

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 12, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday April 12, 2012. Board members present were Supervisor Tom Mansfield, Fion MacCrea, Mary Stearns, and Donn Lang. Also present were Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick. Guests were Fred Fredrickson, Kasey Klingensmith, Graham Marks, Joe Kent and Mike Hulse. Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun* and Brian O'Neal *WLEA*.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests:** Joe Kent and Mile Hulse were present to discuss the Town of Alfred's consideration of an ATV Law that would allow ATV's to use Town Roads. The Town of Andover currently has such a law. The law would require riders to wear helmets. Vehicles must be insured and states speed limit of 20 MPH. It would be enforced by the local Police force. Mr. Kent stated that several local Towns have adopted this. Fion MacCrea asked what happens when they have to cross a County or State Road. The cost to the Town would be the cost of enacting a Local Law and the cost if signs and installation. Mr. Kent added that the Village of Andover is looking at this and it would mirror the snowmobile laws. Fion asked what Vehicle and Traffic Laws the Law refers to and was told it was in regards to insurance. Also this would be a year round law. The Board thanked Mr. Kent and Mr. Hulse for attending and told them the Board would discuss it further.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of March 9, 13, 2012 and April 3, 2012 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

**Police Report** - Reviewed the written report.

**Review of Monthly Report** – all ok. Deposited \$2374.90 in scrap.

### **Correspondence:-**

- Letter to Assessor from Virginia Rasmussen regarding assessment's in the Village.
- District V Meeting – West Almond Town Hall April 19, 2012.
- Ag & Markets – Dog Shelter Report – since report Highway Crew has painted the dog house and have received the catch pole.
- Finance School – May 9-11<sup>th</sup> in Rochester, NY

**General Abstract #4-2012** – Vouchers #47-59 in the amount of \$10234.50 were approved except for Voucher #49 to the Village of Alfred in the amount of \$36.00 with a motion by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Tom Mansfield stated that Mayor Craig Clark said he would take care of the Town not having to pay for this phone line.

**Highway Abstract #4-2012** – Vouchers #36-50 in the amount of \$13473.11 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

**Highway Report** –Reviewed written report – see attached.

Spring Clean-Up Day - Jamie Mansfield stated that he would like to eliminate all household items. It was suggested that we skip the entire thing this year. J. Mansfield reported that Andover puts a dumpster at the Highway garage and people then bring items there. The County provides the dumpster. After further discussion it was decided that there would not be a clean-up day this year and next year provide a dumpster at the Highway garage.

**Supervisor's Report** –April 24<sup>th</sup> – Primary. Board will hold a work bee Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am to set up. Renee Richardson, Chairperson of the Planning Board expressed concern on the part of the Planning Board that they need direction on whether a Road Use Agreement or a Road Preservation Law should be adopted. Feels they need direction from an Attorney. It was noted that at the Houghton Conference on May 9<sup>th</sup> both of those items will be discussed. Also, the Association of Towns has information on both of these that will be looked into.

**Planning Board** – Renee Richardson is resigning from the Planning Board effective May 2, 2012. Supervisor Mansfield will email the Planning Board and see if anyone will take over.

**Committees Reports** – Mary Stearns and Jan Burdick attended a forum in Geneseo – Empire Energy Forum.

Mary Stearns talked to the Planning Board regarding the Zoning Law and Comprehensive Plan and what changes would have to be made in regards to Hydrofracking. It was noted that the Town of Jerusalem had 6 different Attorneys look at their law. It was suggested that the Association of Towns and the Slottje's be contacted. Regarding a questionnaire similar to the Town of Jerusalem – the following comments were made:

- Planning Board feels name and address should be included to confirm location.
- Committee should be formed consisting of people for and against.
- Amount of land people own and those owners should be considered.
- Support for Road Use Agreement – need to set up law so that it protects those that currently have acting wells. Give the task to the Planning Board of preparing a survey.
- Kasey Klingensmith will be attending a forum in Cortland and will be glad to present any specific questions from the Town.
- Jerry Snyder asked why we can't just add a section to the Zoning Law that lists Hydrofracking as a prohibited use. Kasey Klingensmith stated that she feels you need a Ban to protect the Town.
- Graham Marks added that members of the committee in Jerusalem stated that they are willing to talk to anyone and pass on the information that they have.

**Financial Committee** – March 2012 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements were made by Mary Stearns seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

**Unfinished Business** – The purchase of the excavator was tabled until a long term plan was in place. Fion MacCrea presented a spreadsheet that shows a 15 year forecast. This showed what machine would be replaced, when it would be replaced, life span, cost to replace it and replacement value. In 2012 \$89,000 was budgeted for equipment due to no bond payment. This plan would allow for \$80,000 each year. No CHIPS money was used in any of the calculations. Mr. MacCrea stated that he has talked with other Towns in regards to sharing an excavator and that didn't seem to be an option since they are all using them more and more but a Grader could be shared.

Jerry Snyder asked if it would be worth rebidding the excavator since we only received two bids. Also concerned that if going to spend this much and stay in the plan need to make sure it will do the job – need a machine with a brush hog on it. Jamie Mansfield stated that he talked with several salesmen and no one had any used ones that would meet our specs. A Brush Hog would be another \$6-9000.00.

After further discussion a motion was made by Donn Lang to accept the bid of George & Swede for a used Excavator at a cost of \$87,000 and a new trailer at a cost of \$15,000.00 contingent that there is a mower available to fit this machine. If there is not a mower that will fit, the excavator will be rebid. The motion was seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

**Other Business** – Southern Tier West Local Government Conference in Houghton – May 9<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Snyder, Mary Stearns, Jamie Mansfield, Wende Bush and Jan Burdick are planning on attending. Supervisor Mansfield noted that the Village is questioning who owns the Pine Street Bridge. Pine Street was turned over to Alfred University so it was questioned if the Town still owns the bridge. Jamie Mansfield stated that it is his understanding that any bridge over 24' is owned by the Town and if it needs repairs or replacing it would be up to the Town and County to pay for those costs. Concern was expressed that Alfred University is planning on paving that street and the bridge. J. Mansfield stated that they should come to the Town and ask permission to pave it.

A motion to adjourn 9:35 pm was made by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick, Town Clerk.

