

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 12, 2019

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 Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, Town Clerk Janice Burdick and Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer. Guests included Noah and Dan Napolitano, Bill and Wendy Dailey, Dotty Snyder, Fred Sinclair and Armstrong Representative Rachael Marzo. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos.

Being this is Jerry Snyder's last meeting after 12 years of service to the Town; Supervisor Acton presented Mr. Snyder with a plaque in appreciation for this accomplishment. A plant was presented to Mrs. Snyder. On behalf of the entire Town Board, employees and residents Thank You Jerry!

Noah Napolitano – Eagle Scout Project Reviewed materials he has looked into and narrowed down to a poly metal or aluminum. Bill Cleveland asked if he knew what the best paint to use to avoid peeling. It was suggested that both materials would need to be prepped with a primer before painting. Before he can set the schedule up to start painting he needs the Board to approve the design. The Board all agreed on the design presented. The panels will be painted by different community groups and will invite them via email, posters, etc. Matthew made some suggestions to the design that included fewer clouds and grass and more hills and an all blue sky. Dan Acton asked how it was going to be paid for and Noah stated he is looking for donations. It was suggested that Baker's Bridge may be able to help and Mr. Acton stated he feels the Town can contribute.

Armstrong - Rachael Marzo representing Armstrong Cable Company distributed brochures explaining what they are doing. Ms. Marzo stated that she has been with Armstrong a little over a year. Grant awarded to Armstrong to provide internet in Western NY, census block driven. They are offering true internet speed with fiber cable. They are offering it to businesses and residential. Can sign up anytime, they are almost ready to start hookups in the Alfred area. Will be ready for installation by the end of January. Crews have been out which consists of contractors from various states. Ms. Marzo stated that if anyone sees something that isn't right or the way the contractors act, please contact her immediately and they will address it. Mrs. Marzo also noted the benefits this has been to the community such as economic development – contractors are renting rooms, buying food and gas, etc. They are currently looking to hire technicians to do installations.

Fred Sinclair asked if the project is connected with pole replacement. Mrs. Marzo stated yes – if a pole isn't high enough, then it has to be replaced. They will be offering hookups buried or overhead and there are no installation fees – covered by the grant. Fion MacCrea asked how this will affect the Town's Special Franchise Assessment. The State does those assessments.

Fred Sinclair - Mr. Sinclair stated that he was here due to his concern with the electromagnetic environment in the Alfred area – Town and Village. Mr. Sinclair received permission from both campuses to go on campus and measure it. There are 7 antennas in the area of the Village. Close to antenna the reading is high but probably met FCC limits. Some areas in the Village away from the antennas had high readings. Mr. Sinclair stated that the area is immersed in a very active electromagnetic and radiation area. Mr. Sinclair asked what is going to happen when they bring more in. Feels Town should adopt the Precautionary Principle. Need to be cautious in terms of progress vs. health. Feels Town should do a SEQR review for any 5G antennas or any other tower. NYSEG is proposing a 199' tower at the substation. Their plans show three antennas on top – wifi, radio and directional dish. Questioned what frequencies they will be broadcasting on. Feels this antenna is the roll out of the smart meters. Mr. Sinclair

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went on to discuss dirty electricity, etc. Dan Acton stated that Kier Dirlam of the County Planning Department stated that any tower over 99' gives the Town the right to do a SEQR. Jim Ninos asked if a SEQR would address these concerns and Mr. Sinclair stated that it would issue an impact statement and allow public comment. Fion MacCrea wondered if SEQR should address future 5G and SEQR is targeted to a specific action. Mr. Acton asked Mr. Sinclair if he is recommending the Town require a SEQR for the NYSEG tower and Mr. Sinclair responded yes. It was reported that Kier Dirlam had stated that this could be very costly for the Town and the Town may have to hire an attorney that is familiar with this type of action. Fred Sinclair then asked does the Town give them (NYSEG) permission knowing it's not safe. Matthew Snyder questioned if NYSEG could be required to do the SEQR and pay for it. It was noted that until a Zoning/Building Permit is submitted nothing can be done. At that time the lead agency would be determined and the process started. After further discussion Mr. Sinclair stated that he has worked with SEQR and very familiar with the process and would be glad to help. Also, would be willing to serve on the Planning Board.

Minutes – The November minutes were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Police Report: Received via email.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report. Reported on AU redoing a shower building and Pole barn on Jericho Hill. Jim Ninos added that it appears that AU is still looking to build a dome up there. They want the Village to establish a water district to go to that area.

Monthly Report: Received Mortgage Tax - \$3000 more than budgeted.

Correspondence: Board of Assessment Review – Norm Grosse term up 9/30/19. A motion was made by Dan Acton, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Allegany County inquiring if Town wants to go to direct deposit instead of paper.

General Abstract #12- Vouchers #94-103 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$5416.47, #16 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$3162.99 and #12 in the SF Fund for \$3375.00 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #12- Vouchers #146-161 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$17581.76 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed the written report. Superintendent Halsey reported on repairs to and inspections of equipment. Hauled sludge for Village of Alfred sewer plant, did sign inventory, sanded and plowed.

Supervisor's Report:

- No bids of shoveling of Baker's Bridge. Checked with Insurance Company and was told if not any employee can't do it unless they have their own insurance. Bob Halsey will try to do it with the pickup truck.
- Going to ask Planning Board to address Solar Farms in the Zoning Law.
- Organizational Meeting and Year-end Meeting – January 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- New Sidewalks – Dan Acton stated that he feels it would make more sense to take that shoulder and make it a multi use lane and curb it on the homeowners side. Jim Ninos stated that he is not sure it would meet the Grants proposal which was a safety concern. Mr. Acton stated that he is going to propose this with lighting along the path.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

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A motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk