

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 11, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened at 7:00 pm Thursday April 11, 2013. Board members present were Supervisor Tom Mansfield, Jerry Snyder, Fion MacCrea Donn Lang and Mary Stearns. Also present were Mark Klingensmith, Freddy Fredrickson, Dean Plaisted, John Hosburg, President Box of Books Trustees, Chief O'Grady and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Absent was Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield. Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun* and Neil Simon of the *Evening Tribune*.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Tom Mansfield.

Guests – John Hasburg, President of the Box of Books Trustee was present to discuss a clause in the lease from 2003 that stated that Alfred University would have to pay the Town for the addition that was added. That clause has been removed in the new agreement – now states that Alfred University would owe no money to the Town. The Town Board stated that they have no problem with that.

Dave Fredrickson – Questioned Board members as to who was up for election in November and who was running again. Supervisor Mansfield replied that he was not running again, Donn Lang also is not running again and Mary Stearns stated that she is considering it.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of March 14, 2013 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0 with the following correction; “David” Snyder not Davis.

Police Report - Reviewed the written report. Ready for Hot Dog Day.

County Updates: Mr. O'Grady informed the Board that the County has approved \$150,000 to put a microwave antenna on top of Alfred State College's tower which they think will take care of the dead spots that Police and Fire have been experiencing.

Tough Mudders – about 13,000 signed up for Saturday and about 3,000 for Sunday. Times are scheduled so everyone isn't up there at one time. Chief O'Grady stated that he has ordered “Police Ordered No Parking” signs if Town wants to post one side of Pingrey and other Town Roads surrounding the area that will see the most traffic. There are also 2 weddings and AACS Alumni weekend that weekend.

Correspondence:

- Joe Giglio – NYS Assembly notification that CHIPS has been increased this year from \$73925.00 to \$93,585
- Notice from Assessor regarding new STAR legislation that all Basic STAR's will have to be renewed in 2014 through the NYS Tax Department.
- Notice of Assessor sitting with books and Grievance Day scheduled for May 29th.

Monthly Report - In order to pay Industrial Services for the balance due on Sibley Road a budget amendment is required due to the fact that the FEMA money has still not been received. A motion was made by Donn Lang to make a budget amendment Increasing DB8760.42 FEMA Sibley Road to \$70,000.00 and a Budget Amendment to Increase revenue DB4960 \$147600.00 to adjust for the Revenue not received in 2012 and the expense in 2013. The motion was seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Per NYS Comptroller's Office, if payment does not come in, borrow from DA Fund and if still doesn't come in will have to do a Revenue Anticipation Note.

General Abstract #4-2013 – Vouchers #40-51 in the amount of \$9062.39 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #4-2013 – Vouchers #41-51 in the amount of \$7962.20 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Report – Due to Highway Superintendent being ill, there was no report. It was reported that John Perkins is back to work, presented a Doctor's note saying that he could come back with no limitations.

Town Clerk – Will be attending the NYS Town Clerk's Conference in Buffalo on Monday, April 29th and Southern Tier West Conference in Houghton on May 8th.

Supervisor – Received an invitation to give input on the hiring of the new Alfred State College President on April 16th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

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Committees - Fion MacCrea reported on the Planning Board meeting. They reviewed the Zoning Law in its entirety. Questions that were asked were:

1. Can the Town allow new conventional wells but prohibit High Volume Hydrofracking Wells? It was noted that there is a fine line between prohibiting and regulating. If there is a separate permit for a vertical well vs. Hydrofracking one then could distinguish between the two.
2. Does it make sense to have a Light Industrial Zone? Yes – this was created for Sugar Hill.
3. Does compulsory Integration allow drilling to cross over into a Township that prohibits fracking?
4. Section 406.0 – Regarding excavations – would like a threshold. Currently use DEC standards.
5. Need current Zoning Map. Have the large one. Kier Dirlam at the County was suggested for help in this.

Mary Stearns will email all comments to David Slottje to review before he comes on June 10, 2013 for a meeting with both Boards.

Financial Committee – March 2013 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 was made at 8:10 pm to go to Executive Session to discuss pending negotiations by Supervisor Tom Mansfield, seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 8:35 pm with a motion by Fion MacCrea, second by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn 8:35 pm was made by Donn Lang seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk