

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

September 12, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened at 7:00 pm Thursday September 12, 2013. All Board members were present. Also present were Keith Stanley; Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Company, County Legislator Phil Curran, Chief of Police Tim O'Grady, Town Clerk Janice Burdick and Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield. Guests were Bob Ormsby and Dan Acton.

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Tom Mansfield.

Guests: Keith Stanley, representing the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Assoc, presented a proposed three year contract beginning 1/1/14 – 12/31/16 in the amount of \$37,100 per year. The previous contract was for \$35,000 per year.

Phil Curran – Thanked all who supported him in the recent Primary and thanks for support in the future election. Lost by 4 votes in the Primary but that doesn't include absentee ballots but will be on the ballot in November on his own party line. (After absentee votes were counted Mr. Curran won.) Mr. Curran explained that running on a separate line may be more willing to step on toes if have too. Asked if there was anything he could do for the Town at the County level? Jamie Mansfield stated that he feels relationships with the County Highway are better – was able to borrow a roller from the County and no problem getting counters for placement of the roads during the Tough Mudder event. Mr. Curran added that there will be a lot of changes coming at the County level – land fill is getting closer and closer to closing which means loss of jobs. After further discussion Mr. Curran stated that if anyone had any problems or concerns to please contact him.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of August 8, 2013 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Chief O'Grady reported that things are picking up with the students back. More felonies in the Town.

Codes Enforcement – Town Board reviewed the written report submitted by CEO Kilmer. Discussed permit submitted by Corinna Baker – not doing the project now due to not being able to acquire financing. Requesting a refund of the Building Permit application fee. Jerry Snyder stated that they should have gotten the financing before submitting the application and didn't feel a refund should be given. After further discussion it was decided that no refund would be given.

Monthly Report - Received ½ of FEMA payment after Tom Mansfield wrote to the Governor. Received correspondence from Senator Cathy Young's office and Representative Tom Reed's office. On 9/11/2013 Jamie Mansfield received a letter from FEMA that he needed to sign stating that the work was done for \$168,000 which was less than the original estimate. Jamie Mansfield talked to them and they informed him that he needed to sign the additional paperwork and then will receive final payment in 2-4 weeks. Mr. Mansfield stated there are at least 4 other Towns in Allegany County that haven't received payment.

Correspondence:

1. Board of Elections Approved ADA compliance and thanked everyone for accomplishing this.
2. Ag and Markets - Passed Dog kennel.

General Abstract #9-2013 – Vouchers #102-110 in the amount of \$9585.72 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #9-2013 – Vouchers #102-115 in the amount of \$51419.20 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Highway Report – Reviewed written report. Skid patched shoulders and pipes on East Valley before oil and stoning. Oil and stoned 4 miles East Valley from Cook Road to Town line. Andover then went from there to Andover Village line – had 10 trucks hauling material.

Completed ADA compliance projects at Town Building.

Installed wing and sander on one truck.

Submitted 2013 Equipment Report and reviewed all equipment and the condition it is in.

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Superintendent Mansfield reported on a meeting he attended in Birdsall with regards to issues with the County. Birdsall is requesting the County to spend more money on bridges. Mr. O'Grady explained that Bridge money comes from sales tax. County is going to look at the Bridge policy in regards to if a Town feels a bridge needs to be replaced before the County can do it, County may do a 60/40 split.

Supervisor – Received a call from Guy James, Allegany Co. Highway Superintendent, assuming Town does not want to plow and sand County roads. If the Town is interested he will send a copy of the contract. Mary Stearns stated that if they are willing to reimburse the Town enough, may consider it. Donn Lang added that with the manpower and equipment they have doesn't see how they can do it cheaper than paying the Town to do it. Jerry Snyder stated that the Board can't consider it if they don't have any figures.

Town Clerk – Meeting with Rich Ewell Friday to review Town Insurance.

Committee Reports – Fion MacCrea met with Justin Grigg regarding the Town's zoning map. Mr. Grigg scanned the maps and is going to overlay in GIS and put it in electronic format.

Unfinished Business – A motion was made by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0 to approve the new three year contract with the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Department.

Financial Committee – August 2013 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements were made by Mary Stearns seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 5-0.

New Business – 2014 Budget. A budget workshop will be held September 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Union Negotiations – Jerry Snyder and Tom Mansfield will serve as negotiating committee. (Please note that Tom has been replaced by Fion MacCrea.)

A motion to adjourn 8:40 pm was made by Fion MacCrea seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk