

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING 2020 BUDGET

November 14, 2019

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

All Board members were present. Also in attendance was Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey, Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Guests included Kier Dirlam from the Allegany County Planning Department, Noah and Dan Napolitano, Bill and Wendy Dailey and Christel Rodd. Representing the Village of Alfred was Jim Ninos.

Supervisor Acton opened the Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget. There were no comments on the budget; the Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

2020 Budget – A motion was made by Bill Cleveland to adopt the 2020 Budget as presented, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. It was noted that the budget did come in under the 2% Tax Cap.

Noah Napolitano – Eagle Scout Project: Presented more option for the mural. It will consist of 8 – 8 x 4' panels. Will be going to see what kind of material will be best. Would have each panel painted by different groups in the community. Need the design to be finalized so he can have the project completed by April 4, 2020. Concerns expressed were how long material would last and what kind of paint could be used that won't fade. Noah stated he would like to start in mid January and have everything painted by March. Noah was asked where the work will be done and he responded that Boy Scout Meetings, cafeteria at AAC and other possible locations.

Kier Dirlam – Explained the timeframe for adopting the Town and Village Comprehensive Plan. They have reviewed the comments from the public and are working on how to incorporate them into the plan. Made businesses more generic to types of business instead of specific businesses. Mr. Dirlam distributed the steps for approval and stated that it could be approved in 2 months. The next step will be the Public Hearing – can be scheduled 30 days after SEQR is completed. The Public Hearing will be Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. A motion to schedule the public hearing for January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0. Motion by Dan Acton to refer the Comprehensive Plan to the County Planning Board, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0. Motion by Dan Acton to make the Town be lead agency in the SEQR process seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Letters must be sent to surrounding Towns informing them of this action. Kier Dirlam then went through the Full Environmental Assessment Form – Part 2 and asked the Board the 18 questions. The Board responded "No" to all. At the Public Hearing, a vote will be held showing there is no environmental impact from this plan.

Police Report: Received via email.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Reviewed written report.

Monthly Report: All ok.

Correspondence:

- Allegany County Real Property Tax Department – Aged Exemption. Currently at \$12,000. Currently have 6 people that are receiving this. Dan Acton stated that he would like to raise it to \$14,000. Jerry Snyder stated that we have to consider where we live, don't have many with a 6 figure income. A motion was made by Dan Acton to approve the following resolution raising the partial tax exemption to \$14,000, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1-2019

TITLE: RESOLUTION CHANGING THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR THE PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

WHEREAS: the Town Board of the Town of Alfred is changing the income limit for partial tax exemption for persons who are over 65 years of age from \$12,000 to \$14,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Alfred, agrees to raise the income limit for partial tax exemption for persons who are over 65 years of age from \$12,000 to \$14,000

- Association of Towns – school for newly elected officials. Wendy Dailey will be attending.
- NYSDEC – Wants to purchase land from James Booker that adjoins Phillips Creek State Forest. Question was raised as to how much they are paying for it and what % of taxes would be paid.

General Abstract #11- Vouchers #84-930 in the General A Fund in the amount of \$1970.68, #15 in the General B Fund in the amount of \$3262.91 and #11 in the SF Fund for \$3375.00 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #11- Vouchers #128-145 in the DA Highway Fund in the amount of \$11469.71 plus Voucher #122 to George and Swede from October and Voucher #47-49 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$3281.30 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed the written report. Superintendent Halsey reported on repairs to equipment and road work completed which included piling shoulders on McAndrews Road and patching holes on Cornelius, East Valley, Davis and Sherman Roads. Dan Acton brought up the maintenance of the sidewalk on the new bridge and that it is the Town's responsibility to shovel it. It was suggested a sign be put up that says the sidewalk is closed in the winter.

Supervisor's Report:

- Suggested need for a local law regulating solar farms. – refer to the Planning Board.
- 2020 Budget - \$30,000 from fund balance to build addition on metal building. To sell Town property, may need a public referendum. When the property is sold, put that money back into fund balance.
- Call from Clark-Patterson – AU planning on putting a Sports Complex on Jericho Hill. Track, field and dome. looking into bringing sewer and water from the Village. Mr. Acton told them he felt it was a bad idea; it is a residential area and most hazardous road in Allegany County. Mr. Acton suggested they put it behind property they own on Pine Hill. They will need a building and zoning permit.
- Village Board meetings: January – Matthew Snyder, February – Fion MacCrea, March – Wendy Dailey, April – Dan Acton, May – Matthew Snyder.
- Mayor of the Village received an email from Family Dollar looking for property in the Village – she referred them to the Town. Haven't heard from them.
- Group of 5 reviewing bids for the sidewalks to be installed on Route 21. Clark-Patterson will coordinate it with the water project. They are willing to meet with each property owner for input and will only go on one side of the highway. Once they come up with a

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design there will be a public hearing for comments from the residents. Mr. Acton and Mr. Ninos have talked with residents that will be affected by this and there are some that don't want to lose any of their front lawn. Will work closely with NYSDOT. Sidewalk will be on opposite side of water line.

- Sidewalk on Baker's Bridge - Per agreement with DOT, the Town did agree to maintain the sidewalk. Dan Acton suggested putting it out for bid. When there is 2" of snow or more it would need to be cleared within 24 hours of the end of the snow fall. Would have to show proof of insurance. Motion by Bill Cleveland to bid it out, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.
- Assessor has requested a new printer and this was okayed.

Town Clerk – New computers – AU has 3 year old computers for sale for \$80 plus \$50 each to install software. It was agreed to purchase 2 computers – one for Town Clerk and one for Assessor.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Motion to go to Executive Session to discuss Union Negotiations at 9:25 pm was made by Dan Acton, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:30 pm by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Bill Cleveland and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk