

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 8, 2019

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

Board members present were Dan Acton, Bill Cleveland, Matthew Snyder and arriving at 7:15 Jerry Snyder. Absent was Fion MacCrea. Also in attendance were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, Town Clerk Janice Burdick and Codes Enforcement Office Steve Kilmer. Guests included Michelle Denhoff from the Allegany County Planning Department and Wendy Dailey. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos.

Guests: Michelle Denhoff gave an update on the Town and Village' Comprehensive Plan. The final draft is ready and will be presented to the Town and Village in September. In October, comments will be reviewed then the Town and Village will have a public hearing. After that the SEQR review would be conducted, then adoption of the plan, probably in November or December. Hard copies will be distributed to all Board members and the Planning Board. It will also be available on the County's website. Comments will go to Michelle and she will review them with Jim Ninos and Fion MacCrea. Matthew Snyder asked if there are many changes from the last time and Michelle stated not really but added grant that have been submitted and added some pictures to make it look nicer. After presentation and final draft, Kier Dirlam will take over for the SEQR and final review.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 7/11/19 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 3-0.

Police Report: No report this month.

Monthly Report: All ok.

Correspondence: Letter of resignation from Assessor Jayna DeGroff effective 9/30/19. An ad will be placed in the paper and Supervisor Acton stated that he would ask around for any suggestions. It was noted that the Board wants someone who will have office hours in the Town building...

General Abstract #8- Vouchers # 68-73 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$1992.34, #10-11 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$3481.64 and #8 in the SF Fund for \$3375.00 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 4-0.

Highway Abstract #8- Vouchers #98-106 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$3031.28 and Voucher #30-36 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$7025.82 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0. Bob Halsey explained that the 2010 Mack is at Thruway Spring for all new suspension parts.

Code Enforcement Report: Steve Kilmer reviewed his written report. NYSEG has submitted a permit for a 195' communication tower inside of the substation on Rt. 244. It is in a business district so will need Town Board approval. Jerry Snyder expressed concern about the height and use and would like more information before approving. Mr. Kilmer stated that he had talked to their lawyer and he didn't know why it is going to be 195'. Mr. Acton also felt the Board needed more information – use, will there be additional lighting, purpose of height and how it is going to be secured. Mr. Kilmer will get that information and bringing it to the September meeting.

Highway Report: Reviewed the written report.

Opening of Bids for New Tractor:

1. John Deere – met all specs except no external lift control. Radial tires. \$46,000 allowing \$13,000 for trade in.
2. John Deere – no radial tires. \$43,500 allowing \$13,000 for trade in.
3. Case – meets all specs including radial tires. \$45,217.21 allowing \$17,000 trade in.
4. Massey – meets all specs. \$39,399 allowing \$22,000 for trade in.

All tractors were about the same weight.

Jerry Snyder asked how the Kubota is working currently and Mr. Halsey responded that they are babying it along – have to use it. Estimate is \$8000 to fix it. Jerry Snyder stated that the Board needs to be focused on their function to the Town. Tractor is not an essential piece of equipment for highways. The Kubota has about 1400 hours on it which averages 110 hours per year. Jerry Snyder added that we need trucks, need a loader, etc. Dan Acton stated that the Highway Superintendent has to decide what is needed. Matthew Snyder added that the concern is what we need and need to look at what is going to be needed in the future. Dan Acton added that looking ahead, what will need to be replaced next and when can we get rid of the 2010 Mack? Bob Halsey responded that he doesn't see getting rid of it – how are we going to afford a new truck? Used trucks are getting harder to find. A new truck would cost around \$250,000; cost of the tractor could go toward a new truck. Dan Acton asked if we want to put \$7000 into the Kubota or spend close to \$40,000 on a new one. Jerry Snyder stated that the Grader is probably next. Bob Halsey added that a used Grader would be ok at a cost of about \$150,000. Also, if replacing another truck it would be the Sterling. They aren't making it anymore and parts are getting hard to come by. Mr. Acton stated that he would rather see the trucks kept up and fix the Kubota. Matthew Snyder stated that if the Kubota is fixed it should last a while – not that many hours on it. Matthew Snyder added that he feels it's what the budget predicts that decides whether to buy new or fix the present tractor. After further discussion a motion was made by Dan Acton to reject all bids, due to decision by the Board to not purchase a new tractor and fix the current one. The motion was seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 4-0. After all the discussion, it was noted that the plan was to purchase the tractor with leftover CHIPS money. Matthew Snyder asked what the plans are for next year's CHIPS money? Mr. Halsey responded Waterwells Road but if carry over CHIPS from this year can double up and do Burdick, Barber Lane and Randolph.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Acton reported on the progress of Noah Napolitano's mural painting project. They will paint it on panels and then attach the panels to the outside wall. Sexual Harassment Policy – all Board members have read it and there were no questions.

Town Clerk – Webinar next week for an update on Armstrong.

Bank Statements - A motion by Matthew Snyder to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

