

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 9, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday March 9, 2012. Board members present were Supervisor Tom Mansfield, Fion MacCrea, Mary Stearns, and Donn Lang. Also present were Jamie Mansfield, Chief Tim O'Grady, and Janice Burdick. Guests were Lloyd Hollenbach, Fred Fredrickson, Kasey Klingensmith, Elsie Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Gieshe, and Graham Marks. Representing the press was Neal Simon of the *Evening Tribune* and Brian O'Neal *WLEA*.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening of Bids: One bid was received for the Sibley Road project:

Industrial Services - \$155,900.00 good for 7 days. Since only one bid was received a motion was made by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0 to accept the bid.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of February 9, 2012 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Police Report - Chief O'Grady reviewed the written report. Reported that the old McAndrews house burnt and they are still investigating that. STOP DWI Program-countywide DWI's have decreased each year. Troopers are also seeing a decrease.

Review of Monthly Report – all ok.

Correspondence:-

- Allegany County Treasurer – showing what has been paid to the Town.
- ACCORD Corp Golf Tournament
- Board of Elections

General Abstract #3-2012 – Vouchers #32-45 in the amount of \$10524.04 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Donn Lang and carried 4-0.

Highway Abstract #3-2012 – Vouchers #23-35 in the amount of \$15985.59 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Highway Report –Reviewed written report. J. Mansfield explained that they have only used 170 tons of salt, ordered 400 tons – have to take 280 tons. Has stored about 400-450 tons in the shed. Would like to put straight salt in the she then haul to Buffalo crushed next year to get mixed with sand. Tom Mansfield asked how much he was going to order for next year. J. Mansfield stated that he has to order in the spring for the following year. Plans on subtracting what he has left from next year's order. Have used less than ½ of what use last year.

See attached Highway Report for additional information.

Radios – Cost to convert to High Band Radios will be about \$650.00 for the license split four ways between Almond W. Almond, Andover and Alfred. License will be under the Town of Alfred for 10 years – then just a renewal with no fee.

Second week of April – go to 4 10 hour days.

Jamie Mansfield reviewed information on cost of a used excavator. George + Swede has a 2009 with 1600 hours for \$89,000.00 and the trailer for \$15,000.00. Baschmann has the 2006 that the Town rented for \$62,000.00 with 2900 hours. \$18,000.00 for trailer. Both are plumbed for running a mower but the 2009 has a lot more options on it. It is a trade in from Cattaraugus County. After further discussion a motion was made by Donn Lang to get specs together and present to the Board, second by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0. A special meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of reviewing the specifications for a used excavator and trailer.

Supervisor's Report – Commended the crew on the job they did painting their break room and office.

April 24th – Primary. Board will hold a work bee Saturday, April 21st at 9:00 am to set up.

Planning Board – Mary Stearns, Fion MacCrea and Jerry Snyder attended the meeting last night. There were 41 people present to express their concerns about Hydrofracking and wanting a ban in the Town. Mary Stearns explained to them that the Town Board has been busy resolving the voting issue and now that that has been solved the Town Board will look at the next step to be taken. The Planning Board is

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trying to work on a Road Use Agreement – need to get that in place since surrounding Towns have not passed Moratoriums. Feel this is a priority right now to protect Town roads.

Fion MacCrea expressed concern on behalf of the Planning Board whether they are getting a good cross section of Town vs. Village regarding feelings on the Hydrofracking. Presented a questionnaire that the Town of Jerusalem distributed to its residents. Questioned if Town should put it on the website?

Mary Stearns reported that Tompkins County did a Community Impact Assessment for all Towns in the County and was done by an Independent consultant so they tried to be objective. Also, if other Town's around us are going to allow it, Town of Alfred needs to get going on a Road Use Agreement first. Once that is done, can look at what other Towns have done regarding sound, etc. Donn Lang stated that the Board needs to protect the Town but there are several existing wells that have never caused any problems and don't want to hurt those people that have them. Fion MacCrea added that anything would have to be written so that they are protected. Mary Stearns added that the Association of Towns has several websites for Road Use Agreements that the Planning Board can look at.

Financial Committee – February 2012 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements were made by Tom Mansfield seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn 8:25 pm was made by Donn Lang seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk.