

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

September 10, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, September 10, 2009 and opened by Supervisor Jeanne Cartwright with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Jeanne Cartwright, Tom Mansfield, Phil Curran, and Jeff Johnston. Absent was Jerry Snyder. Also present were Mary Stearns, Don Hoffman, 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. Chief O'Grady reported that things are picking up with the return of the college students.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of August 8, 2009 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Phil Curran and carried 4-0.

Review of Monthly Report – All ok. Should receive CHIPS reimbursement around 9/16/09.

Guests: Don Hoffman, Supervisor for the Town of West Almond, running for District V Legislator. Mr. Hoffman stated that he has been Supervisor for over 20 years and is retired from the Military.

Correspondence

- Allegany County Treasurers Office – requesting letter of commitment to participate in Countywide Taxpayers software package. Cost to the Town will be about \$200/year for license. A motion to approve was made by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 4-0.
- Brian Kolb – Assembly Minority Leader – asking for a resolution for a People's Convention to Reform New York. No action was taken.
- Labella Engineering Firm – outlining what they can do for the Town. Jamie Mansfield questioned if they could get funding for insulation and doors for the garage.

General Abstract #9-2009 – Vouchers #91-99 in the amount of \$16,601.40 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Phil Curran and carried 4-0.

Highway Abstract #9-2009 – Vouchers #106- 117 in the amount of \$21,767.01 were approved with a motion by Phil Curran seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 4-0.

Highway Report – Tom Mansfield reported that County Legislator Doug Burdick stated that the East Valley Bridge near Fisher Road is on the list for the County to replace next year. Town's cost would be about \$30,000.00 Tim O'Grady added that the County cannot keep up with all the bridges that need work.

Superintendent Jamie Mansfield reported on the following:

- Reviewed written report.
- County put a steel plate on one of the beams on bridge on E. Valley Road near Fisher Road to make it passable for the winter.
- Working on Walter Road – hope to be done by the next meeting. Andover to help haul materials...
- Ditching Lake Road from Randolph to County Rt. 12.
- Patched potholes on Kenyon, Waterwells. Snyder Drive and Lake Road.
- Replaced crossover pipe on Lynch Road that was washed out during heavy rains on 8/12/09. Also replaced two driveway pipes on Fisher Road and did shoulder grading that was damaged during same storm.
- Hot patched a section of McAndrews. Oil and stoned 1 mile of McAndrews from Town line towards Alfred. 5 trucks total – Scio, Andover and Wellsville. Stoned Oak Ridge East.
- Repairs – Picked up 2006 International from Air-Flo – welded the cracks in the hoist and put additional gussets on the structure. New Recap tires on rear of 10 wheeler, replaced blown power steering line on 10 wheeler. Replaced blown hydraulic line on roller.
- Submitted Chips reimbursement request - \$33, 495.00 – all for Walter Road (labor and materials).
- Auditor noted that fuel was not being purchased on State Bid – now buying from State Bid vendor.
- Submitted Annual Equipment Report (see attached).
- Submitted a comparison report showing use of a Grader vs. an Excavator.

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- Submitted suggested equipment replacement schedule.

Discussion on Purchase of an Excavator

J. Mansfield again stated that he feels the Board needs to seriously think about purchasing an excavator. Jeff Johnston noted that based on the replacement schedule the Town would be spending between \$50,000-\$100,000 every year. Jamie Mansfield stated that the Town could purchase the one they are leasing (2005). Cost would be \$68,500 less the \$3500 rental for August at 6.75% interest. Jeanne Cartwright asked what they used in the past and was told the Drott which has been sold. J. Mansfield stated that they were working on it more than using it. The Grader was also used but Mr. Mansfield stated that they can't do as good a job with it. Mrs. Cartwright asked when they rent one for a month, what percent of ditches get done? Mr. Mansfield reported about 20%. Mr. Mansfield added that there are several ditches that are full and every year when they plow they are throwing more dirt into the ditches. Mrs. Cartwright asked if they leased it for one year and got all the ditch work done, they would be caught up and would not have to be done again for 5 years. Phil Curran stated that they don't just use it for ditching. Phil Curran asked if this is the size Mr. Mansfield would need or could he get along with something smaller – also possible find a used one from someone other than a dealer. After further discussion it was decided to wait until the 2010 Budget is worked on to see what affect it will have a the budget.

Supervisor: Wind meeting Tuesday, September 15th in the Village Hall. Received an update via email from Keith Pittman.

Town Clerk – reviewed written report.

Planning Board – Mr. MacCrea dropped submitted the minutes of the last meeting. Pam Jones has taken over as Chairperson. Mrs. Jones reported that they should have a Wind Law by the end of the year. A motion was made by Phil Curran to appoint Dan Acton to the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Wende Bush that end 12/31/09, seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 4-0

Unfinished Business – Mary Stearns reported that the Fire department does not have any number s left over. Phil Curran stated that he would donate the printing if the Fire Company would be willing to disburse them. Would still need to purchase the aluminum sheathing. Mr. Curran will get a price together. Jeff Johnston attended the last Village Board meeting. Chief O'Grady reported that they will be cracking down on cell phone usage while driving.

New Business – 2010 Budget – will wait until October meeting to schedule budget workshops.

A motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm was made by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk