

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

September 11, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm with Board members Dan Acton, Mar Stearns, Jerry Snyder, and Bob Ormsby present. Absent was Fion MacCrea. Also present were Chief Tim O'Grady and Town Clerk Jan Burdick. Guests were Brad Price, Village Trustee Virginia Rasmussen, Mark Klingensmith and two students from Alfred State College in the leadership preparation program.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Acton with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Bob Ormsby, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of August 14, 2014.

**Police Report** – Reviewed written report. Supervisor Acton thanked Chief O'Grady on behalf of the Town for the great job he did during his tenure as Chief and noted that he will be missed. Mr. O'Grady is taking the Chief of Police position in the Village of Wellsville. Chief O'Grady reported that a 15 year old shot a gun at Benjamin's trailer park on Rt. 244 today and luckily no one was hurt.

**Codes Enforcement Officer** – reviewed written report.

**Monthly Report** – All ok

### **Correspondence:**

- NYSDEC – Old Patton landfill update.
- NYS Department of Ag. And Markets – dog kennel passed inspection.

**General Abstract #9**, vouchers #101 – 110 in the amount of \$8818.73 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.

**Highway Abstract #9**, vouchers #113-125 in the amount of \$12663.19 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded Mary Stearns and carried 4-0.

**Highway Report** – Reviewed written report of work that has been done this summer. Planning on oil and stoning McAndrews next week and Cornelius? Jerry Snyder questioned why Cornelius Road was being done and Dan Acton stated that the crew felt it needed to be done instead of Shaw Road. Shaw Road was approved for a CHIPS project this year. A motion was made by Dan Acton to approve Cornelius Road instead of Shaw Road for CHIPS project, seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 4-0.

**Town Clerk** – reviewed written report. Reported on progress of Job Trax position. Vault is almost completed with several bags being shredded.

### **Supervisor's Report –**

- Attended FEMA kick off meeting. FEMA project will include culvert on Waterwells Road. Present were 6 Federal and State FEMA representatives. Jamie Mansfield was present to help answer questions and took them out to show the projects.
- Supervisor Dan Acton filed the CHIPS quarterly report with the state DOT. \$10,000 will come out of the Winter Emergency funds.
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- Met with Mayor of Village. Would like to have a joint meeting with the Town Board to pursue a joint highway department. If Village has 1 person retire that would leave them with 1 ½ men. Jim McNaulty does ½ water and ½ streets. The proposal would be that

Bryan Dodge remain on the Village payroll but work with the Town and the Town crew would do Village streets. Mary Stearns stated that there is a lot more than just plowing streets. Jerry Snyder added that Town crews have to have the roads cleared for the school buses 1<sup>st</sup>. Concern was if get a heavy snowfall – can all our roads and the Village roads get done. Mary Stearns also expressed concern about staying within the 2% property cap. After further discussion and concerns it was decided that a joint meeting should be held along with the crews from the Town and Village. It was decided that more information is needed as to what is involved with the Village streets before a meeting is scheduled.

- Former Short's Gas Station and Convenience Store site – Dan Acton cited the NYS Property Maintenance Code regarding the exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good condition, all exterior walls will be maintained.” Mr. Acton stated that he does not feel that building is in compliance. Jerry Snyder asked what he hopes to accomplish and Mr. Acton stated that he would like them to enclose it. Mary Stearns stated that she has not seen any activity over there in regards to any kind of partying. Just some kids tried to skateboard. Dan Acton stated that he felt the building the way it is in no benefit to the community. It was also noted that the diesel fuel pumps there are currently not working. Supervisor Acton stated that he will consult with Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer and see what can be done.
- WEX – Government Fleet credit card system. All paperwork completed and ready to submit.
- Zoning Amendment – Final copy is done. Concern with brine - the Town uses it in the summer for road stabilization and dust control - if can't use would have to use calcium chloride. Would have to go to Watkins Glen to pick it up and have to pay for it which would make it very expensive. Brine from vertical wells will be acceptable. Will send to County Planning Board and Town Attorney for approval before scheduling Public Hearing.
- Sale of Pickup –Wait till arrival of new pick up.

**New Business - 2015 Budget** – discussion of salary for Highway Superintendent in the 2015 Budget included suggesting rolling it back by 10%. Jerry Snyder commented that a new person will have a lot to learn but at the same time want them to perform, incentive to perform and do better knowing that the budget amount comes up every year. Mary Stearns added that have to take into account that the Town pays 100% of health insurance. Need to consider that it isn't just the amount of salary – most places don't pay 100% of health insurance. After further discussion a budget workshop was scheduled for September 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

**Other Business** - Jerry Snyder reported on attendance at the Village Board meeting – Hot Dog Day Committee – trying to bring it under control. Kenyon Children's Park – volunteers for next 2 weeks to fix it.

**Bank Statements** - A motion by Dan Acton to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm by Mary Stearns, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted, Janice L. Burdick, Town Clerk

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