

PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 BUDGET

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

November 13, 2014

A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on the 2015 Budget was opened at 7:00 pm on November 13, 2014. All Board members were present. Others present were Mark Klingensmith, Brad Price, Tom McDowell representing the Village of Alfred Board, Chief of Police Paul Griffin and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

Since there were no comments from the public regarding the 2015 budget the hearing was closed at 7:15 pm with a motion by Mary Stearns, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:15 pm with all Board members present. The meeting was opened by Supervisor Acton with the Pledge of Allegiance. Others present were Mark Klingensmith, Brad Price, Tom McDowell representing the Village of Alfred Board, Chief of Police Paul Griffin and Town Clerk Janice Burdick.

Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

2015 Budget – A motion was made to approve the 2015 Budget contingent upon assuring that it is within the Tax Cap by Dan Acton, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. (It was)

Opening of Bids for 2011 Pickup – One bid was received by Southern Tier Concrete in the amount of \$25,501.00. The budgeted amount was \$31,000.00 and the retail is around \$29,500.00. Jerry Snyder stated that he thinks the Town can do better. The decision was tabled until later in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of October 9, 2014.

Police Report – Chief of Police Paul Griffin reviewed the written report. Chief Griffin noted that there wasn't much going on in the Town and more in the Village due to the students. Provided a report of the types of incidences that occurred in the Town. In the Village, they are busy with the students including 6 Felony arrests and 9 misdemeanors. There were 12 accidents with 8 in the Town.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report

Monthly Report – all ok.

2011 Pickup – Discussion was held that involved selling the pickup on an online auction and who would arrange it. Jerry Snyder stated that if they get 10% of the selling price, the Town wouldn't get much more than what they would get with the bid received. After further discussion a motion was made by Jerry Snyder to accept the bid submitted by Southern Tier Concrete, seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 4-0-1 with Mary Stearns abstaining due to the fact that she works for Southern Tier Concrete.

Correspondence:

- Wex – requesting a security deposit, Dan Acton wrote them a letter and there has been no response to date.
- Reviewed letter written to State Senator Cathy Young by Supervisor Acton regarding future of Baker's Bridge.

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- Allegany County Planning Board approving Local Law #1-2014 – Amendments to the Zoning Law.
- Allegany County Real Property Tax regarding ceiling on Senior Citizens income level. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder to keep it at the current rate, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.
- A.E. Crandall Ambulance – requesting increase in ambulance to \$2235.00. Since the budget was completed no increase was approved.
- Fax from Charles Joyce of a letter to the Editor regarding Hydrofracking in the Town of Alfred.
- Zoning Maps from Kier Dirlam of the County Planning Office.
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General Abstract #11 -Vouchers #120 – 133 in the amount of \$8482.08 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Included was a voucher for Jamie Mansfield in the amount of \$440.00 for hours work completing FEMA paperwork. Dan Acton stated that Mr. Mansfield had been a big help completing that paperwork.

Highway Abstract #11 - Vouchers #140-157 in the amount of \$11834.01 were approved with a motion by Bob Ormsby seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Town Clerk – reviewed written report

Supervisor's Report –

- Association of Towns looking to form a pool for Gas and Electric. The first step is to let them know if the Town would be interested. The start date to participate would be 1/1/2015. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder authorizing the Supervisor to sign the form making the Town eligible to participate, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 4-1 with Bob Ormsby voting no. Mary Stearns stated that this could be used for shared services under the tax Freeze.
- Dog Control Officer – the Village asked George Ormsby to be the Dog Control Office for the Village and he told them he was not interested. The Village then requested the Town move the budget item for DCO to Town Outside which cannot be done – it is a Townwide expense.
- City of Hornell – Committee to Preserve In patient care at St. James Hospital. Department of Health is proposing to make it outpatient services only. Requesting a resolution supporting this committee.

Highway Superintendent – Brad Price was elected by 5 votes. John Eddy is looking to resign at the end of November and Mr. Price stated that he could start as soon as Mr. Eddy resigns. CHIPS Report submitted by Supervisor Acton. Supervisor Acton met with FEMA regarding the Waterwells Road culvert. FEMA needs a decision on whether the Town is going to do it or bid it out. Jamie Mansfield informed Supervisor Acton that he felt the Town could do it but would need a larger excavator. Brad Price stated that he feels the Highway crew can do it. It involves a 6' pipe 80' long. Bob Ormsby questioned if once it was started, could we still contract part of it out? The project will take about one week and the road will be closed. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder to have the work done by the Town Highway crew, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

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Planning Board – County Planning Board will be conducting a Comprehensive School Plan. Fion MacCrea and Bill Cleveland will be attending. At the last Planning Board meeting all members of the Planning Board expressed interest in attending. There is no charge to the Town except reimbursement for mileage- suggested participants' carpool. Classes will go till May once a week. The purpose of the classes is that the Municipal Board will consider approving the document and if determined that it will be adopted taking the required steps for formal adoption of the Comprehensive Plan per NYS laws. Dan Acton stated that he doesn't want to make any commitment to what the Town is going to do with the results to which Jerry Snyder agreed. Dan Acton stated that he will amend the agreement so that the County Planning Board doesn't think that the Town Board is going to automatically approve what they come up with. Bob Ormsby asked if the Town wants to do this if the Village doesn't participate and Tom McDowell felt that someone from the Village would be attending.

The December meeting will include a Public Hearing for adoption of the Local Law Amending the Zoning Law.

Other Business – Mary Stearns reported that she attended the District V meeting in the Town of Allen and the Village of Alfred meeting which was still going on when she left at 10:30. Mrs. Stearns also attended a meeting in Ellicottville on the Tax Freeze. Was informed that you can go back to 2012 and don't have to actually do the work – just show how much you would save. With shared services- as long as one of the parties saves it would count. If don't do it there will be no rebate to the residents but also have to stay within the Tax Cap.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm by Bob Ormsby, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk