

Town of Alfred
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 10, 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 and Stefanie Burdick. Jesse Szalc was present via Zoom. Also present were: Kathy Benzaquin, Josh McGraw, Catherine Chambers, and Mayor Jim Ninos. Others present were Town Clerk Jan Burdick and Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey. VIA Zoom: Fred Sinclair, Katie Rogers, Mark Klingensmith, and representing the *Alfred Sun*, Abby Sexsmith. The public comment period for Local Law #2- 2025 Repeal and Replace Local Law #1-2005 for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Code and Energy Code was closed.

Guests: Catherine Chambers: Concerned that the trees at the Saxon Sports Complex have not been planted yet. Matthew Snyder stated that he touched base with MACE and LaChase Construction. LaChase said they are not responsible for planting the trees. They are working on the final grading and once that is completed, will follow through with Alfred University. Catherine Chambers felt AU should be fined for not doing it. Supervisor MacCrea stated they will keep everyone posted on this topic.

Fred Sinclair: Asked about the Stadium Lights and wondered if there has been any discussion on the lights. Supervisor MacCrea informed Mr. Sinclair that there was much discussion on the lighting and a lighting study was also done and reviewed by the engineers. Mr. Sinclair also asked about the battery packs for the Northland Solar. Mr. MacCrea explained that that project has been pushed back to late 2027, early 2028. Also stated that with the moratorium on solar projects, gives Town time to look at battery storage and the amount of land that can be used for solar projects.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 12, 2025 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing were approved with a motion by Stefanie Burdick, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

MACE: Report was reviewed. Inspection at EconoLodge resulted in shutting down three apartments due to the leach field collapsing. A new septic system will be required. Along with MACE was the Village of Alfred Police Department, Allegany County Department of Health and Allegany County DSS.

Correspondence: Received a resignation letter from the cleaner. Allegany County Planning Board approved Local Law #2-2025.

Highway Report: Reviewed monthly report. Been mowing. Helped other Town's with oil and stoning. They helped the Town when the Town did their oil and stoning. Finished CHIPS projects. Mr. Halsey reported that there are new regulations regarding how CHIPS money can be spent.

Monthly Reports – all ok for now.

General Abstract #7-2025 Vouchers #71-81 in the amount of \$7059.88 in the General A Fund; Voucher #8 in the amount of \$ 3602.58 in the B Fund, #7 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$3799.75 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Stefanie Burdick and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #7-2025 Vouchers #96-100 in the DA Fund in the amount of \$3223.84, Voucher #16-22 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$128677.94 were approved with a motion by Stefanie Burdick, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

Solar Abstract #7-2025 Vouchers #6-8 in the amount of \$10781.80 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

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Unfinished Business – Malcolm Lane project. Will be referred to the Planning Board and then to the County Planning Board. Kathy Benzaquin asked about the private road he is proposing and Mr. MacCrea explained that he would have to build it to Town specs and then deed it to the Town. Catherin Chambers was concerned that these will become Air BnBs not occupied by the owners and is there anything that can be done to prevent that.

DCO - Since the Barrett's have moved, not as many calls and complaints.

Supervisors Report:

Resolution to sell the Town Property. A resolution was presented authorizing the sell of Town Property and was moved by Brad Burdick, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0. The resolution must be posted in the newspaper and then the sale can be completed.

Information from the Association of Towns defining how reusable energy projects are assessed. This will amend the method for assessing these projects.

Northland Host Community Agreement – This has not been approved by the Town yet. Due to changes in how this will be assessed, may want to look at this again. Mr. MacCrea will check with Craig Clark of the County IDA, Shawn Grasby and Attorney Kanyuck.

Assessor's Report was reviewed. Stated that she would like to be reappointed to another 6-year term.

Teamsters Contract - Looking at times to meet to discuss the Union Contract negotiations. Supervisor MacCrea reported that he will be moving out of the area and therefore will be stepping down before the end of the year. Discussion was had about the Deputy and who would fill the position until January 1st. It was suggested that Matthew Snyder continue as Deputy, Jesse be appointed Supervisor and Josh McGraw be appointed to fill Jesse Szalc's unexpired term. Kathy Benzaquin stated that she or Kate Rogers would like to be considered to fill the vacancy.

Change Superintendent of Highways from a 2-year elected term to a 4-year elected term. In order to have this put on the ballot in November, the Town would have to pass a local law allowing a Public Referendum. This will probably have to wait until the next general election.

ATV Law – Police Chief Van Skiver reported to the Supervisor that they are having a problem with AV's. Wants to know what the Town plans on doing in regards to a local law. Without one, he doesn't have the ability to issue any tickets. Currently have Andover's Law but would have to be amended to list what roads ATV's would be allowed. If have a local law, would give the police grounds to pull someone over and do safety checks. Supervisor MacCrea suggested having Chief Van Skiver attend the next meeting to discuss this further.

A motion to go into Executive session at 8:27 pm was made by Fion MacCrea, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 9:03 pm with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0. A motion to adjourn was made at 9:03 by Stefanie Burdick, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk