

PUBLIC HEARING
2011 Budget
November 11, 2010

A Public Hearing was held at 7:00 pm for the purpose of hearing comment on the 2011 Budget for the Town of Alfred. All Board members were present as well as Pam Jones of the Planning Board, Chief Tim O'Grady, Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick. Members of the press were David Snyder; *Alfred Sun* and Justin Head; *The Evening Tribune*. David Snyder asked about the PILOT and was told it was for the Saxon Inn. Justin Head inquired about the CHIPS funding for next year and the cost of the NYS Retirement. CHIPS will stay about the same but retirement did increase – about doubled. Dave Snyder asked about the new dog regulations with the Town taking over all aspects of dog licensing and was told the Town will collect all dog licensing fees and keep all but \$1.00 for spayed and neutered and \$3.00 for unsprayed and unneutered that will go to the State. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 with a motion by Mary Stearns, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 11, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:15 pm Thursday, November 11, 2010 and opened with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Tom Mansfield, Jerry Snyder, Mary Stearns, Donn Lang, and Fion MacCrea. Also present were Chief O'Grady, Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick. Members of the press were David Snyder; *Alfred Sun* and Justin Head; *The Evening Tribune*.

2011 Budget - The 2011 Budget was approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Chief O'Grady reviewed the written report. Reported that since the arrest of those responsible for the assault at the Chinese Restaurant in Alfred things have quieted down some. Now the Town has been busier.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of October 14, 2010 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Monthly Report – The monthly report was reviewed.

Correspondence

- Resume from Bill Cleveland for Codes Enforcement Office if an opening becomes available. It was noted that there is no vacancy in that position.

General Abstract #11-2010 – Vouchers #113-123 in the amount of \$19586.60 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Tom Mansfield reported that he came in prior to the meeting and looked over all vouchers and initialed them.

Highway Abstract #11-2010 – Vouchers #154--170 in the amount of \$11943.61 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Highway Report –

Reviewed written report.

- Hot patched roads, put up snow fence on Cornelius Road, graded potholes on dirt roads.
- Installed new heaters in Boardroom, break room and Jamie's office.
- Prepared all the trucks for winter installing sanders and plows and making sure everything is in good working condition.
- Attended training on new laptop. Will be attending more sessions that will include use of Excel and Word. There will be a website to share with other Highway Superintendents.

CHIPS Modification – they are talking that chip sealing may not be an allowed reimbursable expense. Jamie Mansfield explained that this would affect the Town since we do a lot of Chip sealing under the CHIPS program.

Allegany County Shared Purchase Proposal – looking to purchase a Road Widener. County would house it and maintain it. They would also move it to the Town that is going to be using it and Mr. Mansfield was assured that there would be no problem moving it the Town of Alfred. Town's cost for 5 years would be \$2491.37 per year. Jerry Snyder expressed concern that you have 12 Towns sharing this with only about 100 days to use it – about 5 workdays a year per Town. Jerry Snyder asked if the shoulders could be done with the Grader and was told yes but it takes longer and use more material.

Jamie Mansfield would like to buy the gravel and stone for next year out of this year's budget. Will check and make sure there is enough money.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Mansfield reported that he and Jerry Snyder met with the Union to negotiate a new 3 year contract. The men will get a 2% raise the first year 2.5% second year and 3% third year. Also in 2011 they will pay \$5/week per man toward health insurance. 2012 and 2013 - \$5.50/week per man. Any new hire after 1/2011 will pay 10% of their health insurance cost. A motion to approve the three year contract with Teamster's Local Union 317 was made by Donn Lang, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Planning Board - Pam Jones, Chairwoman of the Planning Board reported that the Town of Hartsville just approved a permit for a 1Kw wind turbine using the same regulations for their commercial wind law which requires 2640' setback. Mary Stearns noted that she found 2 laws on the internet that address small windmills for personal use and Donn Lang noted that he found 8. Would like the Planning Board and Town Board to look them over and make more specific to the Town. Fion MacCrea noted the intent is to control the height and number – doesn't feel a need to specify output potential. There was some discussion about selling back excess electricity and if this would be allowed if the windmill was only for personal use. Donn Lang stated that someone putting up a personal windmill will be putting one up to produce what they need. If they produce more then they consume it would go back toward their bill. Mrs. Jones explained that the Planning Board reviewed definitions again and many didn't pertain to personal windmills but some members felt they should be left in and felt it was up to the Town Board to decide whether to leave them in or not. Fion MacCrea cited that the number of turbines will be determined by lot size and a Building Permit will be required. A special meeting will be held to review what the Planning Board has decided on and the Town Board will decide whether to accept it or amend it. The meeting will be December 2nd at 7:00 pm. Mary Stearns expressed her thanks to the Planning Board for all the work they have done on the Wind Law.

Dog Licensing Law – The Board felt now was a good time to increase the fees. The law was changed to increase the fees to \$7.00 for spayed or neutered and \$14.00 unspayed or unneutered. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder to hold a Public Hearing December 9, 2010, the regular monthly meeting, to hear comment on the Windmill law and the Dog Licensing Law. The motion was seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Code Enforcement Officer – a motion was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0 to pay the cell phone bill to the Village of Almond for the Town's share.

Financial Committee –October 2010 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements was made by Mary Stearns seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Mary Stearns noted that she spoke with Steve Richards regarding students working on an addition to the Town Building – they would be able to do the foundation.

A motion to adjourn 8:55 pm was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

