

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 10, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Acton. Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Bill Cleveland, Matthew Snyder and Jerry Snyder. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Jean Cardinale, Tammy Brackett, Karen Tufty-Wisnewski and Kara Dobson. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim, Ninos. Representing the press was Jason Jordon.

Guests: Jean Cardinale and Tammy Brackett were present to express their concerns with a windmill on County RT 12 located on the adjoining neighbor's property. Ms. Cardinale stated that it is very noisy and the owner is very rarely in Town. When notified, the owner stated that he was in repair mode. The cover is off and approximately in April of this year he was notified of the issues and he told them someone was supposed to fix it soon. Ms. Cardinale stated that the noise became worse and they noticed sparks from it. They contacted the fire company who responded to the site. It was still not fixed and in full speed wind mode. They measured the sound with 5 different readings and the average decibels were well over the legal 60 decibels range. On May 4th a repairman came and the blades were put in locked mode. Ms. Cardinale wondered why it wasn't locked down when the problems started and feels it is in violation of the Town's Windmill Law. Requesting an amendment to the Local Law. Bill Cleveland asked if a reading was ever taken when it was working properly and Ms. Cardinale responded no but feels they could get a reading over the 60 decibels. Dan Acton added that if the Town has a law that states it can't go over 60 decibels, it would be in violation of that Local Law and Steve Kilmer should be contacted to investigate this further. Tammy Brackett added that the cover flew off and whenever anything goes wrong, they are the caretakers. Not their responsibility. Matthew Snyder suggested the Board review the Windmill Law. Ms. Cardinale and Ms. Brackett were thanked for bringing their concerns to the Town Board.

Karen Tufty-Wisnewski – Suggested putting double yellow lines on Moland Road and more asphalt on the shoulders. Dan Acton stated that he will have the Highway Superintendent look into and see if the Town can legally do this.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 4/12/18 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0 with one correction: Jamie Mansfield did not suggest the Town of Alfred and the Town of Almond buy a tractor together.

Police Report – Reviewed written report including incident report.

Monthly Report: The report was reviewed.

Correspondence: Assemblyman Joseph Giglio – CHIPS Funding Allocation

- 2018-19 CHIPS Aid: \$94,100.58
- 2018-19 PAVE-NY Aid: \$21479.39
- 2018-19 Extreme Winter Recovery Aid: \$17675.13

Hometown Heroes Banners Preview - May 20, 2018 at AAC 2:00 pm.

General Abstract #5- Vouchers #44-51 in the A General Fund, #10 in the B General Fund and #5 in the SF Fund for a total amount of \$9262.55 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0. Fion MacCrea stated that he has been trying to get information from NYSEG for LED's for the street lights with no success.

Highway Abstract #5- Vouchers #60-66 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$1251.52 and Vouchers #2-11 in the DB fund in the amount of \$25123.07 were approved with a motion by Dan Acton seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed written report which included repairs and maintenance of equipment.

- Serviced Kubota and 96 Mack – put Brine tank on. Removed plows off all trucks.
- Checked roads and ditches for flooding
- New Stop signs on Lake and Waterwells Roads.
- Work on Palmiter Road and Sugar Hill – new pipe and grinding. (CHIPS Projects) Will oil and stone in June.
- Work on Cornelius Road

Bob Halsey informed the Board that the owner of property at the top of Palmiter Road wants to log that land and then would haul down Palmiter Road. Mr. Halsey stated that he doesn't really want that weight on that new road and may consider a weight limit until winter. Midland Asphalt suggested keeping them off the road as long as possible. Jerry Snyder suggested contacting the owner and letting him know that the Town is in the process of rebuilding the road and could they wait until winter to do any logging. Matthew Snyder suggested posting the road with a weight limit until November so they will know when they can start. Mr. Halsey added that the forester told him they have about 1000 trees and have one year to get it done.

Supervisor:

- Grant for Court – looking at putting an addition off the side of the Town building for additional vault and storage space and a small office.
- Met with Pete McClain of the Village Board regarding Building permits and lack of receiving them from the Village Codes Enforcement Officer. Mr. McClain stated that he will look into it and see that the Assessor gets all permits.
- Downtown Revitalization Grant – Southern Tier Concrete may be applying for one and using it to take out trees and put up a retainer wall.
- Spreadsheet showing road schedule and when roads were worked on.

New Business: Jerry Snyder reported on his attendance at the Village Board meeting.

- Hot Dog Day is April 21st.
- Discussion on Tiny houses and possible consolidation of Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water.
- Potentially getting a generator for the water tower on Pine Hill.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report

Committee Reports: *Comprehensive Plan* is getting final work done on it. Kier Dirlam is working on Alfred and Almond's. Once completed, the Town and Village will sign off on it and have a Public Hearing.

Shared Services – Reviewed the straw poll and discussed which ones the Town would be willing to participate in.

Other Business- Allegany County Workmen's Comp requires all new employees, including elected officials, to have a physical.

Fion MacCrea reported that he has been working on equipment with Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey. Suggested a backhoe maybe a better choice than the current tractor. Could attach a mower to it and it could do a lot of the work that the excavator and tractor currently do. Bill Cleveland suggested a mid-mounted mower instead of the back mounted boom mower. Fion

MacCrea added that that would work for shoulder. Fion MacCrea stated that that would work for shoulder mowing with a boom mower. Bob Halsey stated that the only problem would be ditching would be hard. Fion MacCrea added that possibly could use the Town of Almond's excavator for ditching. Also, a good used one runs between \$20,000 - \$22,000.

Jerry Snyder mentioned the possibility of a 7' sickle bar and Fion MacCrea commented that not sure that will reach across the ditches and the thought was to make the mowing situation better. Bill Cleveland added that a sickle bar can be a high maintenance item.

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

A motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm was made by Fion MacCrea seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk