

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 11, 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 was Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Bill and Wendy Dailey. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos. Absent was Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 6/13/19 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 3-0.

Code Enforcement Report: Due to family issues, Steve Kilmer could not attend the meeting.

Police Report: Reviewed written report.

Monthly Report: CHIPS reimbursement has been submitted. Bill Cleveland is working on numbers for fixing the metal building. There is about \$58,000 left in CHIPS.

Correspondence: CHIPS funding for next year. Last year of the PAVENY program.

General Abstract #7- Vouchers # 64-67 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$1703.91, #9 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$3262.91 and #7 in the SF Fund for \$3375.00, and #1 in the amount of \$352.00 in the SM Fund were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #7- Vouchers #89-97 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$2223.03 and Voucher #23-29 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$7722.27 were approved with a motion by Dan Acton seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed the written report.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Acton reported that he received an email from the Boy Scouts stating that it is against their policy for Scouts to be on ladders. Also opinion from Rich Ewell who is our insurance agent expressed concerns with them being on a man lift and suggested anyone on the man lift had proof they have been properly trained on how to operate one. Letter to NYS Senate requesting that they pay the grant money to the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Company for the tanker that was purchased. Mr. Acton will also put a letter in the *Alfred Sun* encouraging all residents to write a letter.

Fion MacCrea reported that he is looking at upgrading the website to a self hosting option. Also Jason Tutak, who does the Village's website, would do it for about \$50/month which would be hosting and maintenance of the site. Mr. MacCrea stated that the site needs renovation to bring things up to date which would take significant time. Would have links to the Village of Alfred and Alfred Businesses. Would be ADA compliant. Clerk could still put minutes, and notices on. A 2 year contract was submitted for the Town's review. A motion by Matthew Snyder to enter into a 2 year contract with Dyrection Studios was seconded by Fion MacCrea. Fion MacCrea stated that he needs to clarify that if we terminate current domain, we would remain owners of the contents and a courtesy letter to Dave Williams should be sent. After reading the contract, it was noted that it does state that the finished product does belong to the Town. The motion was carried 5-0.

Mr. Acton attended the Village meeting. Reported that Peter McClain sent an inquiry to AACS to see if they are interested in extending the Village sewer line to AACS. Jim Ninos stated that Clark Patterson is working on an estimate for the project and then will hold a meeting with the Village of Alfred, AACS and the Town of Almond. The school would create a Capital plan to pay for the project. State Aide would also be available. Fion MacCrea asked if there would be mandatory hook up and Mr. Ninos responded that that hasn't been determined yet.

ZBA Hearing – Wendy Dailey reported that the ZBA tabled Peter Stull’s variance request seeking to place a mobile home on his property that is located in a Business District. Mobile homes are not allowed in a business district. Mrs. Dailey stated that according to the Zoning Law, Mr. Kilmer should not have acted on the permit. It should have come before the Town Board first due to being in a Business District. Mr. Stull has withdrawn the original permit and resubmitted a new permit that places the mobile home more than 300’ back from the center of the road that places it in an Agriculture District. Mr. Kilmer can act on that and is waiting for a permit from the County Health Department for a septic permit and a survey showing it will be over 300’ back from the center of the road before he issues the permit.

Board of Assessment Review – Mr. Acton talked with Norm Grosse who serves on the Board of Assessment of Review. He reported that they had 4-5 grievances from people that have purchased properties below the assessed value. The Board did reduce them. Mr. Acton stated that the Assessor will be attending the August meeting to discuss how we got to 84% equalization rate. Jerry Snyder added that houses are selling for less than assessed value but land is selling for more.

Town Clerk – A copy of the Sexual Harassment Policy Training booklet was distributed to all Board members for them to read.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0

Other Business- Fion MacCrea reviewed quotes obtained by Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey for a new tractor. Two were off State Bid specs and one from Oliver’s in Canaseraga which is not on State Bid but less than State Bid. Trade in Kubota and final cost for the new one would be about \$26283 if go with Oliver’s. Bob Halsey took the Kubota to Lamb and Webster to see what it would cost to repair and was told about \$7100.00 Fion MacCrea stated that he did not feel it would be wise to put that kind of money into it. Mr. MacCrea stated that Mr. Halsey would like to use what is left in the DB General Repairs account to do the shoulders on Waterwells and then blacktop the shoulders. Use CHIPS money for tractor and there would still be enough left to put into Waterwells. Jerry Snyder asked why the Kubota was in the shape it is in if it only has 1400 hours on it. Supposedly it was driven with the cap off and dirt and oil got into the hydraulics. Further discussion included how the shoulders are being done, drainage on the roads, and size of tractor. Fion MacCrea suggested using the specs from the Massey Ferguson quote as a basis. Matthew Snyder stated that that quote is for their smallest tractor and it may not be big enough. Fion MacCrea will have Bob Halsey get a quote for a bigger one. Further discussion was had about size motor, etc.

A motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm was made by Bill Cleveland, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

