

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 12, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm May 12, 2016. Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Mary Stearns and Jerry Snyder. Absent was Bob Ormsby. Guests were Tim, Jane and Silas Cochran, Becky Graves and Bill Burgess, Peter McClain, Representing the Village of Alfred. Chief of Police Paul Griffith. Representing the press was Dave Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*. Reporter from *WLEA radio* and the *Evening Tribune*. Also Highway Superintendent Brad Price and Town Clerk Jan Burdick. The meeting was opened by Supervisor Acton with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of April 14, 2016 and the minutes from the Special Meeting of April 18, 2016 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Police Report- Reviewed written report along with a report listing all incidents that were responded to in the Town. Chief Griffith explained what items in the incident report were and the type of complaint, if an arrest was made or closed by investigation. Also, some could have been turned over to the State Police.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report.

Monthly Report – All ok.

Guests: Becky Graves was present to inquire about a Zoning Permit for her son who wants to use a shed on her property to make pots to sell at craft shows. It would only be for the summer, final product will not be done on site and no firing onsite. Dan Acton suggested this be looked into further to determine if a permit should be issued.

Guest: Silas Cochran - Eagle Project.

Silas reported that he has raised approximately \$4140.00. The cost for the posts is now \$12.12 per post down from \$18.15 per post. If Phil Curran donates the material for the numbers the total cost for the project will be about \$10,393.00. Talked to Randy Swarthout from the County since he hasn't gotten back to him about the numbers. Mr. Swarthout told him it may take a while. Silas would like to get started this summer. Applied for a \$5500.00 grant through Lowe's. Jane Cochran explained that Randy Swarthout wants to put the project on hold since the County may be looking at changing all numbers and redoing the entire county. Jerry Snyder suggested that Supervisor Acton contact Mr. Swarthout and inform him that Silas is ready to go and can they get over here and get their part done. Mrs. Cochran added that the people that have donated want to know when their numbers are going to be installed. Supervisor Acton congratulated Silas on the job he has done with raising money.

General Abstract #5- Vouchers #60-73 in the amount of \$8833.92 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.

Highway Abstract #5- Vouchers #63-72 in the amount of \$5253.73 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

Highway Report – Brad Price reviewed the written report.

- Worked with Village Sewer Treatment to clean out reeds.

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- Hornellsville used their mower to do Kenyon Road and trimmed trees and shrubs with cutter– about 70 hours. Town crew will work with them on their roads in return. Also, ditched and pulled shoulders on Kenyon.
- Installed sluice pipes.
- Submitted history of CHIPS projects since 2001.

Estimates for summer road work:

- Kenyon Road – grind, oil and stone (2 courses) - \$67,929.52
- Sherman Road – sealer coat - \$11,017.60
- Foster Lake Road – grind, oil and stone – (2 courses) - \$22,717.11
- Total Costs for all: \$101,661.23

Brad Price stated that he will put a temporary weight limit on Kenyon Road for the summer (8 Ton). Government vehicles, emergency vehicles and local deliveries are exempt.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report. Attended Houghton Local Government Conference along with Bob Ormsby, Brad Price, Fion MacCrea and Dan Acton.

Supervisor's Report – Attended informational Infrastructure Seminar where the possible extension of the Alfred sewage system was discuss. This would extend it up State Route 21 toward Almond. Only way it would work is if Alfred-Almond Central School hooked into it. Mary Stearns noted that the previous proposal done several years ago required anyone that the line went by had to hook up.

Attended Houghton Local Government Conference – Special Use Permit. Learned that a business in the Ag. District can be dealt with a Special Use Permit. Would have to amend the current Zoning Law and add a Business in an Ag. District would be an allowable use with a Special Use Permit. Fion MacCrea suggested the Planning Board be involved in reviewing this and Mr. MacCrea will go to their next meeting and discuss it with them.

Other Business – Mary Stearns asked about an email received from the Liftech Company regarding the awarding of the bid for the roller since he was the low bidder. Brad Price called him and explained why the Town went with the Hyundai and the difference in the buyback plans. This satisfied the salesman.

New Business – Fion MacCrea attended the Village Board meeting. Pete McClain reported that SUNY presented a report that showed 2 Towns that have SUNY College's don't allow raffles, one being Alfred. A Local Law is required to allow games of chance and if the Town passed such a law it would include the Village. The reason this became an issue is that Alfred State doesn't want their students breaking the law.

Bank Statements - A motion by Mary Stearns to approve the Bank statements seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm by Jerry Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.
Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

