

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 10, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Dan Acton. Board members present in person were Supervisor Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Matthew Snyder, and Kenn Burdick. Absent was Wendy Dailey. Also present were Jim Ninos, Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey and Town Clerk Jan Burdick. Attending via ZOOM: Christel Rodd, Mark Klingensmith, Keith Stanley and Kasey Klingensmith. Joining later was Dwight Kanyuck.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of January 13, 2022 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Kenn Burdick and carried 4-0.

Police Report – Written report was reviewed.

Code Enforcement's Monthly Report – Reviewed written report. Checked out two of houses that are a concern of the fire department. One appears to be unoccupied and the other he spoke with the owner.

Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report was reviewed.

Correspondence – Notice from NYS Office of Real Property Tax showing the Town gained about \$1 million in taxable assessed value with the addition of Armstrong and increases in NYSEG and National Fuel.

General Abstract #2-2022 Vouchers #14-25 in the amount of \$5668.44 in the General A Fund; Voucher #2 in the amount of \$3394.75 in the B Fund, #2 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$3581.58 approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0. The carpeting is now done in the board room.

Highway Abstract #2 -2022 Vouchers #16-30 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$84200.60 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 4-0. This includes the final payment of \$64836.43 for the grader.

Solar Escrow Account Abstract #2-2022, Vouchers #2-3 in the amount of in the amount of \$7755.25 were approved with a motion by Dan Acton, seconded by Kenn Burdick and carried 4-0. This is contingent on receiving additional funding from DRS.

Highway Report: The written Highway report was reviewed. Helped Village with a broken water line – temperature was -14 degrees. Mr. Ninos thanked Mr. Halsey for all his help.

- *New Pickup truck* – Mr. Halsey explained that there is no longer Fleet pricing. Estimate to trade in would be \$8373. This is for a 2022 2500 pickup. This would be through a dealership. Matthew Snyder asked how much would we lose if wait another year and Mr. Halsey stated he didn't know. Mr. Halsey added that the Village of Alfred is interested in buying the truck, just waiting to hear from them. Kenn Burdick felt that \$8000 was pretty high to have to pay on a 1-year truck. Mr. Halsey stated that a new truck without the plow would be around \$52,372, that gives us \$44,00 for the trade in. Dan Acton asked if the Village was willing to pay \$48,000 and Mr. Ninos felt that would be ok since they know where the truck is coming from but needs Village Board approval. That price does not include the plow. Fion MacCrea explained that the budgeted plan would allow for replacing the truck but the plow would be extra. Cost of new truck would be \$53,000 plus the cost of the plow. \$140,000 was budgeted for equipment less the grader payment. Suggested selling to Village for \$50,000 and that would include the plow. To purchase a new truck, it will have to be bid. Kenn Burdick asked about the timeframe and Mr. Halsey stated that it depends on if there are any trucks out there to purchase. If Village doesn't take it, may wait a year. For now, will put out for bid.

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Supervisor's Report:

- Matthew Snyder will do the Court Audit,
- Letter from Alfred Oaks (Northland Solar) stating they will comply with 94C State permitting process. Also, they will comply with all requirements of the Town Solar Law. Attorney Dwight Kanyuck stated they will comply other than possible setbacks and suggested the Town meet with them to go over it. Matthew Snyder stated that they may be concerned about the landscaping since there is so much road frontage. Also feels the Town should push for maintaining prime farmland. Fion MacCrea added that he feels setback could make a difference. Kenn Burdick stated that they are only using 700 acres so could leave roadside for farm land.
- Mr. Acton reported that CALIX – the company using the old Town building on Rt. 244 wants to meet with Mr. Acton to discuss future development.
- Spectrum regarding Franchise Fee – it was decided previously that the Town did not want to add a Franchise Fee.
- Craig Clark of Allegany Co. IDA asked Board's position on Alfred Community Solar in regards to a PILOT. Attorney Kanyuck responded that they are so small they should pay the full assessed value.

Kenn Burdick reported on the Village Board meeting.

Equipment Purchases: Fion MacCrea reported that at budget time there was talk about replacing the tractor. When plugged into the 5 year plan a cost of \$100,000 - \$120,000 would work. One tractor quote obtained by Mr. Halsey for a new one with the mower was \$144,000. A used one was between \$118,000 - \$130,000. Mr. MacCrea added that would sell the Kubota. New tractor would get things cleared back from the ditches. Also, potential Solar monies in the future could be used for equipment. Kenn Burdick asked how much the Kubota would sell for and Mr. Halsey thought between \$8000-10,000. The new one would be either a John Deere or Massey Ferguson with a 2-year warranty. Much heavier than the Kubota. If go with a used on there is no warranty. Matthew Snyder asked if there is any reason not to sell the Kubota now and see what it brings. Also, may want to finance a new one. Bob Halsey will list it on Auctions International and talk with the dealership in Syracuse.

Motion by Dan Acton to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 4-0. Executive Session ended at 8:32 with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Kenn Burdick and carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn at 8:33 was made by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Kenn Burdick and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

