

## PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2012

A Public Hearing was held to hear comments regarding the 2013 Budget. All Board members were present. Also present were George Ormsby, Peter Stull, Mark Klingensmith and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Representing the press were Neil Simon of the *Evening Tribune* and Dave Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*. Absent due to illness was Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Mansfield. How tax rates are determined was explained and Jerry Snyder added that there are several mandatory costs. Mr. Snyder added that the Board has tried to eliminate bonds by paying for equipment with cash that is put in a reserve fund. There wasn't any public comment and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

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The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Tom Mansfield.

**Guests** – George Ormsby was present to request a Speed Limit Reduction on Shaw Road. It is currently 45 MPH and he would like it reduced to 35MPH. Mr. Ormsby presented a petition signed by several persons and businesses that reside on Shaw Road. The procedure was explained and Jerry Snyder suggested bring public pressure on the State DOT and possible contacting State Senator Cathy Young. The request will be forwarded to the Allegany County DPW. Fion MacCrea asked why this isn't a Town responsibility? Donn Lang questioned if Shaw Road would be used more when the close Baker's Bridge and this might be included in the request.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of October 11th and November 1st, 2012 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

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

**Review of Monthly Report** – Request for reimbursement for Sibley Road Bridge to FEMA has been submitted but due to Hurricane Sandy they are very busy with that.

### **Correspondence:**

- Board of Elections – review of polling site and report of deficiencies. All have been taken care and were completed before the election.
- A.E. Crandall requesting increase of funding for ambulance. Motion to deny request due to being received after budget was done by Donn Lang, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.
- Unified Court System – Request of audit of Justice Records. Mary Stearns and Tom Mansfield will schedule this.

**General Abstract #11-2012** – Vouchers #128-137 in the amount of \$6547.45 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

**Highway Abstract #11-2012** – Vouchers #137-155116 in the amount of \$23499.60 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Sibley Road is now completed – paying \$10,900.00 tonight, already paid \$75,000 leaving a balance of \$80,900.00 that will be paid when FEMA funds are received.

**Highway Report** –Reviewed written report. Jamie Mansfield has been calling FEMA every day to find out when we will receive reimbursement for Sibley Road.

### **Supervisor**

**Road Preservation Law** – met with Planning Board 11/7/2012. Both Boards still have questions. Fion MacCrea is going to draft a letter to Attorney Finn and contact the Association of Towns.

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**Extension of Moratorium** – Cannot vote on it tonight due to the County Planning Board not meeting in November – they won't be meeting until December 19, 2012. Since no response from them, have to wait 30 days. Voting will occur at the December meeting.

**PILOT with Alfred University – Saxon Inn** – Supervisor Mansfield would like to meet with AU President Edmondson to review this. Jerry Snyder and Tom Mansfield will see if they can schedule an appointment with him.

**Town Clerk** – Reviewed written report. Will be off next week. Voting went good.

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

A motion to adjourn 8:10 pm was made by Donn Lang seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,  
Town Clerk