

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 10, 2020

The regular monthly was opened at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance led by Supervisor Acton.

All Board members were present. Also attending via Zoom were Bill Dailey, Christel and Jason Rodd, Jim Ninos; representing the Village of Alfred, Fred Sinclair, Catherine Chambers, Andrew Beiler, Bill Dibble; Allegany County Legislator, Chris Romanchuck and Mark Klingensmith. Also present was Town Clerk Janice Burdick. (Please note, there may have been others participating in this Zoom meeting that I did not catch.)

Guests: Jim Ninos that a research grant has been received to study the chance of a sewer line from Almond to the Village Sewer line. It is a Town/Village of Almond project and the Village of Alfred is just providing the facility. Grant will be done by the Town and Village of Almond. Bill Cleveland asked if the lines would be where the new sidewalk is going. Mr. Ninos responded no, can't have sewer lines so close to water lines. Mr. Ninos went on to say that there is no advantage to the Village – can't profit from sewer, can from water. Advantage of this is that it would make the corridor more appealing to businesses and would help the Village of Almond. The \$30,000.00 grant is to explore the feasibility of it. Bill Cleveland asked if Almond had ever considered their own sewer system and was told that due to all their (Village of Almond) being in a flood plain zone they can't. The other option would be to go to Hornell but DEC won't allow the sewer line along the railroad line. Matthew Snyder asked if it would tie into Alfred-Almond Central School? Jim Ninos responded that there are some issues about forcing someone to tie into that system. Fred Sinclair stated that the discharge to the neighboring streams is bringing sewage upstream and that could cause problems. Engineers need to look at that. Jim Ninos responded that he believes they have looked at that. DEC is very concerned about the Canacadea park water and the bad stuff in it. Catherin Chambers asked if a public hearing would be required and Mr. Ninos stated yes and it would involve the Town and Village of Almond and the Town and Village of Alfred. Mr. Dibble added that he feels it is a very important project for the area. Need all 4 municipalities to be involved and would like to know if the Town of Alfred is in favor of moving forward and see where it goes. Supervisor Acton stated that he feels the Board needs time to look over the information that was just provided to them today. Mr. Dibble added that the grant application is due in February. Would like to hear back from the Town and see what they think. Feels it is important and needed for the businesses.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 10, 2020 and December 31, 2020 meetings were approved with a motion by Wendy Dailey, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report – reviewed written report.

Code Enforcement Officer- Reviewed written report.

An application for a Special Use Permit for mining was received by Ray Palmer and will be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Monthly Report: Tax Collector has paid the Town \$345,000 towards it's levy.

General Abstract #1-2021- Vouchers #1--15 in the amount of \$40,639.91 in the General A Fund except #2 in the amount of \$84.15; Voucher #1-2 in the amount of \$4554.16 in the B Fund and #1 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$3511.33. This includes the Town's share of NYS Retirement and the Insurance package renewal. A motion to approve the bills was made by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #1-2021 Vouchers #1-11 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$22863.17 and #1-2 in the amount of \$7658.00 in the DB fund were approved with a motion by Wendy Dailey, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

January 14, 2021

Highway Report: The written Highway report was reviewed. New exhaust manifold for the Sterling at a cost of about \$3500.00

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Acton discussed the proposed Franchise Agreement with Spectrum that does not include a franchise fee. The Village does not get a fee either. Wendy Dailey questioned if it is typical to get one. Mr. Acton stated that he will do some investigation on this.

Resolution to extend the STAR exemption for 2021 without having to renew per NYS due to COVID. Motion to approve this by Dan Acton, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Police Contract – Motion to approve the 2021 Police Contract with the Village of Alfred was made by Wendy Dailey, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0. There was no increase in reimbursement from 2020.

Committee Reports – Bill Dailey explained that the Planning Board is still working on wording and a form for SEQR to be submitted with the Building Permit.

Wendy Dailey reported that about 500 surveys were received by the committee for Police Reform. They will be submitted to the Governor. Supervisor Acton thanked Mrs. Dailey for serving on this committee.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 7:45 pm, second by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Mr. Sinclair asked if there will be any action taken.

Mr. Sinclair then expressed his concerns with the proposed NYSEG tower including exposure to neighbors, walkers, installation of smart meters, SEQR, liability, power of the frequencies.

Catherine Chambers added that she doesn't see what harm it would be for NYSEG to do a SEQR and Chris Romanchuck encouraged the Board to reach out to the Engineer and get more information. Executive Session ended at 8:35 pm with a motion by Dan Acton, seconded by Wendy Dailey and carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk