

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING

May 9, 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 Michelle Denhoff, Allegany Co. Office of Planning; Bill and Wendy Dailey, and Rebecca Hamm. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos. Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*. Also present was Chief of Police Paul Griffin and arriving at 7:30 pm Ben Palmer.

Public Hearing for Local Law #1 and Local Law #2 – 2019 was opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Dan Acton. Michelle Denhoff stated that the County Planning Board would be reviewing both laws next Wednesday and will notify the Board of their approval or concerns shortly after that. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm with a motion by Bill Cleveland seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

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GUESTS: Rebecca Weaver Hamm representing the A.E. Crandall Ambulance was present to discuss the new Mutual aid procedure implemented by Allegany County Emergency Services. Mrs. Hamm explained that currently, the fire departments and ambulances give reciprocal aid to other departments. They have mutual aid agreements with Alfred Station, Almond, and Andover. They have not turned a mutual aid call over to another ambulance in 22 months. The new model was put into place in April and Mrs. Hamm stated that no one was informed of this plan prior to its adoption. Alfred Ambulance has refused to sign on to the new plan. The NYS Department of Health suggests respond time be no more than 10 minutes. AE Crandall averages 8.7 minutes per Mrs. Hamm. If MTS, a paid ambulance, gets there first, they are supposed to turn it over to Alfred once they get there. MTS will bill the patient where AE Crandall, being a volunteer ambulance, will not. Mrs. Hamm stated that the concern is that the County is not following their mutual aid plan. She added that the local ambulance knows where people live and are familiar with the buildings. The paid ambulances are also putting a lot of pressure on volunteers since they can go work for MTS and get paid. MTS has 5 ambulances – concern if there was a major catastrophe they would not be able to respond and be able to cover the entire county. MTS will be dispatched out of Angelica or Scio. Mrs. Hamm added that they will still be dispatched for certain calls but MTS will also be called. County plan says you must have a staffed crew, which Alfred has but they aren't sitting at the Fire hall. Supervisor Acton asked Mrs. Hamm why the County changed and Mrs. Hamm responded it was done out of convenience of the Dispatch Center. They were concerned that some companies could not respond in time. Pressure from the State Health Department. Mrs. Hamm added that her primary concern is that paid ambulance will respond and not turn it over to them, and then the patient will be charged. Matthew Snyder asked what jurisdiction the 911 dispatch center is under and was told it is under the Sheriff's office. Janice Burdick stated that she talked with Jeff Lucky about this and was told that this is the only plan the State Health Department would approve. Mrs. Hamm responded that that was not necessarily true.

Michelle Denhoff – Allegany County Planning Board reported that she has been working with Jim Ninos and Fion MacCrea of the Town/Village Comprehensive Plan. Hope to have it completed by the end of the year. A draft of the proposed plan is not available at this time.

Ben Palmer- Supervisor Acton explained that he had received a complaint about the appearance of the old Short's gas station building. CEO Steve Kilmer called Mr. Palmer to inform of the complaint. Mr. Palmer stated that he is storing some equipment and blocks on

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the property with permission from Short's. Short's is also still a service station since Mr. Palmer stated that he still gets all his fuel there. Mr. Palmer asked if there is something he needs to do to avoid complaints. Mr. Acton responded that he doesn't know the answer. Mr. Palmer added that he will work with the Town anyway he can but they are very busy and he needs that extra space. Jerry Snyder stated that he doesn't see a problem. If Short's is still in business there is no change and Matthew Snyder added that he also doesn't see where it is a change in use of what is currently there. Jerry Snyder added that the Town just has a public hearing on a Local Law to encourage businesses – should support Ben Palmer in what he is doing. Mr. Snyder also asked if anyone had talked to Mr. Palmer and was told no and Mr. Snyder asked at what time do we bow to complaints when they haven't talked to the owner 1st. Paul Griffin stated that the empty building looks worse than Ben's trucks.

Special Meeting: A special meeting will be held Thursday, May 23rd at noon to adopt Local Law #1-2019 and Local Law #2-2019.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 4/11/19 and 4/18/19 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report: Reviewed written report. Chief Griffin stated that there were a lot more accidents in the Town and Village, many due to the weather. More State Police cars on duty in the county during the day so they respond fairly quickly. Fion MacCrea asked if the accidents were due to the weather or distracted driving and the Chief responded that that does have slot to do with it. Hot Dog Day was relatively calm with only one DWI in the Town by State Police. Bill Cleveland commented that he heard Uber is in Town now and that may be why less DWI's.

Code Enforcement Report – reviewed written report.

Monthly Report: All ok.

Correspondence: none

General Abstract #5- Vouchers # 45-55 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$4805.36, #7 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$3262.91 and #5 in the SF Fund for \$3375.00 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Voucher #35 was not approved at this time.

Highway Abstract #5- Vouchers #68- 78 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$6281.41 and Voucher #6-11 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$5316.90 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Bob Halsey reviewed his written report.

- 2019 Mack back to Portville – light came on.
- Changed oil and serviced equipment.
- Put Veteran's Banners up.
- Truck sold for \$12,100.00

Road Work – Top coat will be put on Sugar Hill and Palmiter Road May 23rd. If does it now the loggers can go in in July. That will give the oil time to harden.

Supervisor Acton asked about estimates on addition to steel building. Mr. Halsey stated a rough estimate is about \$27,000. It will need to be bid out once specs are developed and budgeting secured. Maybe have to budget for it over 2-3 years.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Acton reported that he has a Boy Scout that will paint a mural on the side of the building for his Eagle Scout project. He will attend the June meeting to discuss it with the board.

Town Clerk – Grievance Day is May 29th.

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Other Business – Fion MacCrea will be attending the next Village Board meeting

A motion by Dan Acton to go to Executive Session to discuss an employee was made at 8:08 pm, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0. A motion to leave Executive Session was made Dan Acton at 8:28 pm, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve Voucher #35 to Sandy Cameron in the amount of \$1093.00 was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

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

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Dan Acton seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk