

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 11, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, June 11, 2009 and opened by Supervisor Jeanne Cartwright with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Tom Mansfield, Phil Curran, Jeff Johnston, and Jeanne Cartwright. Absent was Jerry Snyder. Also present were Don Lang and Brian Goodrich; Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Dept., Mary Stearns, Rose and Kevin Cook. Representing the Press was Dave Snyder of the *Alfred Sun* and Justin Head of *the Evening Tribune*. Others present were Jamie Mansfield, Janice Burdick and Chief O'Grady. Arriving later was Peter Stull and County Legislator Doug Burdick.

Guests: Don Lang and Brian Goodrich representing the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Department were present to have the Town approve and sign a new contract with them. There were no changes in the contract and they are not asking for any additional funding than what is currently budgeted. A motion was made by Phil Curran to accept the 2009-2010 contract, seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 4-0. Supervisor Cartwright then signed the contract. Mr. Lang informed the Board that the Fire Company has put in a purchase offer on two of Henry Bauer's properties that adjoin property owned by the Fire Company. The plan is to tear down the one house and fill in the area for parking.

Police Report – Reviewed the written report for May. Chief O'Grady stated that things in the village are quiet now that the students are gone but the Town has stayed steady. They made an arrest in the burglary at Arrow Mart. Mr. O'Grady explained that they are in the process of trying to get all Towns and Villages to sign a Countywide Mutual Aide Agreement. Currently, when the Village backs up the State Police, the state is not obligated to cover any damages to the Village cars. They cannot sign a mutual aide agreement with the State Police due to the fact that they are not covered under General Municipal Law. Chief O'Grady did get a signed agreement with the Almond substation that Alfred can respond to Alfred-Almond Central School until the State Police can get there,

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of May 14, 2009 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Phil Curran and carried 4-0.

Peter Stull – submitted a Zoning and Building permit for property on Shaw Road, which is in the Industrial Zone... Mr. Stull is planning on moving all operations of his Bicycle Shop from Rt. 244 to Mrs. Hardy's property on Shaw Road. The dilapidated barns will be torn down and the one large barn – about 3500 sq. ft. – will be remodeled for the Bike shop. May eventually add 1000 sq. ft. of storage space. Entrance will be from Rt. 21 and a gravel path from the building to Shaw Road will be built for the bicyclists. Would like to be moved in by February 2010. Would like to burn and bury on site the buildings that are being demolished. Will have to check with the Codes Enforcement Officer to see it that will be allowed and is checking to make sure there are no asbestos in the roofing. Mr. Stull added that he hopes to sell the current location and if it doesn't sell he will be willing to rent it. A motion was made by Phil Curran to approve the permit, seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 4-0.

Review of Monthly Report – All ok.

Assessor – Reviewed a list of reductions made at Grievance Day.

Correspondence

- Allegany County Legislators Clambake – July 31st.
- Letter from the Attorneys for Alfred-Almond Central School responding to the letter from Alfred State College's Attorneys regarding the Windmill project.

General Abstract #6-2009 – Vouchers #56-68 in the amount of \$16574.07 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Phil Curran and carried 4-0.

Highway Abstract #6-2009 – Vouchers #74- 81 in the amount of \$14,658.14 were approved with a motion by Jeff Johnston seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 4-0.

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Highway Report – Superintendent Jamie Mansfield reported on the following:

- Reviewed written report.
- All dirt roads are now graded and Andover brined them.
- Spring in road on Cook Road. Village came with their backhoe and helped fix it.
- Started mowing – 1.2 Town is done.
- Pile of dirt at Town garage – Alfred-Almond Central School field project – giving away the dirt. Will be used for Walter Road project.
- Borrowing County chipper to start chipping the trees and brush on Walter Road...
- J. Mansfield attended Highway School at Cornell University for three days.
- New clutch and radiator in 10 wheeler. New air dryer valve and filter in 2004 International
- Next month start on Walter Road. Working on Lake Road and will restone that section that is bad...

Walter Road Project – J. Mansfield met with Rick Daily who owns the bottom part of land on Walter Road. Jerry Snyder and Tom Mansfield also met with him. Don DeGol who also owns land there called J. Mansfield and said he was all for the b]project and may in the future sell his property on East Valley and build on Walter Road. Jamie Mansfield stated that he is trying to keep all landowners informed of the plans for that road.

Discussion on Highway Equipment

Jamie Mansfield reported that there are three 10 wheeler trucks on state bid. He went and looked at two. The Mack is \$187,652 with an all season box that spreads in front of the truck. The Western Star is around \$186,000. This includes all snowplowing equipment and is all included in the State Bid price. Mr. Mansfield stated that while he was at school he talked to several other Highway Superintendents and asked what they are driving and why. All recommend the air ride. It is about \$900 more but less costly maintenance down the road. The Western Star does not have the air ride. Mr. Mansfield added that he drove both trucks and liked the Mack much better. The big thing was the visibility is much better and you can see the plow better. J. Mansfield recommended to the Board that the truck be ordered now –will be done in September then go to TENCO for 45-60 days for installation of snowplow equipment. It won't be done until February or March. Would like to keep the current 10 wheeler for a back up. Phil Curran asked how the Town was going to pay for it. It will have to be bonded and paid out of future budgets. Mr. Mansfield also stated that in 2010 the same truck will cost about \$10,000 more due to new emission requirements. A motion was made by Phil Curran to purchase the Mack 10 wheeler, put \$60,000 down out of current budget and 2010 budgeted amount, and bond the balance after the 1st of the year. The motion was seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 4-0.

Other Business

Phil Curran announced that he was running for County Legislator and Mary Stearns and Don Lang are running for Town Board positions. Jeanne Cartwright is not running again for Supervisor but Tom Mansfield is running for Supervisor. Jeff Johnston is not running again also.

County Legislator – Doug Burdick stated that he was doing a survey of the Boards in his District to see how they felt about the County Legislator reducing its' size from 15 to 10. Phil Curran stated that downsizing might be a good idea but 10 is the wrong number – need an odd number. Also asked what the work load is like? Mr. Burdick stated that he feels 1.5 days a week are needed to keep up with everything. Doesn't feel the County is going to save any money by reducing the size. Tim O'Grady stated that they would have to restructure the districts to make sure each district is represented on all the committees.

Supervisor: A motion to go to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation was made by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Phil Curran and carried 4-0. A motion to adjourn executive session was made by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 4-0. Executive Session lasted from 8:20 pm to 8:40 pm.

A motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm was made by Phil Curran seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk