

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 10, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm March 10, 2016. All Board members were present. Guests were Tim and Silas Cochran and Chris Romanchock. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Brad Price and Town Clerk Janice Burdick.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Acton with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of March 10, 2016 were corrected as follows: Silas Cochran is 14 not 18. The minutes were then approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report- The written report was reviewed.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report.

1. Wisniewski property – no response from letter sent.
2. John Lang – Supervisor Acton contacted Attorney Richard Buck to represent the Town. The case has been moved to the Town of Amity. Mary Stearns asked what happen with Steve Kilmer representing the Town and Mr. Acton informed her that since it was moved to the Town of Amity felt the Town needed lawyer to represent them, especially if Mr. Lang has a lawyer representing him.
3. Short's enclosed the open wall per request from Steve Kilmer.

Guest: Silas Cochran update on his Eagle Project.

Silas informed the Board that his project has been approved by the Boy Scouts. He has talked to Jim Joyce about the posts who suggested a fiberglass one piece post with the number on the post. The next step is to raise the funds needed to purchase the numbers and posts. Supervisor Acton stated that the Town would not be sending a letter to residents but would put an article in the newspaper. The Town will be the custodian of the funds raised. The posts will cost \$18.50/each and that includes the vinyl lettering. The letters will be donated. Silas gave Mr. Acton a letter that could be used for the newspaper.

Monthly Report – All ok.

Correspondence: Allegany County Mutual Self-Insurance Plan – annual audit scheduled for April 18th.

Board of Elections – notice of dates for primaries and general election. The Presidential Primary is April 19th.

General Abstract #3- Vouchers #30 -41 in the amount of \$10553.48 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #3- Vouchers #30-45 in the amount of \$63445.60 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. (This includes the 2016 1 Ton truck).

Highway Report – Brad Price reviewed the written report. Reported that the 1 Ton truck is getting the box installed and maybe ready in a couple of weeks. The Town of Hartsville may be interested in the 2004 truck. Dan Acton asked what the rotation would be on the 1 Ton and Brad Price stated that he is looking at every year. Jerry Snyder asked about the box and

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accessories and Mr. Price stated it they can either be taken off or traded in with the truck. It will come with a 3 year, 36,000 miles warranty.

- Been plowing and sanding.
- Complaint from Wende Bush regarding Town of Hartsville trucks using Pleasant Valley Road. Mr. Price stated that local residents with large trucks also use it and it is not posted. Mary Stearns asked if there are problems with the road and was told it isn't any worse. Chris Romanchock added that it is bad at the corner and the trucks do go fast through there.
- Been busy with road and vehicle maintenance, trimming trees and clearing seasonal roads.
- Reported that the sander on the 2004 is broken.
- Reported on accident on Kenyon Road – slid into a car that was stuck with the plow truck. Insurance Company is handling it and Town will not be liable for any costs due to the fact that any government vehicle, while plowing, has the right of way.
- Bob Ormsby asked if they will be working on Cornelius Road and Mr. Price stated that they are looking at it.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report.

Supervisor's Report – Met with new Dog Control Officer Daphne Clark, Chief of Police Paul Griffith and Mayor Justin Grigg.

Review of Equipment Purchases: Roller

Reviewed spreadsheet of how equipment purchases were budgeted and how they will be paid for. Can't use CHIPS money to purchase a used roller. Options would be to rent which you can't use CHIPS for or buy used – no CHIPS, if buy new can use CHIPS money. Jerry Snyder asked what the other Towns are using. Mr. Price stated that Hornellsville, Hartsville, Almond and Andover have their own rollers. Mr. Snyder suggested some other options. The roller is only used on an average of about 125 hours/year. Doesn't make sense to pay \$108,000 for a piece of equipment only used 125 hours/year. Mr. Snyder stated that he found a used one without a cab or air for \$83,000 with 5 hours on it. Dan Acton commented that the Town isn't spending \$108,000. The cost to the Town is \$2620/year. Mr. Snyder suggested borrowing another Town's and using it on Friday's when they aren't working. Mr. Acton stated that the Union Contract states that they work 4 – 10 hour days in the summer. Mr. Acton added that it is a good concept assuming the weather cooperates every Friday. Fion MacCrea commented that with a used machine would need to get into a pattern of finding a similar machine every 2-3 years the depreciation increases. By using the buyback program it decreases the depreciation. Also the time involved in hunting for deals takes a lot of Brad Price's time. If buy a new one – no question where it is coming from. Bob Ormsby stated he felt it would make more sense to buy a truck that is used every day vs. a roller that is only used a couple of times a year. Dan Acton added that the Town is doing that with the buying of the 2006 Sterling and the 2016 1 ton. Brad Price added that Hartsville may be selling a 2013 Freightliner that the Town may be interested in. Mr. Ormsby added that you can't plow or haul gravel with a roller. Mr. Acton countered that you can't roll roads with trucks and the Town should take advantage of the reserves and cut down on repairs. Mr. Snyder stated that he feels the bigger issue is the condition of the roads. Ditches need to be cleaned, etc. Will have pretty equipment but the

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roads are in bad shape. Mr. Snyder added that he was concerned that the men aren't willing to do the work with other Town's equipment because they don't want to work on Fridays. Dan Acton stated that he wasn't sure they don't want to do it. Mr. Acton added that he felt that right now need to decide on equipment, then address what work needs to be done and how it is going to get done. Mary Stearns asked if working with another Town's equipment, don't they send their operator? Brad Price stated yes, unless the Town is willing to pay for any damage done to the equipment by the Town. Mrs. Stearns asked what the next piece of equipment to be purchased would be. (The 1 Ton). Mr. Snyder asked if there is only one option for a new machine – can we get the same new machine without a cab and air conditioning which would save about \$20,000.00. Mr. Price stated that he felt down the road may be required to have an enclosed cab which would then cost the \$20,000 to enclose it. Jerry Snyder asked if it is required now and Mr. Price stated no, not now but cheaper to buy it with the cab on then to have to add it later. Mr. Snyder added that a machine that is only used 125 hours/year shouldn't have to be traded in soon and again stated that he doesn't feel a new one is the best option. It is hardly used at all during the course of the year- better way to do it and wants the roads repaired. Mr. Snyder stated that an example was the excavator – was against it, it does a portion of the road and the rest of the road is not getting done. Feels they are not keeping up with what they did with the loader. Getting another pretty tool but roads still aren't getting done and are deteriorating. After further discussion a motion was made by Dan Acton to advertise for bids for an 84" enclosed cab roller. The motion was seconded by Fion MacCrea. Discussion included Mary Stearns asking about renting one instead of purchasing. Brad Price stated that by renting you are losing \$10,000, no equity and no return on your investment. The motion was carried 3-2 with Jerry Snyder and Bob Ormsby voting no. A motion was made by Dan Acton to purchase a 2006 Sterling 10 wheeler from the Town of Hartsville for \$60,000. Seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Other Business: Village Board meeting representatives. April – Mary Stearns; May – Fion MacCrea and June – Dan Acton.

Health Insurance: Mary Stearns asked about the plan for Jan Burdick. Recently switched from Univera and a HRA account to Blue Cross/Blue Shield and a HAS account. A motion was made by Mary since Janice Burdick has been a long time employee, the Town should establish a HAS account and pay the monthly premiums of \$836.62. The motion was seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0. (Bob Ormsby left early). Mrs. Stearns noted that she found in the Local Government Tool Box that payments to Brad Price for health insurance are pursuant to local law in order to pay him for the insurance through his wife. The Board will follow up on this.

Bank Statements - A motion by Mary Stearns to approve the Bank statements seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.
Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

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