

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 8, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm with all Board members present except Mary Stearns. Also present was Chief of Police Paul Griffin, Highway Superintendent Brad Price and Town Clerk Jan Burdick.

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

Police Report – Reviewed written report and 2014 year- end report. The 2015 Police Contract was presented for review. The 1 year contract is for \$36,896.00 per the 2015 Budget. Chief Griffin stated that he met with the NYS Police to inform them of the changes in the coverage that will be provided by the Village Police to the Town and the fact that the State Police will assume more responsibility in the Town. The State Police informed him that after 10:00 pm there are only 4 Troopers cars for the entire County. There is no County Sheriff road patrol. Response time will be estimated to be anywhere from 20 minutes to 1 hour or longer depending on where they are in the County. The State Police Captain told Chief Griffin that they are not looking to pick up any additional territory. If a call is placed to Amity you will get a dispatcher in Batavia. If call 911 they will call the Village Police and the State Police. Once State Police arrive they will take over. It was clarified that the Village Police will only be responding to emergencies. Jerry Snyder asked about car accidents and the Chief stated that he assumes the SP will respond. Mr. Snyder stated that it sounds like a lot of assumptions – need to know what the Town is agreeing to. Need to meet with the SP. Chief Griffin added that after meeting with the SP, he wasn't sure what they will cover and their manpower has also been cut. Chief Griffin defined an emergency when siren and lights need to be used. If it is not an emergency, all calls will be deferred to the SP. He added that an accident is the scene of a crime and the fireman can control traffic. If SP are called and say they can't respond for 40-45 minutes, the Village Police can respond. If serious accident, SP will respond with accident reconstructive team. Bob Ormsby stated that he felt the Town is losing out – paying more but getting less. Dan Acton explained that the Villages' position is that ¼ of calls are within the Town but the Town only pays about 5% of the Police budget. Paul Griffin added that the Village has been contracting with the Town for several years and they know who to watch, etc. That will be lost with the limited contract. It was noted that the Town's fines will go down significantly. After further discussion it was decided to table a decision until further talks with the SP and Village. Until a new contract is signed, Chief Griffin stated that they will respond to any calls.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report

Monthly Report – nothing to report due to beginning of year.

General Abstract #1, vouchers #1 – 16 in the amount of \$45,323.13 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 4-0. This includes NYS Retirement and Insurance.

Highway Abstract #1, vouchers #1-9 in the amount of \$30563.07 were approved with a motion by Dan Acton seconded Bob Ormsby and carried 4-0.

Highway Report – Brad Price reviewed the written report. Had to have Mack truck towed to Portville – 20 hours of labor. Truck has 39,000 miles and the cost to fix was \$4600.00

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Projects – Mr. Price stated that he received quotes for the shop doors from Oyers. Tried to get quotes from Lewis and has received no response after several attempts. Mr. Price suggested replacing 1 door and 4 openers plus reseal all doors in order to stay within budget. 1 door will cost \$4200. 4 openers plus \$450 to replace bottom of door, \$550 for weather stripping plus cost of wiring for openers. Brad Price stated that he would like to do the openers and electricity and weather stripping on all doors. Cost for this will be about \$6000.00. A motion was made by Fion MacCrea to approve 1 door, openers for all 4 doors and weather stripping on all doors. Seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 4-0. Jerry Snyder asked if the highway crew has time to do any of this and Mr. Price stated that no – they have been out plowing twice a day and really don't have the equipment needed.

Discussion on a new truck centered on a single axle versus double axel.

Now have a bin for collection of scrap metal at Town Building. Saves the crew from having to haul it to Hornell.

Allegany County Bridge Painting program – 6 bridges will need painting in 2015. Town just has to pay for paint and supplies.

Town Clerk – Taxes mailed 12/31/14.

Supervisor's Report –

- Letter of thanks to John Eddy.
- Discussion on Cathy Rees concern of dangerous Road on McHenry Valley Road. Mrs. Rees has contacted the 3 County Legislators – would still like support from the Town. Chief Griffin stated that Guy James from Allegany Co DPW was at the site the day of the accident. Mr. Acton stated that he feels a Town taxpayer is asking for help from the Town – should send a letter to Guy James. Supervisor Acton will prepare a letter to send.
- Nelson Snyder has agreed to another 5 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Dan Acton appointing Mr. Snyder to a five year term. Seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.
- Jason Whitwood – Planning Board – has not responded yet to whether he will continue on the Planning Board.
- Supervisor Acton met with DOT regarding Baker's Bridge. Also talked with Tom Mansfield of Buffalo Crushed Stone who also wrote a letter to DOT.
- Reported on meeting he and Fion MacCrea had with the Village regarding the new Police Contract. Also would like Brad Price and Jim McNaulty – Village DPW - to sit down and talk to see if there is anything they can work out for shared services.
- Dog Control –Only difference between Town Law and Village Law is Village has a leash law. Police cannot pick up dogs and put in police cars due to allergies. Chief Griffin stated that they do not have that many calls. If it is for a dangerous dog- police can respond in Village. If Town had a leash law, then George Ormsby could pick up dogs in the Village.
- Representatives for Village Board meetings were assigned.
- Job Trax - highway department has a person coming in daily.

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Planning Board – Kier Dirlam updated the status of the Planning School. He has found out that he needs to put the consultant position out to bid so everything is on hold right now.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

Old Business – Jerry Snyder stated that he is not in favor of purchasing a new truck based on problems with the recent newer truck. Brad Price stated that the problem with leasing is that the trucks are overweight so no one is going to buy except another municipality. Advantage is that all repairs are paid by Lease Co but then the Lease Co. doesn't have anywhere to get rid of them. Brad Price would like to lease and then turn trucks over every couple of years. Dan Acton asked if it was better to do that or buy it and run it into the ground. Brad Price state then you have down time for repairs. Jerry Snyder felt that older trucks seem to be built better, newer more problems. Has an issue with the Mack –less than 40,000 miles on it and it continues to have issues. May be better to try and buy a good used truck.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm by Dan Acton, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk