

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 10, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday February 10, 2010 and opened by Deputy Supervisor Jerry Snyder with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Jerry Snyder, Mary Stearns, and Fion MacCrea. Absent due to surgery was Supervisor Tom Mansfield and due to illness Donn Lang. Also present were Jamie Mansfield, and Janice Burdick. Representing the press was Justin Head from *the Evening Tribune*.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of January 13, 2011 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 3-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written monthly report and 2010 Annual Report.

Monthly Report – All of Town Levy has been received.

Correspondence

- Mayor Craig Clark – requesting meeting to negotiate new Police Contract that currently expires 12/31/11.

General Abstract #2-2011 – Vouchers #18-28 in the amount of \$10298.94 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 3-0.

Highway Abstract #2-2011 – Vouchers #23—38 in the amount of \$52321.27 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 3-0. Included was the Bond payment of \$29333.33 plus \$2640.00 interest.

Highway Report –

Reviewed written report.

- Have plowed and sanded 25 out of 28 days. Have been very busy. Shoveling snow off of bridges around guiderails so when snow thaws will have a place to drain.
- John Perkins was rear ended on Waterwells Road – broke the sander off. No one was hurt but a Police report was filed. It is all fixed.
- Winging back snow banks with the Grader. Also helped Town of Hartsville on Landis Road.
- Worked on equipment.

Pickup – Jamie Mansfield did some pricing for 2011 pickups. Talked to Teitsworth's who stated that he feels pickups are depreciating about \$4000/year. Also feels the Town's 2008 Ford pickup will bring between \$20,000 – 22,000 at auction. A new diesel on State bid will cost around \$35,350. Gas will be \$27,800. Fion MacCrea asked if resale value is better on diesel and Jamie Mansfield stated that they are holding their value better. Also get better mileage. Jamie Mansfield added that is the Town would save money he would be willing to go with gas. Delivery time is approximately 6 weeks for gas and 8 weeks for diesel. Municipal auction in Palmyra is May 14th. In Supervisor Tim Mansfield's written report he stated that he would like to see the pickup traded every two years. Jerry Snyder added that the Town needs to be setting aside money for the 10 wheelers and big equipment. In reviewing the equipment Mr. J. Mansfield cited that the 1996 Mack 10 wheeler should be good for 4-5 more years. 2004 – 10 more years. Will be sand blasting the box this summer and repainting it. Trying for a 15 year rotation plus the loader and grader. Fion MacCrea submitted a spread sheet for the Town's consideration that shows how putting money in reserves affects the equipment purchases and how many years. If put \$45,000-\$50,000 in reserve every year, will take care of new equipment purchases. Mr. Snyder asked if there had been any problems with the pickup and Jamie Mansfield stated there had not. Jerry Snyder stated he would like Donn Lang's input before doing anything. Fion MacCrea both were ok with going with the Dodge with diesel fuel. Jerry Snyder stated he would like to pay off the bond and then buy a new pickup. A motion was made by Mary Stearns to sell the current pickup at the Palmyra auction seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 3-0. A motion was made by Fion MacCrea to allow Jamie Mansfield to order a new pickup,

contingent on being able to set a reserve on selling the old truck at auction. Seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 3-0.now (Note: there is a clause that states the Town has the right to accept or reject any bid.)

Supervisor's Report: Written report submitted by Supervisor Tom Mansfield:

1. Board of Elections still stating they are looking at consolidation of the Village and Town voting districts. No mention of where voting will take place. One of our County Legislators is looking into this on the Town's behalf.
2. Neighboring (Steuben) Towns are signing road repair agreements with contractors to repair road to original if torn up by trucks. (Hydrofracking contracts)
3. Planning Board met with Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer.
4. Mary and Tom did a Court audit on 1/31/2011." Everything looks good and they seem to be handling things a lot better with the computer program. Teresa seems to have a good handle on everything."

Town Clerk – New software for Town Clerk is all installed. Seems to be working good. Easy to issue dog renewals.

Committees - Mary Stearns reported on the audit conducted by Supervisor Mansfield and her. Mrs. Stearns reported that Court Clerk Teresa Jaycox showed them everything and seems to have a good handle on things. They will be going again in the summer and then at the end of the year. Both Judges were also there.

Planning Board - Steve Kilmer attended the meeting to review the proposed Rental inspection Local Law. Mr. Kilmer explained that there were several things that should not be part of the law including the fee schedule. An inspection list will be obtained to review. Jerry Snyder was concerned with procedures used to get hold of the Codes Enforcement Officer. It was noted that Mr. Kilmer should submit a monthly report either written or in person. Also, Town Clerk will keep a log of anyone who calls and says they can't get hold of Mr. Kilmer.

Planning Board will be reviewing the Zoning Law and suggesting some changes.

Old Business – Jerry Snyder stated that he had talked to the Assessor regarding the fire numbers. Also talked with Phil Curran who can do them on reflective aluminum but doesn't have a die to cut them out. Still not sure of cost.

Financial Committee - January 2011 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements was made by Mary Stearns seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 3-0.

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm was made by Mary Stearns seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk