

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 14, 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, Town Clerk Janice Burdick and Codes Enforcement Office Steve Kilmer. Guests included County Legislator Phil Curran, Bill and Wendy Dailey and Kara Dobson. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim, Ninos.

Guests: Jerry Snyder asked Legislator Phil Curran about the charging of plastic wrap when disposed at the landfill. Mr. Curran didn't know but stated he would find out.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 5/10/18 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written report including incident report.

Monthly Report: The incident report was reviewed that included about 16 incidents in the Town. Mostly traffic.

Correspondence:

- PESH Report – fined the Town \$4152. Supervisor Acton stated that the Town will appeal this. Mr. Acton added that the Town made a good faith effort to correct the items that were listed. The amount of the penalty would eat up the Tax Cap amount that the Town has to stay under.
- Charter Franchise Renewal. Village is concerned with this renewal and Mr. Ninos stated that one concern is they won't let Armstrong into the Village with high speed internet. Mr. Curran explained that the way the grant was written, anywhere that currently has high speed internet, Armstrong was not allowed to service that area. Once grant requirements are met, they will be able to go into the Village. It is anticipated that Armstrong will be up and running by summer.
- Independence Emergency Squad Inc. – requesting a letter of support to expand their area of service. No action was taken.
- NYS Ag. And Markets – Municipal Shelter Report – all ok. Highway crew cut the brush down around it prior to the inspection.

Code Enforcement Report - Steve Kilmer reviewed his written report. Mr. Kilmer addressed the following complaints:

- Southern Tier Concrete storing equipment, etc. of Short's property on Rt. 244. Mr. Kilmer talked with Mr. Palmer and they will remove everything that is currently stored there and not put anything back on that property.
- John Lang – Submitted a set of plans, still not completely what Mr. Kilmer requested but will go look at it and hopefully end this.
- Addison Frey house - After several phone calls, Mr. Frey finally called him back. Mr. Frey stated that he is either going to tear the house down or sell it the way it is. Mr. Kilmer gave him 30 days to resolve this.
- Chrystal Drumm – put up carport on Rt. 21 – no permit. Send her a letter of violation.
- Garrett Whittal – applied for a building permit for a 3rd home. Does not have anything from the Health Department. They will do a dye test after the house is set.

- Ray Palmer – Mr. Kilmer has received complaints that he is operating a gravel pit. Mr. Kilmer stated that until he sells the gravel –not a problem. He can remove up to 1000 yards a year without DEC approval.

General Abstract #6- Vouchers #52-59 in the A General Fund, #11 in the B General Fund and #6 and 7 in the SF Fund for a total amount of \$8752.79 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #6- Vouchers #67-72 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$830.72 and Vouchers #12-18 in the DB fund in the amount of \$17133.49 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed written report which included repairs and maintenance of equipment.

- Hung Hometown Hero Banners- took about 15 minutes each.
- Worked at Village Serer Plant hauling 4 loads of sludge to Bath landfill. Will haul more what have time. Used our excavator and the one ton truck. Village pays for the permit and fuel for our truck.

Fion MacCrea asked about the status of the salt brine. Mr. Halsey stated they cannot spread it. Will probably have to make out own and that will be more expensive. DEC raised the standards of acceptable levels of barium and now it won't pass. Dan Acton added that the brine is free, making out own won't be. Fion MacCrea stated that it takes 2500 gallons of water to 2 ton of salt. The Town currently uses about 70,000 gallons – would cost about \$6000 to buy salt. Andover is spreading pure salt. Phil Curran stated that National Fuel would be the ones that would have to dilute it so it would pass and they probably aren't willing to spend the money. Bill Dailey asked if there is an exception based on the amount you use and Bob Halsey stated no – they shut everyone down.

Supervisor:

- Retirement Party for Fred Greenthal – June 27th at 6:00 pm. Fred's last day will be June 26th and then will be on vacation till the end of August.
- Joint meeting of the Planning Board and ZBA to review proposed changes.
- Attended Solar Workshop put on by the County. Good information provided by Kier Dirlam.
- Court Grant for storage of old records and office space. A motion was made by Dan Acton, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0 to apply for a Court Grant.
- Letter to Nathan Hendrickson letting him know that there will be no logging trucks allowed on Palmiter Road until November 1, 2018.
- Discussion on replacing Fred Greenthal.
- Building Permits from the Village – Haven't had any in at least two years. Supervisor Acton met with the Village Codes Enforcement office and Pete McClain and was told they are working on them.

County Legislator Report – Septic System Replacement program for anyone living along Canacedea creek. Have to do the work first then get reimbursed for half the cost.

Sales Tax Revenue- Swain is the #1 tax collector in the County. Mr. Acton asked why the Town's aren't getting any of the sales tax. Mr. Curran explained that the problem is how would you distribute it. The State doesn't let you know where or how much was collected in each Town/Village.

Shared Services Public Hearing June 26th 6:00 pm at BOCES in Belmont.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report

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

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm was made by Fion MacCrea seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk