

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 12, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, March 12, 2009 and opened by Supervisor Jeanne Cartwright. Board members present were Tom Mansfield, Jerry Snyder, Jeanne Cartwright and Phil Curran. Absent were Jeff Johnston and Jamie Mansfield. Also present were County Legislators Brent Reynolds and Doug Burdick, Village Mayor Craig Clark and Janice Burdick. . Representing the Press was Justin Head of The Evening Tribune.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Cartwright with the pledge to the flag.

Guests: County Legislators Reynolds and Burdick updated the Board on the status of the courthouse – hoping to use stimulus money towards the cost of it. D. Burdick reported that the Six S Golf Course has been bought by people from Ireland who plan on turning it into a resort. B. Reynolds reviewed the Annual Report of the County Real Property tax Department. Explained how the Community College cost is split three ways – 1/3 student, 1/3 County and 1/3 State. The county pays instead of the municipality due to that fact that the County does not share sales tax with the municipalities.

- Updated on statue of Crossroads and use of stimulus money for infrastructure there.
- Landfill – considering charging by the bag. Will need additional help but would increase recycling.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of February 12, 2009 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Phil Curran and carried 4-0.

Police Report – Reviewed the written report for February.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Attended school for OSHA training. Next week for Codes training.

Assessor – Letter from state that the equalization rate will be 100% an there fore will get annual aide.

Mr. Reynolds reported that Sugar Hill Development is being turned over to the County IDA – the Sugar Hill Corporation cannot afford the taxes any longer. IDA will own it but will keep the Sugar Hill Board. Phil Curran stated that he called Brent Reynolds and discussed this with him. Mr. Curran added that the County has the money to promote it, the Town does not. Mr. Reynolds added that the IDA is there to help not hurt the Town. Jeanne Cartwright asked how this will affect the Town and Mr. Reynolds explained that they would no longer pay property taxes. Mr. Reynolds also stated that they are applying for a water grant to put water towers up there. Due to new codes, buildings up there need a sprinkler system. This would also help the Village water supply.

Review of Monthly Report – all ok.

Correspondence

- Alfred Lion's Club – recognition dinner.
- Business and Landlord's Recognition Dinner – April 2nd.

General Abstract #3-2000 – Vouchers #24-30 in the amount of \$20355.00 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.

Highway Abstract #3-2009 – Vouchers #31- 44 in the amount of \$16,562.58 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Phil Curran and carried 4-0.

Highway Report

- Reviewed written report.
- Picked up Fred's truck, checked the repairs over and hauled sand with it to make sure all was ok.
- Cleaned sluice pipes on Lynch, Lake and Foster Lake driveway. Cleaned snow out of ditch on Randolph.
- Drove all the seasonal roads to make sure there weren't any trees down or any other problems. Collapsed sluice pipe on Cornelius Road which resulted in a hole in the road. Temporarily repaired it.
- Routine maintenance on tractor and trucks.

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Tom Mansfield wrote a letter to the Sheriff regarding the problems with the 911 system. He also sent it to all the Legislators. County Legislator D. Burdick talked to the sheriff about and was told that the 911 operator that took Jamie Mansfield's call that day admitted that she was too busy. Mr. Mansfield has not received any reply to his letter.

Supervisor: Supervisor Cartwright reported that she has again been trying to get hold of Keith Pitman of Empire Wind to get an update on the Windmill Project but he has not returned any of her calls. Craig Clark stated that the College has gone ahead and purchased a tower to test the wind with. They will have students put it up. Mrs. Cartwright also reported that she is contacting Attorney Todd Mathes to come to a committee meeting to discuss issues and contracts regarding the windmill project. Mrs. Cartwright added that she is going to start pushing to get this committee going and meet once a month. Also will talk to Licio Pennisi to see if he will take Earl Stopfel's place on the committee and Phil Curran will talk Jeff Johnston's place.

Planning Board – Did not meet.

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm was made by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk