

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm May 11, 2017. All Board members were present. Guests were Drew McGinnis, representing the Village of Alfred. Also attending were Town Clerk Janice Burdick and Highway Superintendent John Billings. The meeting was opened by Supervisor Acton with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 4/13/2017 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report: Reviewed the written report.

Codes Enforcement Officer – No written report. Town Clerk Burdick stated that Mr. Kilmer did go to Cornelius Road and Burdick Road to observe construction being done without a permit. Mr. Kilmer will contact the owners and let them know they need to apply for Building and Zoning Permits. Supervisor Acton stated that Court was adjourned and no definite date, possibly next Wednesday.

Monthly Report: Noted that all Budget transfers must be done before expenditure is made. Should transfer enough to get through the year. Don't wait until the end of the fiscal year.

Correspondence: Countywide Shared Service Plan – Supervisor will be involved in meetings with the County. Notice of CHIPS funding for 2017.

General Abstract #5- Vouchers #62-73 in the amount of \$10533.51 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #5- Vouchers #68-86 in the amount of \$7887.27 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed written report.

1. Inspected culverts and pipes.
2. Preparing roads for grinding, etc.
3. Highway Superintendent will be attending Highway School in June.
4. Broom had to be rebuilt.

Reported that Bob Bitting on Moland Road stated that trees had been damaged due to car accidents on that road – wanted to know if the town was responsible for cleaning it up. The Town is responsible for anything in the right of way only. Would like to put up a "Limited Sight" sign there. Also will be putting in guiderail.

Equipment: Supervisor Acton asked where we stand on purchasing the 2013 Freightliner from Hornellsville. Mr. Billings stated that he was told it would be a long process now and also heard they were having some mechanical problems with it. Mr. Billings reported that he spoke with the salesman for a new truck - \$117,000 plus \$90,000 for box, wing and plow. Could finance it so additional cost of interest. Dan Acton stated that if the Town borrowed money through a Budget Anticipated Note it would have to be approved by the Town Attorney and he would get paid at a percentage of the bond. Jerry Snyder stated that he feels the Town needs to look at cost of a good used truck. Get quotes and shop around. Fion MacCrea stated that when working on the equipment purchase plan \$150,000 was planned toward a truck. Dan Acton suggested another option would be to keep the Mack and continue to put money into the

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Equipment Reserve toward a new truck. Fion MacCrea and Jerry Snyder suggested in the meantime, keep looking for a good used one.

Supervisor's Report:

- Attended STW Conference. Went to session on Zombie Houses – has to be abandoned but not foreclosed. Also Shared Services and reorganization.
- Will attend 1st meeting with the County Administrator on Shared Services to be scheduled. Has to be completed by August 1st so it can be voted on in the November election. If it does not get completed on time it will be waived until the next year.
- Attended Village Meeting – concern with Food Truck – businesses are against it.
- Hot Dog Day – 1st time since 2008 that the ambulance hasn't had to transport a critically ill person the hospital.

Town Clerk- Attended STW Conference – Capital Planning. Jerry Snyder also attended the conference and attended the session on Ethics. “Anytime you feel there is something that comes up for vote and involves something you shouldn't vote on, you shouldn't”.

Silas Cochran Eagle Scout Ceremony – June 17th. All Board members are invited.

Reviewed written report.

Unfinished Business: Special Use Permits in the Ag. District

Currently allowed but limited. Looking to increase what is allowed. Fion MacCrea presented a list of allowable uses that he had researched, that could be pulled from. Mr. MacCrea stated that last month Bill Cleveland and Jud Stearns asked the Board for suggestions on what could be added for a Special Use Permit. This list could provide some of those suggestions. Should be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. MacCrea also suggested that Agritourism be included. Would make sense to add another category but the Town would still have the comprehensive plan to use to deny it or if it changes the character of the neighborhood, etc. Jerry Snyder stated that he doesn't want to see more barriers put up for someone that wants to open a business – already over regulated by the State with inspections, etc. Feels just have a general statement that includes meeting the ideas in the Comprehensive Plan, if something is submitted that doesn't meet the comprehensive plan, let ZBA decide. Mary Stearns commented that the Zoning Law already has prohibited uses and Dan Acton added that the idea is to make it easier with a Special Use Permit. Fion MacCrea stated that he feels if you add Agritourism it would address several of the items for an ag district. After further discussion it was agreed that the Board wants to add something that will allow for a broader interpretation.

NYS Retirement Resolution establishing Standard Work Days – Motion per email by Dan Acton, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

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

A motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Bob Ormsby seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

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