

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 13, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, January 13, 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, Janice Burdick, and Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer. Others present were Dale Butts, Teresa Jefferds, Kasey Klingensmith, and Justin Head from *the Evening Tribune*.

Guests: **Kasey Klingensmith** presented written comments about her concerns regarding the Marcellus Shale. Mrs. Klingensmith noted that there isn't a lot the Town can do due to DEC controlling gas drilling... She noted that the Governor has extended the moratorium until July 2011. Mrs. Klingensmith is asking the Town to form an ad hoc committee and she is willing to serve on it.

Dale Butts was present to request the Town make changes to the Noise Ordinance. He would like to see the section that excludes athletic events taken out. Supervisor Mansfield reported that he received an email from Craig Clark stating that the College is revamping its sound system and possible upgrading it which should resolve the noise issue. Tim O'Grady noted that he has some information on noise ordinances and stated that if you take out sporting events doesn't know how it would be enforced. Mr. O'Grady added that some make it enforceable under the Zoning Law that would set a decibel limit. Have to be careful that it isn't so restrictive that people are complaining about hearing any noise. Mr. Mansfield also cited an article in the Evening Tribune regarding the upgrading of the PA system. Mr. O'Grady added that if there is something in the Codes – when a system is installed the Codes Enforcement Officer could inspect it. It was noted that the SUNY does not have to apply for Building Permits on the campus and the actual noise is coming from property in the Village so the Village would be involved in enforcing any problems.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of December 10 and 28, 2010 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written report. Chief O'Grady stated that with the students gone for the holidays it has been quiet but picking up now that they are coming back. Received a Grant for 6 portable radios and a Grant for videotaping interrogation of felony charges which is now required.

Correspondence

- Allegany County – notice of chargeback's for tax rolls, etc.
- NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways regarding consolidation.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Steve Kilmer reported that he has completed his refresher training and will be taking another 24 hours in March. Met with Tinkertown Hardware regarding some interior renovations. Spoke with representatives from SUNY at Alfred regarding a new PA system. They had called him and asked if there were any Village codes and were told no but if someone complained they would turn the volume down. Jerry Snyder asked Mr. Kilmer about the bill for cell phone use and the amount of texting. Mr. Kilmer stated that the bill was through the Village of Almond and was unaware of the plan – has since changed plans with unlimited texting and calls. Mr. Snyder also expressed concern about Mr. Kilmer responding to people when they call him. Mr. Kilmer felt that leaving a message was not contacting him. Mr. Snyder asked Mr. Kilmer how they were supposed to contact him and Mr. Kilmer stated that if they don't get in touch with him to call the Town Clerk's office and leave a message that will be documented with the date and time.

Local Law #1 -2011 – Regulation of Rental Properties. The draft presented by the Planning Board was reviewed with Mr. Kilmer. Mr. Kilmer suggested one fee of \$45.00 per inspection with no charge for follow-up inspections. Also, fee schedule should be separate from the Local Law so it can be changed without amending the Local law. Mr. Kilmer will attend the next Planning Board meeting and review the law with them.

Planning Board – Supervisor Mansfield reported that Pam Jones will remain Chairperson and they are looking to changing the meeting night to the 1st Wednesday of the month.

General Abstract #1-2011 – Vouchers #1-17 in the amount of \$42289.18 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea 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 #1-2011 – Vouchers #1--22 in the amount of \$25701.03 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Highway Report –

Reviewed written report.

- Have plowed and sanded 37 times.
- Serious accident on East Valley Road – 2 still in Strong. The Town truck had just sanded.
- Air Cylinder on 1996 Mack and U Bolt had to be repaired.
- Brake chambers on the 2004 International and bearings on the sander.
- Spent most of time plowing and sanding.

Pickup – is now three years old. Originally had talked about trading every 2 years. Jamie Mansfield contacted Teitsworth’s Auction to see what it would bring at auction and what auction to put it in. A ne one would be around \$30,000-\$35,000. Cost to the Town with sell of current one would be \$6000-7000. It is not in the budget but could be paid out of the reserve. Jerry Snyder would like to see a financial plan with a replacement plan so that money is in a reserve fund. Also would like Jamie to get the numbers together and try to figure out what we need. It will probably take about 5 years to build up reserves.

Supervisor’s Report: Scheduled Board members dates to attend Village meetings. Will not be at February meeting –having surgery that day. Deputy Supervisor Jerry Snyder will run the meeting. Looking at options for Health Insurance.

Resolution #1- 2011 - Property Tax Cap Increase of no more than 2%. The Board passed a resolution not approving this with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Old Business – Jerry Snyder asked what was happening on Fire Numbers. Mr. Mansfield noted that Phil Curran was going to do the numbers and needs to be contacted to see if he will still do that. Donn Lang stated that it is up to the landowner where to put the number but it needs to be visible from the road. Tim O’Grady suggested distributing the numbers with a letter asking property owners to display them so they can be seen from the road. Jerry Snyder will contact Phil Curran.

Financial Committee - December 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 – Kasey Klingensmith request for Ad Hoc committee regarding hydrofracking. Jamie Mansfield stated that Steuben County is going to prevent it by requiring a large bond on the roads. Concern is with protecting the water supply.

A motion to adjourn 10:00 pm was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Janice L. Burdick Town Clerk