

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 11, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday March 11, 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 O'Grady, Jamie Mansfield, and Janice Burdick. Guests were as follows: Kasey and Mark Klingensmith, JoEllen delCampo, Kim Donius, Elsie and Val Cushing, Virginia Rasmussen, Pam Jones, Sherman Clarke, Doug Turner, and Gary Ostrower.

Guests: Kasey Klingensmith handed out a sheet with concerns and information on items the Town can do in regards to the Hydrofracking concerns. Several items were presented and reviewed including a request that the Town pass a moratorium against Hydrofracking in the Town of Alfred for at least 12 months when the State enacts the DEC report. Mrs. Klingensmith was thanked for presenting this information.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of February 11, 2011 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written monthly report. Chief O'Grady stated that they have borrowed the speed trailer from the Sheriff's department and will be putting it around the Town and Village. Reported on the recent arrest of 2 students from ASC for robbery and assault of an AU student. They are currently in jail and have been kicked out of school.

Notified of a \$4800 grant from NYS to help defray the cost of a new requirement to videotape certain interrogations. 3 Police Departments pooled together on the grant.

Codes Enforcement – Tried to email report but did not come through. Will present written report next month.

Monthly Report – All ok.

Correspondence – Dog Control Inspection – George and Julia Ormsby met with the DEC Inspector for 3 hours to review all regulations.

General Abstract #3-2011 – Vouchers #29-41 in the amount of \$10830.05 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #3-2011 – Vouchers #39-51 in the amount of \$14528.94 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Report –

Reviewed written report.

- Had 3 major snow storms since last meeting including one that accumulated 10-12" on 2/21/11.
- Flooding on Hanneman, Sherman, Snyder Drive and Lynch Roads.
- Cleaning ditches and thawing sluice pipes.
- February 28 flooding due to rain and melting. An estimate of \$80,000 was submitted to FEMA for damages to the following roads: Sherman, Palmiter, Hanneman, Sibley, Cook, Lynch, Burdick, Fischer and a section of East Valley. Does not include major damage at the bottom of Sibley where there is a 4' hole. Guy James of Allegany Co. DPW and the State DOT both recommended a box culvert be put in. It is going to be a very time consuming project and an expensive one. Pipe alone is estimated at \$13,000 and will take up to 3 weeks to complete. Mr. Mansfield reported that at least 2 permits will be needed – one from DEC and one from State DOT. Also talked to Conrail and they may be able to supply some equipment. It was noted that the date stamped on the concrete is 1930.
- Worked on equipment.
- Tim O'Grady reported that Conrail is slated to replace both railroad bridges this year.
- CHIPS reimbursement is running late – should get by April 20th - \$45,914.89

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- Check engine light came on in pickup – have to replace the emissions filter. In order to get to it have to remove the front cab. This is covered under warranty. Talked to Teitsworth's Auctions – there is a 10% seller's fee, they will guarantee a price – they feel they can get \$22,000 if paint bottom of door and put new floor mats in. Guaranteed price is \$18,000.00. Auction in May 14th. New pickup will take 8-12 weeks. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder to sell the current pickup at the May 14th auction and directed the Highway Superintendent to order a new pickup on State Bid. The motion was seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0. Jamie Mansfield stated that they have not had a day off since 1/1/11. Mary Stearns expressed the appreciation of the entire Board and Townspeople for all the hours the crew has been working.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Mansfield thanked Jerry Snyder for conducting last month's meeting due to his knee surgery.

1. ID for Dog Control Officer – Tim O'Grady suggested he go to the County Sheriff's Department where they will do an ID tag.
2. Reported that the Board of Elections has decided to merge District I and II into one location and one district. Mr. Mansfield that he has been looking for a site that would work and meet all the guidelines – parking, handicap accessible, etc. He did go to the Ceramic Corridor and they told him they were not interested. The Election Commissioners have also been looking for a site. Mr. Mansfield explained that Jamie Mansfield suggested a truck bay could be cleaned out and would be large enough for both voting districts. The two Commissioners – Elaine Hardman and Cass Lorrow met at the Town garage to look it over. Also attending were County Legislator Doug Burdick, Supervisor Tom Mansfield, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, Town Clerk Jan Burdick, and Gary Ostrower. It was explained that an area could be roped off and some sort of petition put up, additional lighting added and the heat would be turned up that day. After looking it over the two Commissioners tentatively approved this location. There would be one machine with 5-6 privacy booths and 4 election inspectors. Gary Ostrower expressed concern and stated that there has been voting in the Village for 204 years. By moving it to the Town it will be much less accessible to the students and village residents. Mr. Ostrower went on to say that the Town Board also represents Village residents and would like support from the Town Board. Mr. Ostrower added that to his knowledge there was virtually no communication between the Village, Town and Colleges. Village wants Town support to maintain voting in Village. Mr. Ostrower stated that he believes the Village Hall is adequate for voting – it is handicap accessible via the elevator. Tom Mansfield stated that Mayor Clark knew about this in December. It was also noted that the majority of students vote in their hometowns. Tim O'Grady stated that by combining the districts it also affects the Republican Party and how many representatives they have to the County – if go to one district would lose representatives. Mr. O'Grady went on to say the Election Commissioners are appointed by the County Committee. It is the decision of the Election Commissioners whether or not to merge districts. Other districts in the County are also being merged. Gary Ostrower strongly urged the Town to make voting available to all residents. Donn Lang stated that the Town had just received the email on 2/28/11 notifying the Town that the Districts would be combined. Mr. Lang added that the Town is still trying to collect information to try and keep voting here. Gary Ostrower stated that he has written a letter to the Board of Elections insisting they communicate better and stated that the Village people help elect the Town Board and that is why they are asking for Town Board support. Tim O'Grady stated that as County Legislator and a member of the personnel committee he will try to get all parties involved to a meeting to discuss this further.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report.

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Committee Reports:

Mary Stearns reported that the Planning Board is working on the Renter/Landlord Law and have come up with a final version.

Jerry Snyder attended the Village Board meeting – On April 27th the movie *Gasland* will be shown. The Village met with AU and ASC to see about ways to share services. The Sate will be paving North Main Street and the Village will do S. Main Street.

Donn Lang attended the Alfred Alive meeting.

New Business – JoEllen delCampo asked what the Board's protocol was to respond to guests when they bring concerns, such as Kasey Klingensmith did tonight, to the Board. Jerry Snyder explained that he has been doing research and trying to get an awareness of what the Town's options are. Feels the Board has a lot of work ahead of them on this topic and they will be working on it.

Financial Committee - February 2011 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements was made by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk