

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 13, 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 along with Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Trish and Noah Napolitano, Rick Hoffman, Bill and Wendy Dailey. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos.

### Regular Monthly Meeting:

**GUESTS: Rich Hoffman** was present to commend Bob Halsey and the Highway crew on the great work they have been doing on the roads including snowplowing. He cited an instance on Memorial Day weekend when a lot of rain was received and the gully on Waterwells near his driveway was washed out. Mr. Hoffman called Mr. Halsey who responded and helped divert the water. Mr. Hoffman wanted to thank Bob for his dedication and stated that he really appreciated his efforts.

**Eagle Scout Project – Noah Napolitano** stated that he is involved with a Digital Media Arts Class and is interested in painting a mural on the Rt. 21 side of the Town Building. Mr. Napolitano presented a tentative timeline and noted that a design has not been decided on. Fion MacCrea stated that in the Comprehensive Plan it was noted that the Town is missing a brand – what it is to be in Alfred, Supervisor Acton stated that he will put in the Alfred Sun for anyone interested to send design ideas to the Town Clerk. Noah Napolitano had some questions for the Board and Matthew Snyder answered:

1. What is the design? Could be historic, trade type stuff, geography, etc.
2. Funding? Not sure how much money would be needed, but Noah could do fundraising as part of the project. Will need a man lift.

After further discussion, it was left that Noah would come up with a tentative budget and the *Alfred Sun* be contacted regarding doing an article about this.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of 5/9/19 and 5/23/19 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

**Unfinished Business – SPCA Contract.** Dog Control Officer Daphne Curran was asked for her opinion on this and she is ok with it. Currently takes dogs to Hornell SPCA at no charge but this would give her a back up. A motion to approve the contract was made by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

**Police Report:** Reviewed written report.

**Code Enforcement Report** – no report.

**Monthly Report:** Received first Mortgage payment and payment of \$12,100.00 from the sale of the truck.

**Correspondence:** Notice from NYS that the Equalization Rate had dropped to 84% and wondered why. Dan Acton stated that he had talked with Assessor Jayna DeGroff and she will be attending the August meeting. Fion MacCrea added that he would like her to explain the Equalization Rate and how it is determined.

**General Abstract #6-** Vouchers # 56-63 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$1856.64, #7-8 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$7622.91 and #6 in the SF Fund for \$3375.00 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

**Highway Abstract #6-** Vouchers #79- 88 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$2575.79 and Voucher #12-22 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$34939.50 were approved with a motion Fion MacCrea seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0. Discussion included payment for top coat on Palmiter and Sugar Hill Road that completes them under the CHIPS funding. 2010 Mack back to Portville for a line that went to the turbo.

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**Highway Report:** Bob Halsey reviewed his written report.

- Repairs to equipment.
- Mowed and graded.
- Building report – painted two doors, check drains and did walk around.

Bill Dailey asked if there has been any interest in other businesses going in on Sugar Hill. Dan Acton answered that Jason Rodd is reportedly buying the other building and a lot to place a business there.

Bob Halsey reviewed estimates from Suite Kote to repair roads. Also submitted a packet to show estimated costs for each road. It was noted that the roads are generally good but the shoulders are falling apart. This estimate would be to grind shoulders put material down then oil and stone the part that was grinded. Dan Acton asked Mr. Halsey what he recommends for summer work and Mr. Halsey answered that he wasn't sure. Mr. Acton added that Mr. Halsey had talked about doing the shoulders on Waterwells but Mr. Halsey stated that he isn't sure now. Fion MacCrea asked if this would qualify for CHIPS and was told yes – it has been 10 years since that road was done. Bill Dailey asked Mr. Halsey if he had any idea how many miles they would be working on this year and Mr. Halsey responded no, working on dirt roads right now. Jerry Snyder noted that the estimates is all for shoulder repair. Oil and stone on center of roads is good. Mr. Snyder called former highway employees and explained how they used to do the shoulders. Suggested they be contacted to show them how to run the grader to reestablish the shoulders so the water goes into the ditch.

**Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Acton stated that the Sexual Harassment training still needs to be done. Teamsters Contract up this year. Would be nice to have a compilation of all policies for all employees and elected officials.

Smart Growth Grant – Mr. Acton met with Pete McClain to discuss the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

1. \$250,000 construction and machinery installation at old Town Barn on Rt. 244 with a 4:1 match.
2. \$625,000 – From W. University Street down Main Street to Bicycle Man on Rt. 244 improvements with a 4:1 match.
3. Funding for small businesses – Peter Stull and S. Tier Concrete have applied.
4. \$1,645,000 for a pedestrian walkway from the Village to Jefferds Construction. \$300,000 for design and engineering with no match. Will have to bid for an engineering firm for design. Village is the lead agency and Dan Acton is willing to be the liaison for the Town. Jim Ninos added that there is also \$6 million for the new water line. Water treatment plant will have work done on it and could use a Rural Development Grant to offset the high interest rate. Water meter on AU property is top priority. AU owns the infrastructure but the Village does the work on it. The Village has been told they can't do that. The new water line from well #1 to Village line will be done first, then the new sidewalks. Checking to see if they can do both at the same time.

Letter from Fred Fredrickson, member of the ZBA, with concerns about Peter Stull's application for a Use Variance to place a mobile home on his property that is located in a Business district. Mobile Homes are not a permitted use. Bill Dailey reported that when he went to Houghton the presenter stated that the State has changed the requirements for mobile homes in an R1

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District – must be treated like a stick built and can't exclude manufactured housing from an R1 district.

**Town Clerk** – Reviewed written report.

**Other Business** – Fion MacCrea attended the Village Board meeting. Dan Acton will attend in July. Bill Cleveland September; Matthew Snyder October; Fion MacCrea November and Jerry Snyder December.

**Other Business:** Bob Halsey informed the Board that the Kubota Tractor has some brake and hydraulic issues. Estimates about \$4-5000 to repair. Needs it to sweep and mow. A new Case would cost \$45,000 and could use CHIPS money. Fion MacCrea added that a new tractor has been talked about. If going to improve mowing, etc, need to go with something a little heavier duty than the Kubota. There isn't enough left in CHIPS to do any significant stretch of roads. Other equipment concern was replacement of the 2010 Mack. Further discussion involved noting that a new tractor would have a bucket on it. Cost would be about \$45,000 without trade at state bid price. Kubota is worth about \$6000-8000.00. Matthew Snyder asked if there was anything large on state bid and Mr. Halsey responded yes. Mr. Halsey listed what needs fixing. Dan Acton stated that there is about \$40,000 left in CHIPS plus what is left in general repairs. May be enough to do some road work. Jerry Snyder felt that no decision can be made until the cost of repairs is known and some other quotes on a new tractor.

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

A motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick  
Town Clerk