

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 13, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm the following Town Board members present: Supervisor Dan Acton, Jerry Snyder, Fion MacCrea, Mary Stearns and Bob Ormsby Also present were Fred Fredrickson, Tom McDowell Representing the Alfred Village Board, Chief of Police Tim O'Grady, and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield arrived at 7:50 pm. Guests were Michelle and Edward White and three students from Alfred.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Dan Acton.

Guests: Ed and Michelle White presented a map of the proposed subdivision on Greene Road. All lots will be 10 or more acres for seasonal and recreational use. They are aware that the road is a seasonal road and possible uses will be seasonal cabins or trailers. Dan Acton asked if there was any expectation that anyone will build something permanent. Mr. White responded that they will inform potential buyers of the lots that it is seasonal road. Mr. White added that the surveyor has been working on this for about 6 weeks so very aware of the condition of the road. The White's added that they will be in touch with Steve Kilmer to see that he will require. Jerry Snyder asked them where have they been selling and the White's responded that they sell land all over NYS. White Holdings LLC. Mr. White added that they are not going after oil and gas rights – they purchased the land without those. It was added that all lots have 150' road frontage and one lot is over 50 acres. The next step will be to present this to the Planning Board.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of January 9, 2014 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written report. Chief O'Grady stated that the Town remains pretty steady on the number of calls all year

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report that showed Mr. Kilmer has been busy.

Monthly Report – All ok – all Town levy has been collected.

Correspondence – Information from Rob Freeman on FOIL and email.

Cornell Local Road Program – information on what they have available to assist Towns.

General Abstract #2-2014 – Vouchers #17-30 in the amount of \$13992.34 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #2-2014 – Vouchers #17-35 in the amount of \$25230.13 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Dan Acton reported that he and Fion MacCrea met with Village representative Joe Dosch, Peter McClain, and Drew McGinnis to review how the Town budget is put together and will probably meet again in the future. On Friday, Fion MacCrea and Dan Acton will be meeting with Village Mayor Justin Grigg, Village Trustee Tom McDowell and both College Presidents. Tom McDowell added that they are trying to figure out a way to bring more tax dollars into the Village. AU President may be interested in working to apply for grants but not willing to give money since they don't have it to give.

Dan Acton asked about the bridge in Alfred Station – concern with condition. Mr. Acton was informed that the plan by DOT is to close the bridge and remove it. Bob Ormsby stated that Baker's Bridge would like to see it saved as a pedestrian bridge.

Dog Control Officer – The Village of Alfred has decided not to include a Dog Control Officer in the next budget. Rumors were circulating that the Town's DCO would be responsible for the Village. Nothing official has been received from the Village. Information from the Association of Towns was obtained that addresses this issue.

Scheduling of representatives at the Village meetings were as follows: Bob Ormsby – March, Mary Stearns – April, Fion MacCrea – May and Jerry Snyder June.

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Highway Report – Reviewed written report. Jamie Mansfield arrived after being out plowing roads. Several days spent plowing and sanding. Very busy thawing out sluice pipes. Hauling sand to the salt shed. Jamie Mansfield reported that there was a crack on one of the plows and they welded it. Budget for snow and ice should be ok unless we receive a lot more snowstorms. Presented specs for overhead doors in garage. Dan Acton stated he was concerned with the cost and the overall budget. Mr. Acton added that the garage is tight when the trucks are in there – should the Board consider an addition to the garage and if that happens does it make sense to put new doors on now. Fion MacCrea stated that the new doors would most likely be the same size on the addition. Jerry Snyder added that if add on, more area to heat and Mary Stearns felt a study should be conducted to determine what way to go. Dan Acton suggested postponing the doors to see what other options there may be. Bob Ormsby in favor of postponing and may want to consider addition to building on Clerk's side.

Pickup – 2015 Ford ¾ Ton Diesel on State bid - \$40,403.00 with plow and ready to go. Gas - \$33,408.89. Jamie Mansfield stated that he talked with the Town of Hornellsville and they have program for gas – get a credit card that can be used at any gas station but get the reduced rate per gallon. Mr. Mansfield stated that he would be willing to go with the gas truck if go with this program – gas is cheaper on this program than state bid price. It was noted that a diesel truck does hold its' value better and not sure how much the Town would get for the 2011 Dodge Diesel. Jerry Snyder stated that wants to have a new 10 wheeler all picked out with the cost so the Board can see if the money is there. Have to get the original equipment replacement plan back on track.

Committee Reports - The following appointments were made with a motion by Dan Acton seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

David Fredrickson – Zoning Board of Appeals – term to expire 12/31/17

Tony Graziano – Board of Assessment Review – term to expire 9/30/15

Sean Hyland – Planning Board – term to expire 12/31/16

Bill Cleveland will be Chairman of the Planning Board.

Radios – Mary Stearns stated that the radios have a 5 year warranty and the Firemen don't plan on buying any from the County. Mrs. Stearns felt the agreement with the County could wait to be signed for a year due to having to come up with an agreement with the Fire Department for reimbursement. Tim O'Grady stated that the Village is considering the same thing. This will be looked into further and discussed at the March meeting.

Financial Committee – January 2014 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements were made by Mary Stearns seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Dan Acton to go into Executive Session at 8:30 pm to discuss Union Negotiations, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Executive session adjourned at 8:55 pm with a motion by Dan Acton, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Dan Acton to accept the 2014-2017 Union Contract as proposed. The motion was seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-1 with Bob Ormsby voting no.

A motion was made at 8:56 to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Executive Session adjourned at 9:40 pm with a motion by Dan Acton. Seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn 9:40 pm was made by Dan Acton seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

