

Town of Alfred
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 14, 2025

The regular monthly meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge to the Flag. The following Board members were present: Supervisor Fion MacCrea, Matthew Snyder, Brad Burdick, Jesse Szalc, and Stefanie Burdick. Also present were: Josh McGraw and Mayor Jim Ninos. Others present were Town Clerk Jan Burdick and Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey. VIA Zoom: Fred Sinclair.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 10, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved with a motion by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed monthly report. Highway Superintendent reported that all CHIPS projects have been completed. Mr. Halsey reported that there are new regulations regarding how CHIPS money can be spent in regards to buying equipment. If CHIPS money is used, you have to retain and maintain that piece of equipment for 10-12 years. Have to submit a form to the State for their approval prior to purchasing.

MACE: MACE has contacted Alfred University regarding the planting of trees that was supposed to be done at the beginning of the project per the SUP conditions. Since they haven't planted them yet, they are in violation of the SUP. Tammy Raub of AU stated that she would check into it and get back to MACE. Matthew Snyder commented that he has been following up on this with MACE and the possibility of a fine and/or Stop Work Order. Fred Sinclair added that they are starting work earlier in the morning than they stated in their SEQR. Asked if they are going to stick to their SEQR when they start events? In regards to the Verizon Tower, Mr. Sinclair stated that he hasn't seen the drawings. Supervisor MacCrea responded that a Building Permit is not required and Mr. Sinclair added that time is running out to issue and Mr. MacCrea again stated that there are not grounds for MACE to issue a Building permit. Mr. Sinclair then stated that he felt the Board should have let the neighbors know what is going on and feels they are going to install 5G or 6G. Supervisor MacCrea stated that he understands but there are other installations going on around us. This topic was discussed at 2 or 3 meetings. Mr. Sinclair stated that he understands this is a done deal but concerned. Law that was worked on was never put in place and would hope this Board would take seriously having a Planning Board and looking to them for recommendations. Mr. MacCrea stated that he agrees with the need for Wireless Facility Local Law to be pushed forward and get the Planning Board working on it. In regards to the AU Saxon Hill Project, Matthew Snyder commented that he has heard that they start as early as 6:00 am.

Stefanie Burdick asked if there are any updates on the EconoLodge and was told no.

Local Law revision of Codes Enforcement – MACE is sending this to all their Towns so all have similar laws. The Town can adopt this local law submitted by MACE and Town Attorney Dwight Kanyuck suggested adopting it. The prior resolution will have to be rescinded, referencing SEQR and adopting revised law. This will be discussed and approved at the September meeting.

Monthly Reports – NYClass investments doing good. Budget Workshop is scheduled for September 18th at 1:00 pm.

Correspondence: Chief VanSkiver submitted a letter regarding ATV and UTV's in the Town of Alfred. Jesse Szalc explained that the Police had to do something so the Chief met with the County DA and State Police. The APD is going to go ahead and stop them if on a Town road and educate them. Will be the officer's discretion whether to issue a ticket depending on the situation. The idea is to try and cut down in the Village and Town speeding and noise. Also, will be talking to Joe Kent about educating riders that they will only be allowed on certain Town of Alfred roads. Matthew Snyder added that the problem with the Town is it is divided by County

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and State Roads and they are not allowed on those roads. Chief VanSkiver felt positive about moving forward with this approach and hold off on a Local Law. To date, have stopped 7 UTV's on Town Road and issued 4 traffic citations related to ATV/UTV use.

General Abstract #8-2025 Vouchers #82- 89 in the amount of \$2099.32 in the General A Fund; Voucher #9-10 in the amount of \$ 3626.03 in the B Fund, #8 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$3799.75 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #8-2025 Vouchers #101-105 in the DA Fund in the amount of \$1716.50 Voucher #23-30 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$117128.60 were approved with a motion by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

DCO - Supervisor MacCrea reported that he received a call from the Town of Almond concerned that Jude Wahl wasn't checking on dogs in the kennel often enough. Mr. MacCrea will discuss this with the DCO. A motion was made by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Jesse Szalc to appoint Town of Almond DCO as Deputy Town of Alfred DCO. Carried 5-0.

Supervisors Report:

Water Chestnut Road Use Agreement - Bond amount still needs to be agreed upon. Town Attorney Dwight Kanyuck advised that it is usually \$100,000/mile plus the bridge on East Valley Road. A motion was made by Matthew Snyder seconded by Jesse Szalc to approve the Water Chestnut Road Use Agreement, contingent on the bond amount, and carried 5-0. They will send a map showing the routes they will be using.

Water Chestnut Host Community Agreement: 1st year \$2500 per MW for a total of \$8500. Motion by Jesses Szalc, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0 to accept the Agreement. Payment start date will commence when it connects to the grid. They hope to start this Fall.

Sell of Town Property: Permissive Referendum Notice was published. The petition meeting the requirement of Article 7 of the Town Law was filed by August 11, 2025 protesting the July 10, 2025 Resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract for the sale to Southern Tier Concrete for two parcels of surplus Town property located on Hamilton Hill Road, having Tax Map #152.-1-19 (Parcel A) and consisting of 29.96 acres, and on County Road No. 42 having Tax Map #152.-1-52 and consisting of 0.41 acres (Parcel B). ion was made by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Matthew Snyder to have the Town Attorney draw up a contract

Solar Law: request Planning Board to review the Solar Law while the Moratorium in in effect.

Teamsters Contract - Jesse Szalc and Stefanie Burdick met with them to begin negotiations.

Assessors Report: Submitted a list of sales through July.

Mayor Ninos – Community Conversation will be held Tuesday. Prior to that a meeting will be held with DOT and discussion on what to do with money that could be awarded for possible bicycle/walking paths on State Rt. 244 from the Village down through the Town.

A motion to go into Executive session at 8:32 pm to discuss collective bargaining negotiations was made by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 9:55 pm with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. A motion to adjourn was made at 9:55 by Brad Burdick, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk