

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 11, 2019

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, Bill Cleveland, Matthew Snyder and Jerry Snyder. Absent was Fion MacCrea. Also in attendance were Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer and Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Fred Sinclair, Bill Dailey and Cara Dobson. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos. Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

GUESTS: Jim Ninos, President of Baker's Bridge Historical Organizational, announced that they have a historic marker for the new Baker's Bridge. It will have a red and white sign that they would like to put in the triangle on Rt. 244. Mr. Ninos was informed that since that is a State highway, will need NYSDOT approval. Bill Cleveland expressed concern that it may get hit there and maybe it could be placed on the bridge.

Fred Sinclair: Mr. Sinclair was present to express his concern of 5G in regards to the microwave frequencies and where they are going to be positioning it here. They will be put on poles right outside of homes. Mr. Sinclair added that he saw gray boxes being attached to the electric poles in the Town and Village. He also stated that there will be satellites that will be positioned to aim at poles to enhance communications. Mr. Sinclair distributed a portion of the Bioinitiative Report for 2012 and explained that when he was a County Legislator mapped out all the towers that were in the County that were used for telecommunications. Some are using focused beams to send signals to the Police and Fire stations. Now additional towers are being erected. Mr. Sinclair asked what is happening with these towers and what are they sending into the Village and Town? Due to the signals coming into the area, FM channels doesn't work in spots due to the interference. Now with 5G what additional load will be added? Mr. Sinclair added that this is very concerning. Online is a complete 1500 page report and included in the report it states that it is affecting our brains and only going to get worse. Mr. Sinclair also stated that he distributed this to all Legislators and both Colleges and has gotten no response. He is proposing to do a next level of mapping and a study of electromagnetic in the Town and Village. With about 8000 students all with cell phones and laptops real concern. Dan Acton asked Mr. Sinclair who would do the studies and Mr. Sinclair stated that he would do it and is asking for Town support. Right now 5G is being tested in 6 cities; concern is there is no scientific study. Can affect animals as well as humans. Dan Acton asked Mr. Sinclair if what he is suggesting is that the towers are currently dangerous and 5G will make it worse. Mr. Acton stated that in the summary there are no suggestions and Mr. Sinclair responded that in the updated report there are suggestions. Mr. Sinclair added that he would like to see some grant money for the meters and will also approach the County. Looking for letter of support. Need to climb on top of this. In our homes need to use more fiber optic cable and less wifi. Jerry Snyder stated that he would like to get some numbers and understand what is going on. Bill Dailey asked if anyone has given a timeframe of when the 5G is going to affect people. Mr. Sinclair responded that there are even waves in baby monitors and instead of using wifi should be hard wired. Mr. Sinclair stated that greed instead of public health is the problem.

Zoning Amendments: A public hearing will be held at the May meeting for comments on Local Law #1-2019 – Amendments to the Zoning Law.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 3/14/19 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 4-0.

Code Enforcement Report: Reported that he met with James Beiler who wants to start a chicken processing plant at his property on Jericho Hill. Mr. Beiler will need a Zoning Permit

and has approval from the NYS Department of Ag. and Markets. Also looking to sell meat, cheese, baked goods, etc. in building by road. Reviewed written report that includes issuing John Lang and Certificate of Occupancy. Attended training school. Dan Acton informed Mr. Kilmer that he received a complaint about the appearance at the Short's property on Rt. 244. Issue is with items being stored there from Southern Tier Concrete. Bill Cleveland asked Mr. Kilmer for his opinion on an addition to the steel building. Mr. Kilmer stated a pole barn would run about \$15-30 per sq. ft. Looking at 864 sq. ft. would be between \$18,000-26,000 that would not include the floor or doors. Bill Cleveland asked if the Amish could do it and Mr. Kilmer stated as long as they could prove that they have insurance or a letter showing they are self-insured. Other discussion included contacting Alfred State College Construction Program.

Police Report: Reviewed written report. Chief will attend next month's meeting.

Monthly Report: All ok.

Correspondence: SPCA contract. Tabled until DCO can be asked about it.

General Abstract #4- Vouchers #36-44 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$7864.59, #5-6 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$3312.91 and #4 in the SF Fund for \$3375.00 were approved with a motion by Bill Cleveland seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 4-0.

Highway Abstract #4- Vouchers #56- 67 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$150834.70 and Voucher #3-5 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$3355.94 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 4-0. This includes \$140,000.00 for the 2014 Mack truck.

Highway Report: Bob Halsey reviewed his written report.

- Put the plows away for spring.
- Filled potholes and fixed tires on the roller and grader.
- The 1996 truck is on Auctions International and is currently up to \$7200 with one week to go.

Mr. Halsey expressed his concerns with logging company wanting to start logging and using Palmeter Road. Mr. Halsey suggested they use Sugar Hill so they are trying to get permission from the State to cross state land to get to Sugar Hill. Mr. Halsey added that he feels the Town needs a Local Law to protect the roads. It wouldn't stop local deliveries but would allow him to post a weight limit on the roads to protect them. If they can use Sugar Hill that road isn't has curvy and feels it will handle the weight better than Palmeter. Can post it for weight if the Town has a Local Road Use Law. Mr. Halsey stated that after he oil and stones those two roads they need to set for a couple of months without any heavy traffic. Matthew Snyder asked if the law can require a bond, can't block everyone from logging and using Town Roads but if they have to get a bond Town wouldn't have to suffer the consequences of the road being broken up. It was suggested the Town Attorney be consulted for wording. Jerry Snyder added that need to be careful that we're not restricting the income of residents. Matthew Snyder responded that is why you would make them get a bond – they can still use the road but Town is protected.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Acton asked Mr. Halsey if he had done an annual review of the Building? Mr. Halsey didn't realize he was supposed but will do it.

Supervisor Acton attended the Village Board meeting. April 27th is Hot Dog Day.

Town Clerk – Informed the Board of a copy of the County's Comprehensive Plan is available in the Office for review and comments.

Bank Statements - A motion by Bill Cleveland to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0. A motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 4-0. Respectfully submitted, Janice L. Burdick Town Clerk

