

Town of Alfred
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge to the Flag. Board members present were: Supervisor Jesse Szalc, Brad Burdick, Josh McGraw, Kathleen Benzaquin and Kate Rogers. Others present were Mayor Jim Ninos, Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey and Town Clerk Jan Burdick. Guests were Stefanie Burdick.

Police Report: Reviewed written report. December has quieted down but tickets are up to 959 for the year. Kate Rogers asked if there is a reason for the increase and Mayor Jim Ninos responded that the Police Department has been asked to be more proactive especially on County Rt 12 and Lake Road. Calls for service have remained steady.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 11, 2025 and December 29, 2025 were moved for approval with a motion by Brad Burdick, seconded by Kathleen Benzaquin and carried 5-0. Kathleen Benzaquin requested that when a program is listed by it's initials it be spelled out. Also, giving someone's title.

Highway Report: Reviewed monthly report. Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey reported that they have been busy plowing and sanding. Reviewed equipment repairs: 2016 Ram - new oil pan and radiator fan caused damage to the radiator. 2010 Mack- bearing in transmission. Mutual Aid Agreement with Allegany County Highway Association. Bob Halsey explained that when they do oil and stoning other Town's help us and we help them. If equipment breaks down, can borrow trucks from other Towns or the County. A motion was made by Jesse Szalc to approve the agreement, seconded by Kate Rogers and carried 5-0.

MACE: (Municipal Association of Code Enforcement). Reviewed report.

Dog Control: reviewed report. Reviewed report from the Department of Agriculture and Markets. Report was unsatisfactory due to incomplete records.

Correspondence: Information provided by Allegany County: Countywide Town Officials Salaries, Countywide Equalization Rates and Town Levy.

General Abstract #1-2026 Vouchers #1-11 in the amount of \$3469.88 in the General A Fund; Voucher #1-3 in the amount of \$8143.66 in the B Fund, #1 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$4083.33. Also prepay National Fuel when the bill comes in. These were approved with a motion by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Kate Rogers and carried 5-0. The A fund includes the Insurance premium of \$27,180.32

Highway Abstract #1-2026 Vouchers #1-9 in the DA Fund in the amount of \$26528.50 were approved with a motion by Kathleen Benzaquin, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Report:

- Court Audit – Kate Rogers stated she would do it.
- Logging Law - Looking at the Town of Hartsville's Local Law. Would add an increase in Insurance, landing zone on property they are logging, Permit Fee, and permit for each parcel being logged. Logger would be responsible but if can't contact them then the landowner would be responsible. Mr. Halsey stated that right now they are using the side of the road for loading which is breaking up the shoulder.
- Change in date of February meeting. A motion was made by Jesse Szalc to change the February meeting date from February 12, 2026 to February 19th due to the Supervisor being out of Town. The motion was seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

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Town Board representatives for Village meetings will be as follows:

- January 13th – Jesse Szalc
 - February – Kathleen Benzaquin
 - March – Brad Burdick
 - April – Josh McGraw
 - May – Kate Rogers
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- Vacant Seats on Town Boards: Planning Board- A motion was made by Kathleen Benzaquin to appoint Stefanie Burdick to fill Kris Beck's term, seconded by Kate Rogers and carried 5-0. A motion was made by Jesse Szalc to appoint Matthew Snyder to fill Don Cameron's unexpired term on the Board of Assessment Review, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0. That leaves on vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - Moratorium on AI Data Centers: Kathleen Benzaquin asked about this. Supervisor Szalc will ask the Town Attorney to look into this.
 - Comprehensive Plan Committee – Supervisor Szalc reported that Kathleen Benzaquin and Josh McGraw are interested. A motion was made by Jesse Szalc to appoint Stefanie Burdick and Tim Cochran from the Planning Board and Meghan Snyder representing Agriculture to the Comprehensive Plan Committee, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0. Representing the Town Board will be Josh McGraw and Kathleen Benzaquin.
 - Water Chestnut Solar Project – plan on starting in March. Shawn Grasby, Solar Codes Enforcement Officer, is ready to issue the Building Permit.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:29 by Josh McGraw, seconded by Kathleen Benzaquin and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk