

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 10, 2020

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

All Board members were present. Also, in attendance were Bill Dailey, Christel and Jason Rodd, Catherine Chambers and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos. This meeting was viewed via ZOOM for the first time in the Town of Alfred's History.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 3/12/2020 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland seconded by Wendy Dailey and carried 5-0 with the following correction:

Police Report: No report since the Village doesn't meet until next week.

Monthly Report: All ok. Got through the winter with no problems.

Correspondence: None

General Abstract #4-2020- Vouchers #43- 52 in the amount of \$2674.89 in the General A Fund; Vouchers #6 in the amount of \$3328.16 and #4 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$3442.50. A motion to approve the bills was made by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #4-2020 Vouchers #46-59 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$11432.18 and Voucher #3-4 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$1284.39 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed the written report. New grader was delivered and old one sold for \$9100.00 on Auctions International. Bob Halsey was not at the meeting but informed the Board that the CHIPS money is in the budget now but the Governor will be reviewing funding quarterly. Dawn at NYSDOT suggested spending it now. Dan Acton stated that he feels should spend substantially less than budgeted, doesn't want to spend it and then take a chance that we will not get reimbursed. Bob Halsey's recommendation was to at least spend the approximately \$44,000 rolled over from last year. Fion MacCrea suggested doing a little at a time and submit for reimbursement as we go along.

Supervisor's Report:

- Mr. Acton reported that Bob Halsey and him met with a mason regarding repairs to the building and installing the Eagle Scout sign. The plan is to repoint and seal the blocks and do joint work where it is cracked. He suggested installing 3 pressure treated 2 x 4 to run horizontal and adhere to the block with lag screws. Pre-drill holes in the panels and attach the panels that way. They will have a manlift here and are willing to help put the sign up. Noah Napolitano will still get credit for completing the project since it was considered completed the day he handed the panels over to the Town. Fion MacCrea asked if we have to specify how many can be on the job site due to the virus and Mr. Acton stated that he would be constrained on how many could be on the job site at one time. He thought he may need 4-5 so may have to wait until restrictions are lifted.
- Sidewalk committee meeting with Clark-Patterson will be next Tuesday probably via ZOOM or call in. Mr. Ninos stated that they have received some of the money from the grant. The water project will start first on Pine Hill. Have seen drawings for the water tower and water line but nothing for the sidewalks. Mr. Acton stated that as soon as he knows anything he will let everyone know.
- New Custodian – will be starting soon.
- Paul Vecchio from Alfred University was planning on coming to this month's meeting to discuss Jericho Hill project but it was recommended that he come to the May meeting.

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Catherine Chambers commented that there will probably be many residents from that area attending.

- Fred Sinclair submitted information on how a municipal can stop 5G. The Town would be the lead agency (We would be the first in the State to do this.) Not everyone on the Board has had a chance to review the information. Matthew Snyder stated that he saw where a European Country put it on hold. Fion MacCrea added that it would be similar to what the Town did with Fracking and gas exploration and getting an Attorney to do it Pro Bono. Wendy Dailey stated that she read that until the COVID virus is over, utilities are to provide current services but not add any new ones. Dan Acton suggested that the Town not doing anything until we get advice from the Association of Towns. Wendy Dailey stated that she doesn't feel we know enough about 5G but what she is reading it is coming down from the Federal Government and local governments won't have anything to say about it. FCC has exempted 5G from any oversight. Bill Dailey added that everyone is so concerned with the covid problem Telecommunications is forging full steam ahead. Catherine Chambers added that she worries about the safety of 5G.
- Jason Rodd made a statement that he doesn't feel the Village is in any position to maintain new sidewalks in the Town. Village would then assume liability, can't take care of what they have in the Village and hobbling along with current equipment.
- Supervisor Acton informed the Board that we have not heard anything from NYSEG.
- County Emergency services requested anything we could get reimbursed for has a result of the virus – no.
- Future Budget concerns due to all the shutdowns – need to be extra conservative and only buy what is essential.

Village of Alfred Report – Jim Ninos reported that every night at 7:00, bells are ringing to lift spirits. Tuesday at 1:30 meeting with Clark-Patterson. Not sure if opened to the public. Peter McClain is in charge. Jason Rodd stated that seeing how 100% of the sidewalks are to be build in the Town, shouldn't the Town have had more direct input? Mr. Acton stated that he has been on the committee since the beginning representing the Town. Mr. Rodd then asked Mr. Acton if he has been on the committee since the beginning, does he know who the official it that saw people walking in the road and then mandated the sidewalks be installed. Mr. Acton stated he did not know. Mr. Rodd added what State official has the power to mandate that kind of money. Mr. Acton explained that Pete McClain was with officials from Empire State Development and saw students jogging and then said, yes you need sidewalks. Jim Ninos added yes, they saw people walking and felt it was a worthwhile project to include the sidewalk in the grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm with a motion by Bill Cleveland, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

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