

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm February 11, 2016. All Board members were present except Bob Ormsby. Guests were Tim, Jane and Silas Cochran, Peter McClain, Representing the Village of Alfred. Representing the press was Jason Jordon of the *Evening Tribune* and David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*. Dan Totten, Director of the Alfred Area Business Association. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Brad Price and Town Clerk Jan Burdick.

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

Guest: Silas Cochran regarding his Eagle Project.

A portion of his application for the project was changed from asking for a contribution to asking for a donation toward the cost of the signs for the 911 project. Dan Acton stated that his concern was that if the Board signs this will they be locked into anything. Also suggested scaling the project down and maybe do ½ to make it manageable. Also asked how the fund raising will work and who will collect and hold the money? Silas Cochran responded that all money raised has to go through the Town. Also, hoping to do a fund raiser with the Fire Department. The Village will not be included. There are approximately 700 properties including vacant land. Has to have the project completed by the time he is 18 – 2 years. Mary Stearns stated that she is concerned with how it is going to be kept up after the initial project is completed and who is going to keep track of the numbers. Also, very concerned with how he is going to do it and raise that much money. Silas commented that the Town has a right of way from the center of the road so he has the right to put the sign there. Mrs. Stearns added that Mark Aultman did this several years ago. Jerry Snyder suggested something be put in the newspaper to let the community we have a fine young man willing to do this and get feedback from the community. Jane Cochran stated that many of the surrounding Towns have the fire numbers and they are all uniform on a post with reflective numbers. They also have a 10 year warranty. Will look very nice with basically no maintenance. Silas asked about the posts and if the Highway Dept. would be willing to install them. Dan Acton commented that he feels there may be several people who may not want them in their yard, maybe option to put on mailbox or near mailbox.

Unfinished Business

- **2016 Police Contract** – The revised contract was approved by the Village Board at their last meeting. Jerry Snyder stated that the State Troopers have been very active but he has been approached by several residents wanting the Village police protection. The contract will allow the Village of Alfred Police to respond to a call in the town when they are available and not busy with a call in the Village at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Need to get over thinking of the perspective of this or nothing. There will be no increase from 2015 and the contract will be retroactive to January 2016. It is a one year contract with a 30 day notice to terminate by either party. A motion was made by Dan Acton to un-table the motion to table approval of the contract, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0. A motion was made by Dan Acton to accept the 2016 Police Contract, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-1 with Mary Stearns voting no.

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- **Appointments-** A motion was made by Dan Acton to appoint Jen Smith to a 5 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of January 14, 2016 were approved with a motion by Dan Acton, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Police Report- No written report this month.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report. Sent letter to owner of property on County Road 12 regarding 8 unlicensed vehicles. John Lang case moved to Town of Amity. Our Attorney has recused himself due to representing Mr. Lang in another matter. Town will have to find another Attorney to represent us. Fion MacCrea asked if it would be responsible to have Steve Kilmer represent the Town and Mr. Acton stated he will check into that.

Monthly Report – All Town Tax levy collected.

General Abstract #2- Vouchers #18 -29 in the amount of \$28348.98 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 4-0. (This includes the Police contract retroactive to January and the NYS Retirement).

Highway Abstract #2- Vouchers #13-29 in the amount of \$39644.71 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0. (This includes the NYS Retirement).

Highway Report – Brad Price reviewed the written report. Helped the Fire Dept. with a diesel leak as a result of a motor vehicle accident on State Rt. 244. Hauled 420 Ton to storage building. There is now an active business on Sugar Hill so has been maintaining that road. Chassis for the 1 Ton is being built. Estimated time of arrival is mid February.

- Reviewed proposal for purchase of a new roller. Mary Stearns asked about CHIPS money and Brad Price told her it could be used to purchase but not for rental or lease. Has to have a 10 year life but if you trade they look at it has an upgrade so you are keeping your equity. Jerry Snyder asked how many hours they use the roller and Brad Price responded they use it between 100-150 hours per year. Mr. Price recommends purchasing a new one at 0% interest and pay for with CHIPS revenue, trade every year for about \$1000.00. No repairs due to always being under warranty. Mr. Snyder asked if he has looked into buying a roller outright with cash and was told no. Mr. Snyder added that he would like to spend some time to review this option and see what a used one is going for. Mr. Price added that this price is just for municipalities. Fion MacCrea stated that could probably find a good price on a used one but then have to be concerned with maintenance. Brad Price stated that if wait until March meeting, need a 90 day window to order and he would be glad to meet with Mrs. Stearns and Mr. Snyder to explain the different options.
- Ordered the new pickup.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report.

Supervisor's Report – everything discussed previous in the meeting that he was going to cover.

Bank Statements - A motion by Mary Stearns to approve the Bank statements, except Highway Checking, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Fion MacCrea seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted, Janice L. Burdick, Town Clerk

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