REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 10, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, January 10, 2008 and opened by Supervisor Jeanne Cartwright with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Jeanne Cartwright, Jeff Johnston, Tom Mansfield, Phil Curran and Jerry Snyder. Also present was Chief of Police Tim O'Grady, Marion Weaver, Janice Higgins-Burdick, and Jamie Mansfield.

The Oath of Office was administered to Councilmen Phil Curran ad Jerry Snyder by Supervisor Jeanne Cartwright.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the 12/12/07, 12/27/07 and 1/2/08 meetings were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Phil Curran and carried 5-0.

Police - Reviewed the written report for December. Chief O'Grady stated that it was a slow month due to the holiday break.

Codes Enforcement – Steve Kilmer contacted the DEC regarding the cars at Alfred Collision. They will be meeting Steve Kilmer here the week of the 20th.

Supervisor: Supervisor Jeanne Cartwright would like the Assessor and Codes Enforcement Officer to submit a written report monthly to update the board of their activities. Also, it was suggested that they attend a meeting maybe quarterly. Mrs. Cartwright stated that the taxpayers have a right to know what they are doing. Tom Mansfield agreed and also felt they should be reporting to the Board. Jeanne Cartwright added that it gives them a chance to get credit for what they are doing. Jeff Johnston stated that from a legal point, it is good to have a written record of their activities. A motion was made by Jeff Johnston to make it a policy that a monthly report be submitted by the Assessor and the Codes Enforcement Office and appear in person quarterly. The motion was seconded by Phil Curran and carried 5-0.

In regards to the Dog Control Officer, a motion was made by Jeff Johnston to request Dick Stuart to file the necessary paperwork for dogs that are picked up and kept in the shelter. The motion was seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Correspondence:

Bond Anticipation Note for the new pick up.

Letter from NYS Department of Ag. And Markets regarding the paperwork for the Dog Control Office. Tax Levy sheets showing County wide figures.

General Abstract #1-2008 – Vouchers #1-22 in the amount of \$40,886.03 were approved with a motion by Phil Curran seconded by Tom Mansfield carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #1-2008 – Vouchers #1-11 in the amount of \$27,838.59 were approved with a motion by Jeff Johnston seconded by Phil Curran and carried 5-0.

Highway Report

- Reviewed written report.
- Jamie Mansfield reported that they have been out 19 times sanding and plowing.
- Jamie Mansfield called the County two times regarding Jericho Hill.
- Minor flooding on Randolph Road caught it in time this year. Also Lynch Road.
- Cleaned all the snow out of the ditches and will continue to do that to avoid back ups.
- Pickup broke down again power steering line and washer pump. Jamie Mansfield called the Board members and all agreed to park it not worth putting more money into it. Jamie Mansfield will use his personal truck until the new truck arrives.
- Trouble with plows using plow from the Oshkosh.

- Complaint from Camp owner on Cornelius Road camp is in the Town of Ward but they want the Town of Alfred to plow the road so they don't have to go around to County Route 12 on Ward side. Jamie Mansfield explained to him that that is a seasonal road and he is not going to start plowing seasonal roads for one person if do it for one will have to do for others. The owner threatened to sue the Town. Phil Curran added that the road won't support a big truck.
- Mr. Mansfield has been taking Supervisor Cartwright on all the Town Roads.

Other Business: Supervisor Elect Jeanne Cartwright stated that she has asked the Town Clerk to make a list of all the businesses in the Town with a contact person. Mrs. Cartwright would like to go and introduce herself and see if there is anything the Town can do for them. Phil Curran stated that from a business stand point – nice to know someone is interested and cares.

Committee Reports – Tom Mansfield reported that he attended the Village board meeting. March 11th will be the celebration for the Bicentennial with fireworks. Also, at that meeting, the Mayor stated that there is someone interested in supplying wind energy that would benefit the Village, town and both colleges. It is in the very early stages right now.

Unfinished Business: The selection of members to the Planning Board was discussed. Phil Curran suggested it be a 5 member board with 2 alternatives. Frank Bunke and William MacCrea were both recommended for Chairman. Phil Curran made a motion to appoint Frank Bunke to a one year term and Chairman, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. The following were appointed to the Planning Board with a motion by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Phil Curran and carried 5-0:

- 1. Wende Bush 2 year term expires 12/31/09
- 2. Pam Jones 3 year term expires 12/31/10
- 3. Norm Jefferds -4 year term expires 12/31/11
- 4. William MacCrea 5 year term expires 12/31/12
- 5. Alternates Peter Stull and Dave Williams

Board of Assessment Review - Don Cameron was reappointed to a 5 year term and Alan Dewey was appointed to fill Jerry Snyder unexpired term with a motion by Phil Curran, seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 5-0.

New Business: Chief Tim O'Grady stated that a new Police Contract needs to be drawn up with the wording suggested by the Insurance Company.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Higgins-Burdick Town Clerk