

PUBLIC HEARING- LOCAL LAW #1 AMENDMENT TO ZONING LAW

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 11, 2014

A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on Local Law #1 -3014 to amend and supplement Local Law #3 of 1990 being a Local Law to supplement the Town of Alfred's Zoning Law. The Public Hearing was held at the Alfred Station Fire Hall and was opened by Supervisor Dan Acton. Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Jerry Snyder and Bob Ormsby. Absent was Mary Stearns. Also present were approximately 50 members of the community, Town Clerk Janice Burdick and representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

Supervisor Acton gave a brief history of how this procedure started and how the Town got to this point. The amendments were presented with a power point and also on the website. The original Zoning Law was cleaned up and clearly states what is prohibited and explicitly prohibited. It clarifies use variances and special use permits. The following comments were expressed at the Public Hearing:

- Many in favor on this law.
- Freddy Fredrickson – opposed to fracking, not helpful to clean air, lack of consumer protection to land owners. Compulsive Integration a concern.
- Damages done by fracking fall on the local government – road damage, spills, contamination of water.
- Concern with additional truck traffic.
- This is not an Industrial region. Here because it is clean – doesn't want to put that in jeopardy. Wants to invest in long term investments, not a quick fix.
- Joe Flynn – lived here 52 years – this is the 25th anniversary of Bump the Dump – community came together to preserve the health and beauty of this area – similar thing now. Appreciates everything the Board has done and encourages them to approve this law.
- V. Rasmussen – throughout the country, communities continue to vote to ban this. Industry has not gotten safer. Health studies have shown that this is not safe. Contaminates in the air as well as water. Have to be willing to travel around the country – not an ongoing job in one area.
- Mark Klingensmith – thanked the Board for doing their job. Danger to water resources, truck traffic, effects of gas transmission lines, danger of frack sand, etc. Comprehensive Plan that was developed a few years ago gave the Board the tools to do this. Local Government needs to protect its citizens.
- Larry Shilling – does not support this law. Cleaner than coal. PA does provide many jobs. We have cheaper energy because of this – these things are important to people who have to work for a living.
- Other comments encouraged the Board to vote for this Local Law which would prohibit Hydraulic Fracking.

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A Full Environmental Assessment Form was reviewed that showed this action would have no negative impact. Since there were no additional comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:39 pm.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened at 7:40 pm at the Alfred Station Fire Hall by Supervisor Dan Acton. Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Jerry Snyder and Bob Ormsby. Absent was Mary Stearns. Also present were Cathy Rees. Sue Fowler, Chief of Police Paul Griffith, Town Clerk Janice Burdick and representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Bob Ormsby, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of November 13, 2014 with the correction of spelling of Chief of Police Griffith's name.

Resolution#1 - SEQR – motion to approve resolution of a Full Environmental Assessment Form that shows this action would have no negative impact was made by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0 with Mary Stearns absent.

Resolution #2 – Local Law #3 of 1990 being a Local Law to supplement the Town of Alfred's Zoning Law. A motion was made by Dan Acton to approve this resolution, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.

Guests: Cathy Rees – expressed concern with a dangerous situation on McHenry Valley Road. Current accident was very serious and involved 5 people including children with some of them Mercy Flighted to Strong. Mrs. Rees provided a copy of the letter she sent to Gary James-Allegany Co. Highway Supt. The County took down many trees for a new bridge – straight line from the road and the guardrail doesn't come down far enough to protect cars from going in the ravine. Only response from Guy James after the first accident was that they would investigate it. Nothing was done and now an accident that could have been fatal. Sue Fowler added that the children in the accident were in bad shape. Mrs. Rees asked if the Town could contact the County with concerns about this road. It was also suggested contacting the County Legislators.

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

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report

Monthly Report –all ok. Scheduled year end meeting and Organizational meeting for January 2, 2015 at 11:00 am. Garage doors – Brad Price suggested buying one or two new panels for the bottoms and new weather stripping, then openers for all 4 doors. Would be about \$4000.00 compared to \$20,000.00 for new doors.

Correspondence:

- Board of Elections – bill for Primary and General Election.

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General Abstract #12 -Vouchers #134 – 148 in the amount of \$11789.12 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 4-0.

Highway Abstract #12 - Vouchers #158-165 in the amount of \$6017.83 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

Town Clerk – Pick up taxes December 26th.

Supervisor's Report –

- Met with Andy Williams from NYSDOT as a result to the letter written to Senator Cathy Young regarding Baker's Bridge. Three options – 1) Repair – out of the question; 2) Replace – would cost millions; 3) Round about by light at a cost of about \$800,000.00. Mr. Acton told him he would like to avoid truck traffic from going through 244 – traffic and dust affects the local businesses. Fion MacCrea asked if they would consider doing a traffic study. Only reason to do a roundabout is if they close the bridge completely. Plans right now are to make it a one way from Rt. 21 to 244. Mr. Acton suggested the Fire Company send a letter expressing their concerns
- Supervisor Acton and Fion MacCrea will be attending the County Planning Board meeting to present the Zoning Amendments.

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

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk