

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 14, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened at 7:00 pm Thursday March 14, 2013. Board members present were Supervisor Tom Mansfield, Jerry Snyder, Fion MacCrea, Donn Lang and Mary Stearns. Also present were Mark Klingensmith, Freddy Fredrickson, Mayor Craig Clark, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

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

Guests – Davis Snyder asked about the status of Baker's Bridge and the State DOT's plans to close it. Questioned if the State could give the bridge to the Town to maintain as a pedestrian bridge and parking for businesses in Alfred Station. Tom Mansfield stated that he would contact DOT and see what he could find out.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of February 14, 2013 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0 with the following correction; In regards to additional CHIPS funding add "dollar amount if State Budget is passed".

Police Report - Reviewed the written report. Chief O'Grady was unable to attend due to illness. .

Correspondence:

- Board of Elections – list of position up for Election in the fall.

General Abstract #3-2013 – Vouchers #27-39 in the amount of \$10721.99 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #3-2013 – Vouchers #27-39 in the amount of \$18907.57 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Highway Report –Reviewed written report. J. Mansfield reported that John Perkins was injured at home right after last month's meeting. Hand caught in wood splitter resulting in loss of two fingers and part of index finger on left hand. Has been off since February 16th. Didn't know if he was going to need physical therapy (to date he has). Fion MacCrea asked if he would need to have any kind of test for functionality. Jamie Mansfield and Fred Greenthal have had to plow and sand several time. Hauled sand, patching potholes, and doing maintenance on equipment when not sanding.

Supervisor – Mayor Craig Clark wanted to thank Supervisor Mansfield for being very supportive while he was Mayor of the Village. Mr. Clark has decided not to run for reelection. Also reported that the Village will be having a Public Hearing for a Moratorium on Hydrofracking in the Village.

Town Clerk – Busy with taxes. Will return to County April 4th. Talked with Dave Williams and he agreed to give Fion MacCrea access to the Web site so that he can now maintain it.

Committees - Fion MacCrea reported that he went through D. Slottje's comments regarding changes to the Zoning Law with the Planning Board. Dan Acton took several notes that he will pass on to the Town Board. A meeting will be held June 10th with the Town Board, Planning Board and David Slottje to continue working on these changes.

Unfinished Business- Road Preservation Law. Fion MacCrea stated that he is still waiting to hear back from David Orr at Cornell Local Roads regarding a Truck Route option. Craig Clark questioned if go with a truck Route option and it gets in disrepair who pays to fix it? Fion MacCrea replied that that is where a Road Use Agreement would come in. Mary Stearns stated that hopefully a Truck Route would be done using mostly State and County Road. Mark Klingensmith stated that Southern Tier East has a Truck Route example. If go with Truck Route, would be set up by Highway Superintendent so wouldn't need a special meeting or public hearing. Jamie Mansfield stated that he has no problem with that. Donn Lang stated that it wouldn't hinder local commerce because local deliveries would be allowed. Mark Klingensmith added that if there is a fracking operation within the Town then it is a local delivery to which he was told that is why need a Road Use Agreement. Mr. Klingensmith responded that if the Town had a ban on Hydrofracking then that would solve both problems. Jerry Snyder commented that if Natural gas people were doing it

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right and no danger to the environment he could see allowing it. Mr. Snyder stated that his concern is coming up with a law that will hold up in Court and that the Gas companies can't get around. Donn Lang stated that he feels need to be careful that the Town doesn't block vertical drilling that has been done for a long time. Also concern with abandoned wells. Mr. Lang added that if there is viable way to drill Natural gas ok. Mary Stearns added that David Slottje informed them that you can't tell the Gas Companies how they can drill. Fion MacCrea questioned if the permit process is the same for Vertical Drilling and Hydrofracking. If 2 different permits then could prohibit the one for Hydrofracking. Further discussion on abandoned wells

and who is responsible for them ended with the understanding that abandoned wells were "gifted" back to the property owner.

Other Business: Mary Stearns asked Mr. Clark about the wind turbine being erected on the ASC campus. Mr. Clark stated that it will be 100kw and will be used only for the College.

Financial Committee – February 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 8:15 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 9:20 pm with a motion by Donn Lang, second by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn 9:20 pm was made by Donn Lang seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk