

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 14, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday April 14, 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: Linda and Sam Burlingame, Doug Turner, and Craig Clark. Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

Guests Sue Burlingame explained the problem with the noise from the dirt bike trail that is across from her home. Ms. Burlingame stated that the noise is extremely loud and has become intolerable. Even if she goes inside and closes all the windows she can still hear it. Can't sleep due to the noise and ends up leaving to get away from it. Neighbors have also expressed concerns. It is also creating a lot of dust. It has become unbearable and doesn't want to have to move. Has called the police. The owner is Ray Palmer. Supervisor Mansfield stated that he will check into it and see if the noise ordinance addresses this issue. In another matter, Jamie Mansfield asked if they could trim trees on the corner of East Valley and Rt. 21 at Ms. Burlingame's residence. Mr. Mansfield explained that when they are plowing they can't see cars coming from Andover direction. Ms. Burlingame granted them permission to do this. Doug Turner thanked the board for compromising on the polling place by deciding on the old Horticulture Building to which Supervisor Mansfield explained that a decision had not been made yet. Mr. Mansfield explained that there are still a couple of issues that need to be resolved before a final decision is made. Mary Stearns and Tom Mansfield met with the Board of Election Commissioners at that site on Monday. Mr. Turner asked about a CD that the Concerned Citizens of Allegany Co had distributed regarding Hydrofracking. (Since the meeting Donn Lang located the CD and delivered it to Mr. Turner.)

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of March 11, 2011 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 24, 2011 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written monthly report. Chief O'Grady addressed the dirt bike noise issue stating that the DA felt it would be tough to enforce the Town's Noise Ordinance as it stands, on the noise from the dirt bikes, Chief O'Grady stated that he has done a lot of research on other Noise Laws and Dale Butts was supposed to work with him on amending the Town's but has not heard back from him. Chief O'Grady added that the problem is in rural settings having to look at decibels and have a timeframe when they can run the dirt bikes. Jamie Mansfield stated that he had talked to Mr. Palmer, the owner, and he stated that they stop an hour before sunset and doesn't want the neighbors to be made. Jerry Snyder suggested they meet and come up with a compromise on days and hours.

In regards to the noise from the State College Athletic Fields, Codes Enforcement Office Steve Kilmer is supposed to be going to Dale Butt's home when the speakers are on and an event is happening. Craig Clark stated that they were supposed to turn the speakers and aim them in another direction.

Codes Enforcement – Reviewed written report from 1/1/2011-3/31/2011.

Monthly Report – All ok. Supposed to receive CHIPS 4/20/2011.

Correspondence – All Board members received an Invitation from AU for opening of the Fine Ceramics

General Abstract #3-2011 – Vouchers #42-50 in the amount of \$9889.62 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

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Highway Abstract #4-2011 – Vouchers #52-68 in the amount of \$18904.81 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Highway Report –

Reviewed written report.

- Sibley Road – temporary fix. Put concrete in. Met with Guy James of the Allegany Co. DPW and Jerry Snyder. Andover is going to come over and see if they can get an excavator in there.
- Worked on equipment – repaired rake, Grader. Sand blasted and painted front plow and dump box of 2004 International.
- Reviewed work that will be done in upcoming weeks.
- Explained that when a sluice pipe needs to be replaced the Town pays for it. If it is a new driveway, the owner pays for the pipe,

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Mansfield stated that he has been receiving calls about Hydrofracking and what the Town's position is on it. Mr. Mansfield stated that he would like to form a committee and include Kasey Klingensmith. Mrs. Klingensmith attendee that last planning Board meeting and did a presentation on the Hydrofracking issue. Mary Stearns stated that she has gone online and found where some Towns have passed a moratorium on this issue. Doug Turner expressed that he would like to see the Town become more radical and pass a law that forbids wells in the Town of Alfred and defend it in court. Jerry Snyder stated that the DEC and leaders of this state have an obligation to protect its citizens and those are the people who need to hear from everyone. Fion MacCrea suggested the Planning Board find out what persons to contact and other groups such as the Chesapeake Water Shed. Saturday at Alfred State College in Wellsville there will be a presentation on the Hydrofracking issue.

1. Reported that from Rt 21 to the Village limits sign at Jericho Hill the NYSDOT will be redoing the road.
2. New Police Contract- A new three year contract with the Village of Alfred for Police protection was presented as follows: Current contract is for \$34096.20. 2012 – No change. 2013 – 3% increase and 2014 3% increase. A motion to approve the new contract was made Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.
3. Supervisor Mansfield handed out information from the County showing the Tax rates of all Towns in the County, total taxable value vs. total exempt value. Salaries of all appointed and elected officials in each Town in the County.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report.

Planning Board – Reviewed minutes. Mary Stearns reported that she attended the meeting and 1.6 hours were spent listening to Kasey Klingensmith's presentation and discussing Hydrofracking concerns...

Committee Reports:

Donn Lang attended the Village Board meeting

Financial Committee - March 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.

Unfinished Business- Landlord/Renters Law – Planning Board is going to discuss it more at the May meeting. Mary Stearns stated that she feels it needs some changes. One thing that needs to be addressed is how to handle complaints.

New Business – Spring Cleanup Days – May 11th and 12th.

Southern Tier West Local Conference – May 11th in Houghton.

Inter Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement – Motion to approve Resolution #2- 2011 by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Janice L. Burdick, Town Clerk

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