

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

September 9, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, September 9, 2010 and opened by Supervisor Tom Mansfield 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 of Police Tim O'Grady, County Legislator Doug Burdick, Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick.

**Police Report** – Chief O'Grady reviewed the written report. Busy month with students back. Running short of officers and has hired one that is in training and will be hiring more.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of August 12, 2010 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

**Monthly Report** – The monthly report was reviewed. Received check from Teitsworth's Auction for \$42,910.00 for the truck and sander that were sold at auction.

### Correspondence

- Allegany County – Worker's Comp. amount due for 2011 Budget.
- Allegany County DPW – asking if Clerk wants to sale Solid Waste Disposal Tickets.
- NYS Unified Court – requesting Audit of Justice Court books by Town Board.
- Darcy Pulos- resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Request from ASVFD – increase in payment and new 3 year contract – will be discussed at Budget workshops.
- New guidelines for STAR – anyone making under \$500,000 must provide proof of income.

**General Abstract #9-2010** – Vouchers #98-104 in the amount of \$12165.69 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 #9-2010** – Vouchers #127--136 in the amount of \$37142.24 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0. \$28000.00 for used truck from the Town of West Almond.

### Highway Report –

Reviewed written report.

- All roads are now rolled and brined.
- Pulled shoulders on E. Valley between Green and Burdick.
- Blacktop milling down on Shaw, Whitford, Terbury and all of Waterwells.

Reserved excavator until last week in September. Called the County to request they move it and they said they were too busy. County employee called Jamie back and said County would not help the Town because we weren't cooperating with them regarding County Rt 12 and the Snow and Ice Contract. The cost to the Town to hire someone to move it will be \$500 each way. Supervisor Mansfield called all three County Legislators to make them aware of this. Doug Burdick, County Legislator, stated that everyone knows the history of the Town and the County Snow and Ice Contract. Last winter, Jamie Mansfield the County when they couldn't get here fast enough (Jamie would go and sand the road) Mr. Burdick stated that he called Kurt Crandall – Chairman of the County Board of Legislators and set up an appointment with him bypassing the Public Works Committee and DPW Superintendent Dave Roeske. Mr. Burdick explained to Mr. Crandall that the Town pays 6% of the County taxes – which helped pay for the lowboy. Doug Burdick asked how they can refuse to help one Town when all pay taxes. They then called Dave Roeske in who stated that the Town is demanding and doesn't help them – that the Town is not cooperative. Also said that the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent (Alfred) didn't call him for a meeting to express their concerns. Doug Burdick told him he would be glad to set up such a meeting but it should be with the whole Town Board. Mr. Roeske would not agree to that – only wanted to meet with the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent. Tom Mansfield stated that at the County Safety Dinner Mr.

Roeske did approach him and said they need to talk about the Sand and Salt Contract – never has heard anything from him. Now Mr. Roeske is saying that he has no time to meet – booked solid. Donn Lang questioned what the lowboy was being used for in the next 2 weeks? A few years ago the County kept the sand truck her in the Town garage, then it was moved to Almond, now it is in Friendship on weekends. A similar situation happened in 1999. Tom Mansfield asked the Board if they want Jamie Mansfield to help or only in an emergency (Where an ambulance or Fire truck needs to go up that road)? In the July minutes when the contract was voted down it was stated that the Town would respond in an emergency. Jerry Snyder stated that he feels the Town should continue to do the right thing and help them out. Fion MacCrea – volunteer to help in the case of an emergency. Tim O’Grady stated that they will send a car up until once from the vicinity shows up then they leave. The question of liability then came up. Doug Burdick commented that it’s your routine that will be looked at. Mary Stearns agreed that Town should do it on an emergency basis and keep track of every time the Town does that road.

Excavator - \$3500 for one month plus \$500 to move it. Company said they will only charge the Town to move it one way. Motion by Donn Lang to rent the excavator and pay to move it one way at a cost not to exceed \$500 (to move it) Seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Mr. Mansfield submitted his annual equipment report showing all equipment, mileage and condition.

Tires for Loader – Jamie Mansfield has 2 quotes and in the process of looking for a third.

Will use state bid service call price to install. Cost will be \$5800 plus installation. Also, the new truck is going to need new tires and a cost of approximately \$2800.00. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder to purchase four tires for the loader at the lowest bid, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

**Supervisor’s Report:** Attended District V meeting in Almond.

**Town Clerk-** Primary September 14<sup>th</sup> – first time with new machines. Attended a meeting in Mt. Morris regarding Dog Licensing. Allegany County meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee** – Mary Stearns attended the Planning Board meeting – only 2 people showed up. Mrs. Stearns asked Dan Acton about Fracking law. He had talked to a lawyer and he didn’t think the Town could enact a law against it since the State DEC controls it.

**Financial Committee** – July 2010 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements was made by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

#### **New Business**

- 2011 Budget.
- 2011 Union Contract – will meet at 6:45 October 14<sup>th</sup> to review the current contract.

A motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick  
Town Clerk