

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 11, 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, Matthew Snyder, and Bill Cleveland. Absent was Jerry Snyder. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Kier Dirlam, Allegany County Planning Department; Bill and Wendy and Dailey; Jay and Kelly Empson and family and Cara Dobson.

Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos.

**Guests:** Jay Empson of Moland Road was present to express concerns with traffic and speed on Moland Road. He has already discussed his concerns with Fion MacCrea and Bob Halsey.

Concerns included the following:

- Bus almost getting hit.
- Feels road is falling apart and too narrow.
- Overgrowth on shoulders.
- Speed not enforced.
- College students leaving in morning and traffic in pm going 55-60 mph.
- No law enforcement
- Would like the road widened and growth trimmed back for vision. Mr. Empson stated that the minimum width of a road is supposed to be 22' per NYS standards. Moland is 18'.
- Would like another School Bus stop sign put up.

Mr. Empson went on to say that since 2016 there have been 30 accidents, most single car, but not reported to the Police. Mr. Empson said they aren't being reported because the students don't want it on their insurance. Town did put up guardrail. When he calls the Village Police they tell him to call the State Police.

Supervisor Acton thanked Mr. Empson for coming and told him that he had talked to Chief Griffith who said that if there is a particular time of day, they will come up and check it out. Also noted that the problem with speeding students is also a problem on Lake Road and Waterwells. Fion MacCrea stated that when Bob Biting expressed concerns with cars landing in his yard, the Highway Department went up and put guardrail in. Bob Halsey stated that he will go up and look at it. May be able to put some cold patch on shoulders. Fion MacCrea added that the Board has been talking about road projects for next year and Moland has been mentioned. Mr. MacCrea explained that with CHIPS projects it is a 10 year turn around. Moland was done in 2008 so couldn't be done with CHIPS money. Dan Acton added that the Town has some roads that are worse than Moland and had to be done. Matthew Snyder added that a lot of trimming was done on that road this year. Mr. Empson was thanked for coming and bringing his concerns to the Board.

**Kier Dirlam** – Mr. Dirlam was present to discuss proposed changes in the Town Planning Board regarding Home Occupancies. Mr. Dirlam spoke with Town Clerk Burdick and explained how to go online and fill out the SEQR form which she did. Mr. Dirlam explained that there are two reasons for doing a SEQR: 1. To make sure there is no impact on the environment. 2. If big project, need to take seriously with outside help, engineers, etc. The Town will need a Resolution that the Town is going to be the lead agency for the review. Have to notify neighboring Towns and send to the County. A Public Hearing will have to be held.

Some of Mr. Dirlam's thoughts on the proposed changes included:

- The State likes permitted uses to be specifically listed in the law. If it's not listed then it is considered to not be a permitted use. Suggested list as many as possible and add not limited to these.
- Added that what the Town has doesn't look bad but looks different than the way things are being done today. Mr. Dirlam distributed copies of the Town of Geneseo's Zoning Law for reference.

In other business Mr. Dirlam stated that the Town needs to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is updated every 5 years and in order to get funding from FEMA the Hazard Mitigation must be approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 6, 2018 and the regular monthly meeting of September 20, 2018 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

**Police Report** – No report. Supervisor Acton stated that he had talked to Chief Griffith about Moland Road and he was very willing to sit up there.

**Monthly Report:** CHIPS has been received. There is another \$3500.00 that can be requested that will be submitted soon.

**Code Enforcement Report:** No report

**Correspondence:**

- Resignation of Chris Romanchock from the Planning Board. A couple suggestions were made and will be followed up on.
- Allegany County Office of Planning – update for County Comprehensive Plan.
- Public Hearing for Wind Project
- Copy of letter Cathy Young sent to NYSDEEC regarding Brine regulations.

Bob Halsey stated that the Town Highway Superintendents had a conference call with Senator Young today but Mr. Halsey couldn't make it. Talking to others that did, the consensus was that they were not going to be able to use brine any longer.

**General Abstract #10-** Vouchers #85-91 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$1932.46, #15 in the B General Fund in the amount of \$3198.91 and #11 in the SF Fund for \$3291.00 for a total amount of \$8422.37 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

**Highway Abstract #10-** Vouchers #95-100 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$2026.07 and Vouchers #34-37 in the DB fund in the amount of \$18047.12 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 4-0. Mr. Halsey explained that the asphalt was for Hamilton, Lake, part of East Valley, Davis, Terbury and Randolph Roads. They are able to haul 18 ton at a time and roll it with the roller. Trying to do 3 loads a day.

**Highway Report** – Mr. Halsey reviewed his written report. Repairs to vehicles included brakes on the 96 Mack, exhaust on the Sterling. Portville came and picked up the 2010 Mack due to an antifreeze leak. Reported that the Veteran's banners have been taken down, washed and stored in totes.

**Supervisor's Report:** Went to the County to cast his vote for the Shared Services Plan. Out of 24 Towns, Alfred was the only no vote.

Attended Village Board meeting where he learned that AU is considering a sports complex on Jericho Hill.

Supervisor Acton proposed that the Town contact art students at AU and have them draw a mural on the side of the Town building. Fion MacCrea suggested contacting someone at the art school and have a contest for the best design.

**Planning Board** – Bill Dailey reported that the Planning Board appointed Sean Hyland Chairman to replace Chris Romanchock. Chris R. has given him the keys. Reported that they did talk about SEQR for home occupations and seemed like the reasonable thing to do. It is already required for a Variance and SUP. Waiting for comp plan from the County to review.

**Town Clerk** - New York State Sexual Harassment Law – has sample policy and will have a written policy from that.

Budget Workshop – Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm. In preparation for budget discussions Mr. MacCrea stated that he had talked with Bob Halsey and what could be done with CHIPS money. 10 wheeler is a top priority with an excavator 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. MacCrea suggested everyone think about it and it will be further discussed at the Budget workshop.

**Village Updates:** Dan Acton asked if there was any further discussion on the Village merging with the Town and Mr. Ninos stated no and other Villages that have done it feel it should only be done as a last resort. Will be going to Buffalo – looks like Village of Alfred will be receiving a 2.1 million dollar Downtown Revitalization Grant. Road with the Village Police till 3:00 in the morning. Quite an experience and interesting to see what the Police deal with.

**Bank Statements** - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn at 8:54 pm was made by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick  
Town Clerk