

Town of Alfred
Public Hearing – Cable Franchise Agreement
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 11, 2025

The Public Hearing for the renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications was opened at 7:00 pm. All Board members were present. Also present were Bryan Dodge and Ben Link of the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Department and Kathy Benzaquin. Also present was Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Josh McGraw questioned if this agreement was much different than the Village's and Supervisor Szalc stated he didn't think so. Being no other comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 with a motion by Josh McGraw, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0. The regular monthly meeting was then opened and a motion to enter Executive Session was made by Stefanie Burdick, seconded by Jesse Szalc and carried 5-0 to discuss contract negotiations with the Alfred Station Volunteer Department. Executive Session was adjourned at 7:10 with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0. Supervisor Szalc stated that the proposed Fire Contract will be a 4 -year contract starting with 2026 with the amount budgeted in the 2026 Budget. After that the contract will increase \$3000 per year.

Arriving at 7: 20 pm were Village Mayor Jim Ninos and Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 13, 2026 meeting were approved with a motion by Josh McGraw, seconded by Jesse Szalc and carried 5-0. Supervisor Szalc noted that the .gov website and emails have been created.

Approval of Cable Franchise Agreement: A motion to approve the cable franchise renewal agreement with Charter Communications was made by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

Police Report: Reviewed written report that showed an increase in calls for service and arrests. Calls and other activity have increased over 20%.

Highway Report: Reviewed monthly report. 2014 Mack sander chain broke. Waiting on parts.

MACE: Reviewed report. Reduced 2026 contract to \$9.00/parcel but additional for Zoning bring it to \$10/parcel.

Dog Control- reviewed report.

Monthly Reports. Budget modifications were approved by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: New Enterprise Public Hearing on amount of water to be used in the future. Mayor Ninos stated that they have checked into in and the Village wells should be ok and that the Aquifer can handle it.

IDA Solar Projects in Allegany County fact sheet.

General Abstract #12-2025 Vouchers #122-131 in the amount of \$6415.95 in the General A Fund; Voucher #14 in the amount of \$ 3602.58 in the B Fund, #12 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$3799.75 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Jesse Szalc and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #12-2025 Vouchers #146-154 in the DA Fund in the amount of \$14308.57 and Voucher #41 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$2400.75 were approved with a motion by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Report: Comprehensive Plan Committee. Jesse Szalc talked with Kier Dirlam of the County, who filled Mr. Szalc in on how the whole process works. Mr. Dirlam's office will be there every step of the way, will organize and contact everyone. Recommends a 9-11-member board with 5 from the Village and 5 from the Town. Mr. Dirlam stated that the options are to update the current plan or if a lot needs to be done, start over. A motion was made by Jesse

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Szalc to establish a Comprehensive Plan committee to update the Town and Village Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 5-0.

A motion to adopt Resolution#4- 2025 to accept a donation from the Sugar Hill Development Corporation and change the name of the road to Jessup Drive was made by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Jesse Szalc and carried 5-0. Brent Reynolds, representing the Sugar Hill Corporation stated that after all expenses are accounted for there should be approximately \$100,000.00 to donate to the Town. They need approval to dissolve by the Attorney General and anticipate that to happen around March. Mr. Reynolds added that they are looking forward to donating that money to help with the purchase of a new truck.

Email from Chief of Police Van Skiver regarding towing policy by Village Police. Alfred Auto has expressed concern that he isn't being called. Chief VanSkiver explained that he doesn't have AAA so he is 2nd on the list. Many people request a tow truck that is AAA. Hess is AAA and 24-hour service.

Received a call from a lawyer that is the Town Attorney in Belfast. Set rate of \$5000/year plus hourly rate for any court time. Mr. Szalc added that this is just information but very happy with current Town Attorney Dwight Kanyuck.

Village Report- Mayor Jim Ninos asked about the 2026 Police Contract. The new contract per 2026 budget included a 3% increase. Mr. Ninos added that some Village Board member's feel the Town should be paying more. Alex Rosell was named Top Cop for Allegany County.

Other Business: Planning Board met Wednesday. The different members are working on various solar concerns.

Being this is the last regular meeting for Matthew Snyder and Stefanie Burdick, Supervisor Szalc on behalf of the residents of the Town of Alfred, thanked them both for their commitment and all the work they have done for the Town and presented them with certificates. Thank you both!

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:12 by Stefanie Burdick, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk

2025 Year End Meeting

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The 2025 Year end meeting was held at 6:00 pm December 29, 2025 with the pledge to the flag. Present were Supervisor Jesse Szalc, Stefanie Burdick, Josh McGraw, and Brad Burdick. Absent was Matthew Snyder. Also, Town Clerk Janice Burdick. Others present were Kathy Benzaquin and her sister and Kate Rogers.

A motion was made to go to Executive Session at 6:02 pm to discuss Union Contract Negotiations by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 4-0. Executive Session ended at 6:16 pm with a motion by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 4-0. The Union Contract for 2026 – 2028 was approved with a motion by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 4-0.

The Alfred Station Volunteer Fireman's Contract for 2026 – 2029 was approved with a motion by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 4-0.

2025 Year End Budget Amendments- a motion was made by Jesse Szalc seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 4-0 to approve the attached budget transfers for 2025. Included was receipt of the CHIPS reimbursement.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Szalc appointed Brad Burdick as Deputy Supervisor for 2026. Mr. Burdick was then administered the Oath of Office.

A motion was made by Jesse Szalc to reappoint Janice Burdick as Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Registrar of Vital Statistics, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 4-0 and was then administered the Oath of Office.

Swearing in of new Town Officials: Oath of Office to the following newly elected Officials: Supervisor Jesse Szalc, Councilpersons Kathy Benzaquin and Kate Rogers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm with a motion by Stefanie Burdick, seconded by Jesse Szalc and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
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