alfred use Alfred University’s bucket truck to put up different banners in the Village and will see if this may be an option. Also, Alfred Fire Department has the ladder truck that may be able to be used.
- Shared Services – The County has hired a consultant to put together a Shared Services Plan. Supervisor Acton met with the consultant and told him for the Town of Alfred to save any money the only way would be through Highway or Health Insurance.

Special Use Permits:

A revised draft was reviewed and discussed. Fion MacCrea stated that he looked at the existing definition of a Special Use Permit to see how this would fit in. He suggested putting in a definition of Home Occupation and any permitted use in a B1 district be added as a Special Use Permit in an Ag. District. Also add any use in the Light Industrial District Sections 205B-205H would require a Special Use Permit in the Ag District.

Town Clerk – Busy with taxes.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Other Business- Matthew Snyder reported that he attended the Village Meeting. They support the Veteran’s banners but were concerned with the size of the lettering.

Due to recent storm and several days of power outages including the Town Building may want to consider a generator for the Town Building. The Town had the same problem as the Village with not being able to dispense fuel.

A motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

