

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 9, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, October 9, 2008 and opened by Supervisor Jeanne Cartwright with the pledge to the flag. All board members were present. Also present were Chief of Police Timothy O'Grady, Jamie Mansfield, and Janice Higgins-Burdick.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of September 11, 2008 were approved with a motion by Phil Curran seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 5-0.

Police Report - reviewed the written report. 498 calls for service of which 111 were in the Town.

Review of Monthly Report – Received CHIPS and State Aide. State aide was \$11,000 more than budgeted.

Correspondence:

- Time Warner – eliminating Channel 4 out of Buffalo.
- Letter of Commitment for Friendship Empire Zone.

Jerry Snyder stated that he feels the state needs to change its policies so businesses can survive in NYS. Also asked what would happen if the Town did not sign the letter of commitment? Currently seven businesses in the Zone. Mr. Snyder added that he feels the Empire Zone is just a band aid approach and a major change is needed. After further discussion a motion was made by Tom Mansfield to sign the letter of commitment for the 2009 Empire Zone. The motion was seconded by Phil Curran and carried 5-0.

General Abstract #10-2008 – Vouchers #117-124 in the amount of \$15,058.92 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #10-2008 – Vouchers #122-132 in the amount of \$26,479.29 were approved with a motion by Phil Curran seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 5-0.

Highway Report

- Reviewed written report.
- Oil and stoned East Valley, Cook and Greene Roads.
- Cleaned ditches with rented excavator.
- Heavy wind on 9/14 – trees down on several roads.
- Stop sign stolen at Randolph and Lake Intersection; Random Road sign also stolen.
- Helped Town of Andover.

Jamie Mansfield submitted the list of seasonal roads. Walter Road will come off next year when the Peterson's live there full time.

Walter Road – Jamie Mansfield suggested doing the 1st half of the road next year and the other part the following year. Jeanne Cartwright asked if there had been any thought of bidding the project? Mr. Mansfield stated that if they have other Town's work with them on it they can do it. County also said they would try to help when they can.

CHIPS Money - \$43,000 left in CHIPS – has to spend it to get it. No guarantees that it can be rolled over this year. The following items. To be purchased with the CHIPS money were submitted by Highway Supt. Mansfield: (all prices are estimated)

- Front plow - \$7257.00
- 20 Ton Equipment Trailer - \$17,000.00
- Used track excavator - \$60,000.00
- Sluice pipe for Walter Road - \$8-13,000 – depending on size.
- New 10 wheel dump truck fully equipped with plow and sander - \$175,000.

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Jamie Mansfield stated that he would like to purchase the pipe for Walter Road this year – that would be his first priority.

Would like to be able to clean ditches year round – in order to do that need the all season bodies on the trucks – about \$24,000. Jeanne Cartwright agreed that the sluice for Walter Road should be bought this year. Jamie Mansfield than listed his order of preference:

1. Sluice for Walter Road
2. Front Plow
3. Equipment Trailer
4. Up grading signs.

Jerry Snyder stated that he feels the all season body would be a better investment than the trailer. Could possible hire someone to move the equipment. Mr. Snyder asked what condition the boxes are in. Jamie Mansfield stated that Fred and John's trucks are in great shape but the Ford has some rust. Mr. Mansfield stated that he would replace the box on the 1994 truck with the all season body.

A motion was made by Phil Curran to order the plow and sluice pipe, to be paid out if CHIPS money, seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 5-0.

Tom Mansfield reported that the State is cutting back on salt – they will not be salting the roads between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Several Towns are cutting back this year. Mr. Mansfield added that he felt something should be put in the paper that due to the economy and the additional cost of materials this year, the roads will not be maintained like they have in the past. Chief O'Grady suggested notifying the colleges and they can send a mass email. Also, it will be put on the Town's website.

Supervisor: Supervisor Cartwright reported that the Planning Board had a good turnout. The minutes were reviewed. Earl Stopfel has contacted Mr. Kerry from Cohocton and will be meeting with him. Jeanne Cartwright added that she would like someone from the Planning Board represented on the Wind Committee – Mr. Stopfel was suggested. Phil Curran asked that if anyone comes across anything regarding wind projects or other projects the Planning Board will be involved with, copy and give to Planning board to add to their notebooks.

There will be a Fall Planning and Zoning Conference in Jamestown on November 18th.

2009 Budget – budget workshop Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jeff Johnston seconded and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Higgins-Burdick
Town Clerk