

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

September 20, 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 Jerry Snyder. Absent was Bill Cleveland. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey (arriving at 8:00 pm), Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Bill and Dailey and Kara Dobson. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos and representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

Guests: Wendy Dailey asked what documents are available to the public and that it would be helpful to have the background of what is being discussed. Town Clerk Burdick stated that she could make a packet for her of the information that is given to the Board.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 9, 2018 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written incident report and monthly report. Matthew Snyder asked about the guardrail that was damaged by a DWI accident and was informed that the drivers insurance should pay for it.

Monthly Report: State Aide has been received.

Code Enforcement Report:

Talked with Patrick Palmer regarding variance to build a house in an Industrial Zone. Still not sure what he is going to do.

Inspected John Lang property and emailed him what he needs to correct to meet code. Mr. Lang responded that he is willing to make corrections.

Frey house cleaned up and gutted. Will be getting a permit for the renovations.

Chrystal Drumm – Informed Mr. Kilmer that the structure was put where it was due to leach field. Picked up a Variance Application.

Correspondence:

- Andover Town Board – looking to do an Intermunicipal Agreement for Dog Control services. Will forward to Town DCO for her review.
- NYMIR - report

General Abstract #9- Vouchers #76-84 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$2355.61, #14 in the B General Fund in the amount of \$3198.91 and #10 in the SF Fund for \$3291.00 for a total amount of \$8825.52 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 4-0. Fion MacCrea asked about the PESH Fine being paid. Supervisor Acton explained that he received a call from the Attorney in the Department of Labor after they received all of our documentation appealing the fine. Attorney Pepe offered to reduce the fine to \$200 and Mr. Acton agreed. All paperwork has been signed and the check mailed.

Highway Abstract #9- Vouchers #85-94 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$3314.62 and Vouchers #28-33 in the DB fund in the amount of \$14948.25 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

Supervisor's Report: Email from County regarding Shared Services public hearing on 9/25/16. The purpose of the meeting is to have brief overview of the plan and then a roll call vote with no votes stating why they voted no.

Justice Court Grant – feels we can't meet deadline in October. Can only apply up to \$30,000 unless go in with another Court. If wait till next year, try and do a joint grant with the Village.

Amendment to Definition of Home Occupation – opinion letter from Town Attorney Mike Finn. Need to do a SEQR review. It was suggested contacting Kier Dirlam at the County for his guidance on this. Also, changes must be in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan Jim Ninos reported that he has met with Mr. Dirlam and they are working on finalizing the Town and Village Comprehensive Plan and it is in the Comprehensive Plan to encourage new businesses which the proposed changes would do. The next step will be to do the SEQR.

Town Clerk - New York State Sexual Harassment Law must be in place by January 1, 2019. Will keep the Board updated.

Budget Workshop – Monday, October 15th at 7:00 pm.

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

Looking at used 10 wheelers and getting prices on an excavator.

Excavator: Bob Halsey, Dan Acton and Bill Cleveland met with the dealer on a lease plan. The payment of the lease does go toward the purchase price – at the end of the three year lease have the option to buy. Cost is \$3600/month for three years (Total of \$129,600) then cost to purchase would be about \$30,000.00. Also option of trading current excavator toward new one. This is for a wheeled excavator and if buy a mower with it could mow faster than the tractor. Bill Dailey asked if there is a warranty with it and Mr. Halsey stated yes – just have to change the oil. Fion MacCrea commented that they have looked at used. If invest \$130,000 up front plus trade in, in three years comes out to about \$45,000/year. Have about \$76,000 in reserve. After three years option is to keep it or flip it for a new one. Concern is how much will it depreciate over the three years. Bob Halsey stated that the buyback program is being done away with. Dan Acton stated that of all the equipment have to have reliable 10 wheelers. Once satisfied we have that, than can look at other equipment. Fion MacCrea agreed need reliable 10 wheelers. Bill Dailey commented that there is an additional cost to haul from one site to another with the tracked excavator and is time consuming due to having to load on trailer. Also, can't use on hot days because it digs up the road. Fion MacCrea added that there is the equipment reserve plus can use CHIPS money for equipment. If Board felt a truck and excavator were needed could pay for it with CHIPS and not oil and stone for 1 year. Further discussion about how to proceed will be discussed further at the Budget Workshop. Matthew Snyder asked about a list of roads and which ones were done with CHIPS money and Fion MacCrea did do that and emailed it to everyone.

Village Updates: Jim Ninos reported on the Pine Street Bridge replacement plans. The Village will take ownership of the road so that State funds can be obtained. Downtown Revitalization Grant – they have requested more information on two of the projects. Should know the end of November, 1st of December.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

