

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Dan Acton.

Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Bill Cleveland and Matthew Snyder. Absent was Jerry Snyder. Also in attendance were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Bill and Wendy Dailey and Cara Dobson. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 1/1/19 and 1/31/19 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 4-0 with a correction of under the discussion of sidewalks it should read "1800 linear feet total".

Police Report: Reviewed written report.

Code Enforcement Report: No report. Discussed complaints on Jericho Hill of the windmill up there and Mr. Kilmer was contacted. Mr. Kilmer went up there and will go up again.

Monthly Report: All Town tax levy has been collected.

General Abstract #2- Vouchers #13-24 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$5935.16, #2 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$3262.91 and #2 in the SF Fund for \$3375.00 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Bob Halsey explained that Paul Drum gave him an estimate to replace the heaters in the shop that would include two heaters of 120,000 BTU's each. If those aren't enough can always add another one. His estimate of \$2850 takes into account for Bob Halsey helping with the installation.

Highway Abstract #2- Vouchers #24-35 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$18567.60 00 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

Highway Report: Bob Halsey reported that the Sterling exhaust was fixed. Leak in oil pan of Grader fixed, cut brush, hauled sand to salt shed, plowed and sanded, filled pot holes with cold patch and hauled a load of cold patch for the Village. Checking on prices for new pickup and checking with Bokman's to see if they can do a similar deal as Maple City Dodge.

Supervisor's Report: With the Governor's recent elimination of AIM, Mr. Acton suggested that everyone should write a letter to our State Representatives. Mr. Acton asked if Mr. MacCrea could work on the web page.

- Storage building for equipment – have equipment sitting outside year round. Would like to look at taking the cold storage building down and putting something up to store all the equipment that doesn't fit in the garage. May be a 3-5 year project. Bill Cleveland will work with Bob Halsey on this.
- Met with Pete McClain of the Village regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project – Smart money that doesn't need to be matched. Jim Ninos added that the Smart Growth Grant is a lot more flexible. Intend to use it to put in a new water line up Shaw Road up to the Village line. Also install sidewalks on both sides of the road down Rt. 244. Will be difficult to maintain and the piece of equipment that the Village uses for their sidewalks is getting where it may need to be replaced soon. Grant includes the Town and Village and probably will be 1-2 years before it is started. Matthew Snyder stated that he thought it was going to be a bike and walking land. Jim Ninos answered that was the original plan but due to grant have to put sidewalks in. It was stated that the Town would have to agree to this before the sidewalks were installed in the Town. Can't commit the Town to that expense. Fion MacCrea stated that assuming the Village assumes snow removal of the sidewalks; maybe the Town could do something for the

Village in exchange in a shared services plan. Jim Ninos commented that both schools have approached the Village about this but not the Town. Matthew Snyder suggested that if the colleges wanted this, why can't they do it.

- Court Audit – Dan Acton and Matthew will be doing this after contacting the Court Clerk.
- Met with Planning Board on changes in the Zoning Law. Also, they would like to review the Comprehensive Plan and make some recommendations. Jim Ninos stated that the Village is trying to incorporate the effects of the Grant into the Comprehensive Plan so it shows what was accomplished since the previous plan was done which increases the chances for future grants.
- Mr. Acton asked if Bob Halsey had checked to see if CHIPS money could be used for resealing after 5 years. Mr. Halsey stated he hasn't had a chance to.
- Reviewed draft of letter to residents regarding shoveling of sidewalks. Fion MacCrea commented that he thought it was originally coming from the Codes Enforcement Officer and Bill Cleveland likes if coming from the Board. Dan Acton stated that he feels it should come from the Town Board with all their names listed. Bill Dailey commented that if you drive by you can see that those that signed the petition are shoveling. Matthew Snyder added that he feels the wording should be stronger to those that aren't shoveling. Fion MacCrea stated that there are no consequences if you don't shovel and Matthew Snyder felt should be careful with the wording "We will revisit this..." don't want them to think we will shovel. Dan Acton stated that he liked it the way it is – not too heavy handed. The letter will be sent to all in this area with all Board members names.

Town Clerk – Been busy collecting taxes.

Village Board Liaison - Matthew Snyder attended that last Village Board meeting where there was discussion on Tiny Houses. Proceeding on getting a water meter with Alfred University.

Other Business - Fion MacCrea stated that he met with Bob Halsey and still looking at equipment options and what is a priority. Dan Acton asked Mr. Halsey what the financial impact will be with not being able to use brine this spring. Mr. Halsey stated that it is still up in the air and that he was told that National Fuel will not release the brine eve if it passes due to the liability issue.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Fion MacCrea and seconded by Bill Cleveland to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion was passed 4-0. Executive Session lasted from 8:11 pm to 8:29 and was adjourned with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Fion MacCrea seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

