

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Acton. Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Bill Cleveland, Matthew Snyder and Jerry Snyder. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Bill Dailey, Terah Soule and Karl Grantier. Representing the press was Jason Jordon.

Guests: Terah Soule and Karl Grantier presented information about the Hometown Hero's Banners Program. Banners that honor veterans in the Alfred and Alfred Station area that would continue what the Town and Village of Almond did. Mr. Grantier stated that he worked with the Almond to make it a success. He added that basically there was a committee that did all the work then the Town Highway crew installed the banners on the poles. Ms. Soule added that she is more than willing to take on this project and feels it is an important way to honor the Veterans. The cost of each banner is \$110 plus \$79 for the hardware. The total cost will be \$200 per banner and the extra will be used for maintenance. The banners are 30' x 60' and up to three veterans can be put on one banner. Mr. Grantier showed one of the banners from Almond so everyone could see what they will look like. The Town of Almond collected all the money and asked if the Town of Alfred would be willing to do the same. Mr. Grantier added That some of the banners in Almond are actually Alfred-Alfred Station veterans and will be moved to the appropriate location. Jerry Snyder asked where the banners are stored when they aren't up. Mr. Grantier stated that the Town of Almond stores them in plastic totes and they are labeled in the order that they go in to put them back up. They go up the 1st of May and come down the end of September. By taking them down in the winter they should last 10-15 years. Mr. Grantier then explained the process used to get the banners ordered and pictures added. Ms. Soule already has the form ready with all information to order a banner and stated that she already has a team ready to go with this. She added that they need 10-15 to get them for the \$200. It was stated that a separate account could be set up like what was done for the 911 project. Ms. Soule and her team will handle getting the applications and pictures and requesting the Town be in charge of depositing the money and paying the bills out of that account. Bob Halsey stated that he didn't see any problem with the Highway crew putting the banners up and taking them down. It was also suggested to get permission from NYSEG to use their poles to hang the banners. Bill Dailey asked if these are going in the Village. Supervisor Acton stated the Town would only be responsible for the ones in the Town. They will have to get permission from the Village to continue the banners into the Village. Ms. Soule stated that the timeline is to start advertising and see how many by April 1st. If get 15 or more, they will go ahead and send in the first order so they will be ready to go up by the 1st of May. A motion was made by Bill Cleveland to support this project, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 1/11/18 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0. One correction: *A motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm was made by Mary Stearns. Changed to made by Fion MacCrea.*

Old Business – NYSDOT needs agreements signed for Baker's Bridge replacement. Sidewalks and street lights – agreeing that Town will continue to maintain them. A motion to have the Supervisor sign these agreements was made by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0. Resolutions are attached.

Police Report – Supervisor Acton contacted Chief of Police Paul Griffith and asked for an update on the Incident Reports. Chief Griffith explained that it is still not resolved after almost a year.

Codes Enforcement Report: Reviewed written report. Phone call from John Lang stating he still feels he hasn't received the information he needs from Mr. Kilmer to get his Certificate of Occupancy. It was explained that Mr. Kilmer did notify him in writing in October about needing to submit plans to convert the property from a workshop to a residence. That has not been done. Jerry Snyder suggested sending a copy of the letter to Mr. Lang's lawyer.

Jerry Snyder asked if there is anything that can be done about Addison Frey's house on Jericho Hill – feels it is not safe. Matthew Snyder asked if Steve Kilmer can condemn it.

Monthly Report: Reviewed the report. A budget amendment will need to be done in the Health Insurance accounts in DA and DB due to John Perkins going from a single policy to a two person.

Correspondence: Association of Towns Resolutions being considered for 2018.

- Dutchess County – requesting pass a resolution for “Think Differently”.
- Town Topics from the Association of Towns on the taxation of Fiber Optic cable in NYS.

General Abstract #2- Vouchers #13-20 in the A General Fund, #5 in the B General Fund and #2 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$7960.48 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #2- Vouchers #18-30 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$16706.06 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed written report. Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey reported that they have been busy plowing and sanding. Replaced a sluice pipe on Palmiter Road. Filled potholes on Hamilton Hill Road. General maintenance, hauled sand. Overhead door replaced.

Supervisor:

- Sugar Hill Road- Sugar Hill owns the property, leased it to the County IDA and they leased it back to Sugar Hill. Belvac owns one business up there and is actively operating a business. Patrick Palmer owns the other building. It is a Town Road.
- Letter from Armstrong – hiring a Community Connector to keep the community updated on timeframe of connections, etc.
- Highway Equipment Schedule – Fion MacCrea, Bill Cleveland and Bob Halsey are working on this. Have had meetings with The Town of Hornellsville and George & Swede.

Special Use Permits:

A draft was submitted to expand a Special Use permit to allow small businesses to operate in the Agriculture District. Any changes to the Zoning Permit will require a Public Hearing and filing with the Department of State since it is a local law. Mr. Acton explained that this expands the definition of Home Occupations to be a permitted use. May need to still specify certain businesses. Further discussion included Jerry Snyder and Bill Cleveland agreeing that the Town doesn't want to put any prohibitions on small businesses, want to encourage small businesses. Reviewed current definition of Home Occupations and the proposed definition which would broaden what is considered a home occupation. Suggested that use the Permitted Uses in the Business District has a Special Use Permit in the Ag. District.

Town Clerk – Busy with taxes.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm was made by Fion MacCrea seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0. Respectfully submitted, Janice L. Burdick, Town Clerk

