

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 13, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, August 13, 2009 and opened by Deputy Supervisor Tom Mansfield with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Tom Mansfield, Phil Curran, and Jerry Snyder. Absent were Jeanne Cartwright and Jeff Johnston. Also present were Mary Stearns, Jason Whitwood, Chief Tim O'Grady, Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick. Representing the Press was Justin Head of *the Evening Tribune*.

Police Report – Reviewed the written report for.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of July 9, 2009 were approved with a motion by Phil Curran seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-0.

Police Report – Chief O'Grady reviewed the monthly report. Quiet but getting ready for the return of the college students. There have been more calls in the Town than Village which Chief O'Grady stated was typical for July.

Review of Monthly Report – All ok. Per Auditor, an additional page will be included listing all revenue for the month for each fund.

Correspondence

- Empire Zone - bill from ACCORD for the Town's share of businesses in the Empire Zone.
- Notice from NYS Real Property – 100% Equalization Rate
- Justice Court – requesting copy of the Town's audit of the Justice records. The Board felt that since the State Auditor is in the process of auditing those records that would be sufficient.
- NYSEG – has a result of the Town Clerk calling to question the bills, found we know have a \$2500.00 credit. Will call and see if that can be refunded.

A motion was made by Phil Curran to approve the Statement of Committal for the Empire Zone and approval of the funding of \$1368.00. Jerry Snyder stated that as a business person, businesses get tax cuts, then pleas poverty until they get it again. Meanwhile, the businesses that stay and have been here for some time pay for the others. Phil Curran questioned why the County continues to fund Wendall Brown – administer of the Empire Zone. Mr. O'Grady stated that he does administer the program. Jerry Snyder stated it is time to start saying no. Mr. Snyder added that before the Town approves payment of this he would like to talk to the businesses that are in the Empire Zone and see if they want it continued. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder to table payment until next month, seconded by Phil Curran and carried 3-0.

General Abstract #8-2009 – Vouchers #80-90 in the amount of \$15716.50 less Voucher #88 to ACCORD in the amount of \$1368.00 were approved with a motion by Phil Curran seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-0.

Highway Abstract #8-2009 – Vouchers #93- 105 in the amount of \$21,328.81 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Phil Curran and carried 3-0.

Highway Report – Superintendent Jamie Mansfield reported on the following:

- Reviewed written report.
- County painted 5 bridges, Town just had to pay for the paint.
- Working on Walter Road – 60' pipe is in. Borrowed the County's bulldozer.
- Graded Lake Road – ready to oil and stone.
- Patched potholes on McAndrews, Terbury and Shaw Roads.
- Washouts on Fisher, East Valley and Lynch Roads during heavy rains on 8/12/09.
- Repairs – hydraulic line on roller, hydraulic ram and hoist on 06 International and 3 flat tires on the 10 wheeler. The 06 is being fixed at no charge.

Jamie Mansfield reported that they were down 2 trucks. Rented an excavator for one month.

Discussion on Purchase of an Excavator

J. Mansfield stated that he feels the Board needs to seriously think about purchasing an excavator. If he hadn't had it recently with the washouts, it would have taken much longer to fix the driveways. If owned

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one, would use it a lot more. Mr. Mansfield added that renting is ok but really need one all the time. Is meeting with a salesman tomorrow. Estimate for a used one is around \$70,000.00. Jerry Snyder asked if a used one would have any warranty and J. Mansfield stated he didn't know but would ask. Right now paying \$3500/month to rent. Jerry Snyder asked what obligation you have in regards to maintenance when you rent one. J. Mansfield stated that they just have to make sure it is clean and the oil is ok. Mr. Mansfield added that if the Town continues to rent, he will need it for 5-6 months. Jerry Snyder requested that Mr. Mansfield put together a 10 year schedule and determine a replacement cost on all the equipment. Jerry Snyder stated that he would like to see the Town pay cash rather than borrowing to pay for equipment. Start by putting into a reserve each year – can't keep bonding. "Have to get by with what you have." Also suggested that they pick the months to rent and get the work done in those months. Mr. Snyder added that he felt Jamie Mansfield was doing a good job.

Supervisor: Tom Mansfield asked Mary Stearns if the Fire Company was interested in doing Fire Numbers? Mrs. Stearns stated that there may be numbers left over from last time it was done about 10 years ago. Jerry Snyder stated that at the Village meeting, they offered to help with this. Tim O'Grady added that the College's have several service organizations that maybe interested.

Windmill Update – Meeting on 7/14/09 with Keith Pitman. Phil Curran explained that Empire Wind met with the potential landowners prior to the committee meeting. It was a private meeting due to discussion of finances and compensation. At the committee meeting they stated that they are on a 3-4 years tract. Data is coming in from the test tower and will continue to collect data for about one year. Mr. Pittman will give an update by August 15th. Next committee meeting is 9/15 at the Village Hall.

Town Clerk – reviewed written report. Will be on vacation 8/17-8/21...

Planning Board – Rene Richardson and Jason Whitewood have expressed an interest on serving on the Planning Board. Norm Jefferds has expressed a desire to resign due to not being able to make many meetings. Tom Mansfield called Keith Gregory and Bill Cleveland but neither returned his call a motion was made by Jerry Snyder to appoint Rene Richardson and Jason Whitewood to the Planning Board. Seconded by Phil Curran and carried 3-0. Mrs. Richardson will fill Norm Jefferds unexpired term that will end 12/31/11 and Mr. Whitewood will fill Earl Stopfels's unexpired term that will end 12/31/14. That will leave one more opening to fill Wende Bush's term that ends 12/31/09.

A motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Phil Curran and carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk