

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 14, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened at 7:00 pm Thursday February 14, 2013. Board members present were Supervisor Tom Mansfield, Jerry Snyder, Fion MacCrea, Donn Lang and Mary Stearns. Also present were Mark Klingensmith, Chief of Police Tim O'Grady, County Legislator Doug Burdick, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Representing the press was Neil Simon of the *Evening Tribune*.

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

Guests – County Legislator Doug Burdick: Mr. Burdick discussed the tax rates for 2013 and noted that his total Town and County tax bill went up \$2.00. Thanked the Board for doing a good job holding taxes down. Mr. Burdick also updated the Board on a new State mandate that will require a Captain on the Election Inspectors. That person will receive an extra \$40.00 and \$25.00 training fee. Mr. Burdick also reviewed the letter from the Board of Elections regarding Handicap Accessibility. Mr. Burdick was informed that the Town completed everything required prior to the November 2012 election and a letter has been sent to the County informing them of this.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of January 10, 2013 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report - Reviewed the written report. Community Bank burglary has been solved as well as the robberies on Rt 244 and others. Reviewed the 2012 Annual Report – 26% of calls were in the Town. Traffic tickets average 250-300/year over the last 2 years. DWI's continue to decrease locally and Countywide.

Correspondence:

- Letter informing Town that State Aide will be \$43,303 and CHIPS \$73,925.00 for 2013.

General Abstract #2-2013 – Vouchers #16-26 in the amount of \$12539.58 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #2-2013 – Vouchers #9-27 in the amount of \$19744.81 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Highway Report – Reviewed written report. J. Mansfield asked if the Board was thinking of trading the pickup this year. It has been 2 years. Ford is on State Bid this year. Cost with plow, etc will be about \$38,000. Could put present truck in Titsworth Auction in May. The long term plan is to buy another 10 wheeler next year – can order now and pay next year. Cost will be about \$14,280 more than last one purchased. Have to decide by April and this would replace the 1995 Ford. Oneida County is doing the bid and they have a cheaper price than State Bid. In regards to the pickup – hope to get between \$28,000 - \$30,000 for it. Has 24000 miles on – 2011 Dodge.

FEMA – Hasn't heard anything.

Looking to get concrete blocks from Rose Apartments when part of it is demolished to use as fill on Terbury Road.

Supervisor – Town Board and Planning Board met with David Slottje on February 6th. Mary Stearns reported that they spent a lot of time talking about how things have to be written so not much time spend on going through the changes. Chris Romanchock has expressed interest on serving on the Planning Board. A motion was made by Donn Lang to appoint Mr. Romanchock to a 5 year term to replace William MacCrea. The motion was seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Town Clerk – Busy with taxes.

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Unfinished Business: Road Preservation Law – Fion MacCrea reported that he received information from D. Orr of Cornell Local Roads Program. He suggested looking at a Truck Routes plan. It can include State and County Roads. Can't govern those roads but can make them part of a truck route. Cornell is working though all the angles and hope to have more formal information to present to Towns hopefully by late summer. Trying to put together regulations that will hold up in court. As with all the other options looked at there are still several questions and how is it going to be enforced?

A motion was made at 7:20 pm to go to Executive Session to discuss pending negotiations by Supervisor Tom Mansfield, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 8:45 pm with a motion by Donn Lang, second by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Financial Committee – January 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 to adjourn 8:45 pm was made by Mary Stearns seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk