

Town of Alfred
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 9, 2025

The regular monthly meeting was opened by Deputy Supervisor Mathew Snyder at 7:00 pm with the Pledge to the Flag. The following Board members were present: Matthew Snyder, Brad Burdick, Jesse Szalc, and Stefanie Burdick. Also present were: Josh McGraw, Tim Cochran, Rich Hoffman, Kathy Benzaquin, Katie Rogers and Mayor Jim Ninos. Others present were Town Clerk Jan Burdick and Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey.

Appointment of Supervisor: Deputy Supervisor Matthew Snyder stated that at last month's meeting the Board accepted the resignation of Fion MacCrea, Supervisor. A letter of resignation was submitted by Jesse Szalc from the position of Town Councilman. Motion to accept the resignation was made by Stefanie Burdick, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 3-0. A motion was then made by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Brad Burdick to appoint Jesse Szalc to fill the unexpired term of Fion MacCrea, Supervisor and was carried 3-0. The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Szalc by the Town Clerk. A motion was then made by Jesse Szalc to appoint Josh McGraw, to fill the unexpired term of Jesse Szalc, as Town Board Councilman. The motion was seconded by Stefanie Burdick and carried 4-0. Supervisor Szalc explained that Mr. McGraw had served on the Planning Board and noted that several Town Board members and Supervisors had served on the Planning Board in the past. Matthew Snyder added that by appointing Mr. McGraw it will keep continuity on the Board. If appoint anyone running in November, they would then have to resign in January to accept the elected position, creating another vacancy. The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. McGraw by Town Clerk Jan Burdick.

Guests: Timothy Cochran, Chairman of the Planning Board, reported that the Planning Board had a meeting but did not have a quorum. Other people that attended that meeting included Rich Hoffman and Peter Stull, who may be interested in serving on that Board. Mr. Cochran reported that they will be working on the Solar Law during the moratorium which expires in April 2026.

Rich Hoffman thanked Highway Superintendent Bob Haley for helping him out by putting culverts in near his home, and cleaning ditches. Wanted to thank him for his dedication and to express what an excellent job he does.

Mr. Hoffman reported that he is working to get a Historical Marker through the Pomeroy Foundation at Tip Top on State Rt. 21 near Lusk Road to show that that is the highest point between Chicago and New York City of the Erie Railroad. Working on acquiring historical data to submit. Hope is that people will be able to safely pull off the road to read the sign. Needs to get Right of way to put it on a Town Road. Jim Ninos is also helping with this. Mr. Ninos welcomed Jesse Szalc as supervisor and stated that he is excited to work with him and appreciate it that he is willing to step up and serve as Supervisor. Kathy Benzaquin thanked the Board for getting the trees at Saxon Hill Field planted. Ms. Benzaquin also stated that there is a rumor that there is going to be an entrance way to the fields off of Rt. 12. Supervisor Szalc stated that no one has come to the Board about that and it would change the site plan.

Police Report: Reviewed written report that showed an increase in calls for service and arrests from 2024.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 11, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed monthly report. W. University Bridge is repaired. All CHIPS paperwork has been submitted to the State. Reviewed equipment repairs.

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MACE: Reviewed suggested increase to \$10.00/parcel for 2026. Have been busy at Saxon Hill with inspections.

Monthly Reports. Reviewed two accounts that may go over budgeted amount. Attorney and Machinery Repairs.

Correspondence: Resolution from Congressman Langworthy in Support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699S. 1945) and in Opposition to Government-Mandated Natural Gas Bans. This would oppose the State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) which bans natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings effective 2026 for smaller buildings and 2029 for larger buildings. This resolution would support the Energy Choice Act. A motion was made by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 5-0 to support Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act.

BBS Contract for 2026 – an increase of \$800. Motion by Brad Burdick to approve the 2026 contract with BBS, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

General Abstract #10-2025 Vouchers #102- 109 in the amount of \$7602.17 in the General A Fund; Voucher #12 in the amount of \$ 3602.58 in the B Fund, #10 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$3799.75 were approved with a motion by Stefanie Burdick, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #10-2025 Vouchers #121-131 in the DA Fund in the amount of \$24365.97 Voucher #36-37 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$4164.48 were approved with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Stefanie Burdick and carried 5-0.

DCO - Reviewed report

Malcolm Lane Subdivision SEQR: Received response from County Planning Board approving it with some suggestions that would apply once the lots are sold. Supervisor Szalc then read each question in Part I of the SEQR. A motion by Matthew Snyder was made to declare a Negative Declaration, seconded by Jesse Szalc and carried 5-0.

Supervisors Report: A Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget and a Local Law for Overriding the Tax Cap was scheduled for November 13th at 7:00 pm.

Approval of **Extended Warranty for 2024 Western Star Truck:** Brad Burdick questioned if there was something in writing that listed what is included in the extended warranty and Mr. Halsey stated yes, they did provide that information. Stefanie Burdick commented that it would only take one problem with the emissions to cover the cost. A motion was made by Jesse Szalc to approve the purchase of an extended warranty of 7 years at the cost of \$10,000.00 for the 2024 Western Star Plow truck, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 5-0.

Ordering new **2027 International Truck:** Total cost will be \$324297.00 minus \$10,000.00 if paid with 30 days. Comes with a 5-year warranty. Bob Halsey stated that if it is ordered now will receive the chassis in January. Plow and box in November. The 2027 trucks do not have all the extra emissions. When receive new truck, will then sell one of the current Mack's. Matthew Snyder stated that we will not have the truck in time for Winter.

Payment: CHIPS for Chassis. Money from Sugar Hill (about \$100,000) and money from Sale of Property (46,000.00) for balance. Supervisor Szalc met with Dawn at DOT to get approval to use CHIPS money. A motion was made by Jesse Szalc to order the new truck based on the payment schedule listed above, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 5-0.

Planning Board Appointment: A motion was made by Matthew Snyder to appoint Peter Stull to fill the unexpired term of Josh McGraw to the planning Board, seconded by Jesse Szalc and carried 5-0.

Updating Website: Josh McGraw will handle this for the Board.

Assessor: Becky Painter submitted the Application for Qualifications Review.

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Mayor Jim Ninos explained that the Comprehensive Plan needs to be update. Many grants require a current Comprehensive Plan. Would like 2 members from the Village, two from the Town and 2 community members. Mayor Ninos explained that the County Planning Department will do most of the work.

A motion to go into Executive session at 8:30 pm to discuss Union Contract Negotiations was made Matthew Snyder, seconded by Stefanie Burdick and carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 9:00 pm with a motion by Matthew Snyder, seconded by Jesse Szalc and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:04 by Josh McGraw, seconded by Matthew Snyder and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk