

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 9, 2020

The regular monthly meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Dan Acton.

Board members present were Dan Acton, Fion MacCrea, Bill Cleveland, Matthew Snyder and Wendy Dailey. Also in attendance were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Bill Dailey, Cara Dobson, Ray and Catherine Chambers, Noah and Dan Napolitano. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos. Representing the press was Dave Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

Noah Napolitano – Noah revealed the first panel of the sign. “L” for learning. Was painted by the Boy Scouts and showed the AACs Eagle. “R” for rescue is almost done. Bill Cleveland asked how it was all going to be put together. Noah N. explained that each panel will be lined up to match. The next letter will be “E” for education and will be done by college students. Jim Ninos asked about the red paint on the L and possibility of fading. Noah N. said he thought it would be ok. The installation is planned for the week of March 23-28. Will need to find a lift truck to attach to the building. There will be 7-8 panels – 80’ each at a cost of \$640 at most. Jim Ninos stated that Baker’s Bridge will contribute the cost of one of the panels. Dan Acton asked how the rest of the panels were going to be paid for. Dan Napolitano stated that they have to do some fund raising.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 12/12/2019 and 1/2/2020 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0

Police Report: Reviewed written report.

Code Enforcement Report: No Building permit application from NYSEG yet. Proposed Solar Farm on McHenry Valley Road. They have formed an LLC called Alfred Community. Most of the information was received via the *Alfred Sun* since they have not applied for a permit yet. Dan Acton stated that there is nothing in the current Zoning Law that addresses Solar Farms therefore it is not a permitted use. Matthew Snyder asked if it is not permitted due to it being a farm. Dan Acton responded that it is proposed for commercial use since they apparently are charging to join the Solar Farm.

Monthly Report: Received the State Aid and CHIPS.

Correspondence: Information from Allegany County showing County Tax Apportionment, salaries of Town Officials for all of the County. Association of Towns proposed legislation. Petition from area residents for No Sidewalks in Alfred Station. They state that they feel it is an infringement on their property and concern with maintenance. Jim Ninos stated that the Village is willing to plow. Mr. Ninos also asked what defines maintenance – snow removal not repairs. In regards to infringement of privacy – Dan Acton stated that the sidewalk will be located in the same foot print as the current shoulder. Fion MacCrea asked if at some point will there be a public meeting for residents to express their views. Mr. Acton stated there will be. Also looking to move the water line to the Dollar General side and they are surveying that now.

General Abstract #1- Vouchers #1-16 in the amount of \$36,120.08 in the General A Fund; Vouchers #1-2 in the amount of 4313.16 and #1 in the SF Fund in the amount of 3442.50. A motion to approve the bills was made by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Wendy Dailey and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #12A-2019 Vouchers #162-165 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$8857.37 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0. Highway Abstract #1-2020 – Vouchers #1-14 in the amount of \$23799.68 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Bob Halsey reviewed the written report that noted repairs to equipment and repairs to roads. Noted that Andover is borrowing the Sterling.

Equipment: Mr. Halsey has gotten some prices on Graders – New Case and John Deere and price on a used John Deere. Current grader is a 1994 Galion and can no longer get parts for it. Has about 30,000 hours. The Case is 3000 lbs. lighter than the Towns and the John Deere is heavier.

- John Deere – 2015 \$181,000 plus \$11,000 for a 6 year warranty. Can put plow on it. 40,000 lbs. Does not include trade in. Has 2900 hours.
- Case - \$181,093.49 4 Wheel, \$18,000 trade in. Cannot put plow equipment on it.

Wendy Dailey asked if sell outright what could you get for it? Bob stated probably about the same. Fion MacCrea added that \$131,000 was budgeted in the 2020 Budget so would have to look at financing options for balance. Next pieces of equipment to replace would be the excavator and a 10 wheeler. Financing is 3.45% for 36 months through John Deere for a payment of \$66,651.09 if financing whole amount. 60 months would be \$41,457.96.

Dan Acton stated wouldn't have to spend all that is budgeted. Matthew Snyder suggested putting a larger down payment down to get payments the following years in the \$50,000.00 range. This will have to be bid. Bill Cleveland stated that he is ok with a new or used, whatever Bob Halsey feels is best in regards to weight, etc. Concerns expressed are we on track with the rebuilding of the roads. Bob Halsey responded that yes, using CHIPS money. Fion MacCrea added that they didn't run out of money in 2019, weather was a part of it and ran out of time. Matthew Snyder added that bidding a used one could work out to about \$15,000 per year which seems pretty feasible. A motion was made by Matthew Snyder to bid a used grader per specs to be drawn up and bids opened at the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Parts for track on excavator: Received 3 quotes:

1. George Swede - \$9000 – can't get all the parts.
2. Anderson Equipment - \$5697 – can't get all the parts.
3. Mid Country Machinery - \$8576.44 – can get all parts.

A motion to accept the quote from Mid Country Machinery for \$8576.44 was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Wendy Dailey and carried 5-0. It was noted that this is just for parts. The highway crew will do the work.

Supervisor's Report:

- Website – Fion MacCrea stated it is being worked on. Need help with procurements of the Town. Most of the corrections have been made. Jim Ninos asked if there will be a link with the Village site and links to calendars. Yes that will be done. It was noted that any pictures submitted should credit the person that took the picture and should have permission from the person taking them and the people in them.
- Inter-Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement – Motion by Dan Acton to adopt this, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.
- Mr. Acton appointed Fion MacCrea Deputy Supervisor.

Building – Bill Cleveland explained what the plans are and where they are at. Can't do what was originally planned due to the Village water line. Not enough room for the roof line, then not enough room to the headers. Option to tear down and build new is too expensive. Looking at a 24' x 60' building built next to the cold storage building. So far, unable to get an estimate for one. Option now is to build a separate building and put it out to bid. Will need Architecture

blueprints. Jim Ninos suggested the possibility of giving it to the Alfred State Architecture students to design. Wendy Dailey asked is there any kind of Capital Project plan and is this a top priority. Dan Acton responded that he feels it does have priority due to a need to store equipment inside. Bill Cleveland asked Bob Halsey what his opinion was on storage of equipment and Mr. Halsey stated it would be nice, would help equipment last longer.

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 9:05 pm was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk