

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 13, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm with the following Town Board members present: Supervisor Dan Acton, Jerry Snyder, Fion MacCrea, Mary Stearns and Bob Ormsby Also present were Doug and Mary Brown, Bill Cornell, Sean Hyland, Chief of Police Tim O'Grady, and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Absent was Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield. Representing the press was Brian O'Neil of WCKR Radio.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Dan Acton.

Guests: Mary and Doug Brown were present to express their opposition to the proposed sub-division of land on Green Road and that they were going to build cabins on the land. Fion MacCrea explained that the land had been sold and would be divided into 11 parcels but there was no mention of them bringing in cabins. The lots would be sold individually. Dan Acton added that due to it being a seasonal road all structures can only be seasonal. Mary Brown asked if the lots would have septic and Dan Acton stated that they will need a permit from the County Health Department for any permanent structure. Mary Brown went on to say that she was concerned that someone will put a house up and concerned with hunters – feels 10 acres is not safe for hunting Concerned about complaints from new owners about them running their chainsaw at 6:00 am, spreading manure on their property and vehicles on the road. When asked how big a lot should be to be safe for hunting Mary stated she felt at least 35 acres. Tim O'Grady added that Mrs. Brown was assuming that hunters would be buying the property and that when Randolph Road was split up most of the people that bought those lots hunt the State land and use those lots as their home base. After further discussion Bill Cornell asked if there is anything they can do? Jerry Snyder commented that they could have bought it. Have 2 choices – buy it or let it be developed by someone else. Mr. Snyder added that all the people that have bought lots on Randolph are nice people and have had no problems with them. Mr. Cornell stated that he is concerned with 4 wheelers ruining the road. Dan Acton ended the discussion by stating the Board will take the comments and concerns into consideration but very little the Board can do with someone and their property if done within the laws of the Town.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of February 13, 2014 and March 3, 2014 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written report.

Sean Hyland representing the Planning Board: Reported on Planning Board meeting that Kier Dirlam, Allegany County Planning, attended. Mr. Dirlam informed the Board that a potential option for the Town is to have a moratorium on subdivisions for one year to give the Town time to develop subdivision laws. Mr. Hyland added that the Planning Board asked if this is the direction the Town wants to go? Jerry Snyder stated that someone may want to build a nice house (on Green Road). Regarding Randolph Road lots – Mr. Snyder stated that the owners come here and spend money in the Town. The Town isn't going to have any major industry. Mr. Hyland stated that the recommendation from the Planning Board was that no one really liked to see the land divided but there is nothing in the Zoning Law to prohibit it. Dan Acton asked who has the responsibility to actually approve the subdivision. Sean Hyland stated that he feels it is the Town Board's. Jerry Snyder added that it should be conveyed to Ed White that there have been concerned expressed. Fion MacCrea stated that while working on the Zoning Law good time to look at subdivision laws. A motion was made by Dan Acton to table any decision on approval of the Subdivision for Green Road to allow the Board to research it further. The motion was seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Mr. Acton added that he would like the Planning Board to obtain information on how to deal with subdivisions. Fion MacCrea stated that Mr. Dirlam has obtained a grant to conduct a school for Planning and Zoning – 15 weeks. At the end of the class they will send the Zoning Law to a professional to review and rewrite. Town would like to send 2 people.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report.

Monthly Report – All ok – all Town levy has been collected.

Bank Statements – Motion by Mary Stearns to accept, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

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Correspondence – Village of Alfred notifying Town that they no longer will appoint a Dog Control Officer and therefore it is the job of the Town Dog Control Officer. It was noted that the Town DCO cannot enforce any Village local laws.

JobTrak – possible workers available through this program at no cost to the Town.

General Abstract #3-2014 – Vouchers #31-39 in the amount of \$11943.03 were approved with a motion by Dan Acton seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #3-2014 – Vouchers #36-49 in the amount of \$23065.25 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Report – Due to the snow storm yesterday, Mr. Mansfield was unable to attend the meeting.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Dan Acton reported the Board will continue meeting with David Slottje and the continued Moratorium. Mr. Slottje recommended moving forward with getting the amendment to the Zoning Law enacted. The Zoning Law will be done and forwarded to the Planning Board for their April 2nd meeting. Supervisor Acton requested a volunteer to look into a grant from USRDA for possible expansion of the Town garage. Bob Ormsby offered to do this.

Union Contract – Has been signed by Supervisor Acton and sent to the Union.

Fion MacCrea Dan Acton met again with Village representatives Joe Dosch, Peter McClain, and Drew McGinnis to review how the Town budget is put together. Mary Stearns asked if they explained how their budget works.

Town Clerk – Reviewed January and February reports. Suggested a dog census be conducted by mail.

Committee Reports - Bob Ormsby reported that he attended the Village meeting – they are working on their budget, passed a Moratorium on Hydrofracking. Reported that they are maxed out on the amount of taxes to raise and are looking at cutting services probably garbage pickup which is costing the Village \$70,000.00 a year. June 6th – Traffic Light Celebration.

Assessor – AU has submitted tax exemption requests for several properties.

Unfinished Business – Radio contract – Mary Stearns reported that Jud Stearns, Alfred Station Fire Company, suggested the Town go ahead and sign the contract, and then the Fire Company will have something written between the Town and Fire Company. Mr. O'Grady added that right now it is open enrollment – can't guaranteed it will continue. If sign now won't cost anything and the Fire Company isn't planning on buying anything right now.

A motion to adjourn 9:30 pm was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk