

SPECIAL MEETING

August 18, 2016

A Special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm, August 18, 2016 for the purpose of reconsidering the Games of Chance Law and to schedule 2017 budget workshops. All Board members were present along with Town Clerk Jan Burdick.

A copy of the proposed Law was again reviewed by all Board members. Supervisor Acton summarized the information presented by Alfred State College at the August 11th meeting. Some of the items noted were:

- This law would be for non-profits only.
- Games of Chance – would not allow Bingo or any any game where one player plays against another.
- Permit sale of raffles tickets off premises.
- If less than \$5000 raised, no license of application required.
- Would legalize what has been going on by the Colleges, Fire Departments, Rod and Gun Club, etc.
- Will require a Public Hearing since it is a Local Law then will go up for Public Referendum and appear on the ballot in November. Must be to the Board of Elections by September 8th to be on the ballot this November.

In order to have a Public Hearing before September 8th it was suggested changing the regular monthly meeting in September to September 6th with the Public Hearing prior to the regular meeting.

Fion MacCrea stated that Games of Chance definition addresses several stipulations and noted that one Town added “Charitable Gaming” to the title.

Jerry Snyder expressed a concern that this may open the door for casinos but was informed that casino are controlled and licensed by the State.

Bob Ormsby commented that there has been no communication from Alfred University.

Dan Acton added that the Legal Counsel of SUNY in Albany are the ones that brought this to the Town and Village’s attention. AU would also be subject to this law.

Bob Ormsby asked how will the Police be involved and was told only if there is a problem. Law also states that a collection of 5% can be collected to pay for any on-site inspections by the Police. Supervisor Acton that there have been raffles in the Town for decades and not aware of any problems.

A motion was made by Dan Acton to have a Public Hearing on “Local Law #1-2016 A Local Law Authorizing Games of Chance by Authorized Charitable Organizations in the Town of Alfred” on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. A motion was made by Dan Acton to change the regular monthly meeting to September 6, 2016 following the Public Hearing. Seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. A budget workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm by Dan Acton seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice L. Burdick, Town Clerk

