

Town of Alfred
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 12, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Town Board was opened at 7:00 with the Pledge to the Flag. Board members present were: Supervisor Jesse Szalc, Kathleen Benzaquin, Kate Rogers, and Josh McGraw. Brad Burdick arrived at 7:30 pm.

Guests included Chief of Police Josh VanSkiver and Mayor Jim Ninos along with Bob Halsey, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk Jan Burdick.

Guests: Chief of Police Josh VanSkiver was present to give an update on Police Activities.

Noted that the sports players are back at the Colleges. From now until November things will be busy for them. Chief VanSkiver addressed concerns about the current dog situation in the Village and Town and the contract with the Hornell Humane Society. He has been getting calls from residents about unlicensed dogs, animal abuse cases, dogs running at large, and leash laws. He would like direction from the Town Board on how they would like this to be handled and if the police should be enforcing the dog laws. Jess Szalc felt that the first time a complaint is filed, give them a warning, the second time may want to enforce and ticket. Also concerned that when the Humane Society is called, they are not responding and not willing to come pick up dogs. It was noted that the Village does have a leash law that can be enforced. Supervisor Szalc stated that the contract with Hornell Humane says they area to enforce the NYS Ag and Markets Article 7 Dog laws. Chief VanSkiver stated that he will go down and talk to them and see what they will do and not do and see if they can work something out to address these issues. Josh McGraw gave an update on issues with getting a separate line for the Court – the only number available used to be the Village Police Department’s fax number so many faxes were coming in on it. Mr. McGraw has unsubscribed to all those sources and will be ready soon to get that number up and running for Town Court.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 9, 2026 were moved for approval with a motion by Kathleen Benzaquin, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 5-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed monthly report. Kathleen Benzaquin asked about repairs to Kenyon Road that was damaged by Contractors working on the AU Sports Complex. Mr. Halsey stated when they are ready to do their paving, they will fix it the way he wants it done. Also reported that many street signs come up missing, usually stolen and sometimes end up in dorm rooms. Mr. Jessup reported that the Jessup Drive sign has been installed. Kate Rogers asked if a letter should be sent to the College RA’s and tell them if they see signs to let us know. Ms. Rogers will prepare a letter.

New Truck – we have been bumped back due to delay in getting parts. Probably won’t be delivered until October.

East Valley Bridge – County has been doing surveying for possible future replacement.

Purchase of Roller: Should have a bill next month. Cost of the roller is \$125,500.00 \$68,000.00 from sale of old roller. \$10,500.00 rental cost credited leaving a balance of \$47,000.00 that will be paid out of CHIPS money. A motion was made by Jesse Szalc to approve the purchase of roller and paid as noted above. Seconded by Kate Rogers and carried 5-0.

Salt/Sand Situation: New Enterprises is no longer mixing it. Mr. Halsey stated that he isn’t sure what to do. Has quite a bit stocked but probably not enough to last all winter.

MACE: (Municipal Association of Code Enforcement). Reviewed report. The Board would like included in the report and follow up that is done after a complaint is filed.

Correspondence: Final check for the land from S. Tier Concrete and the land transfer filed with the County Clerk. This should put the land back on the tax roll.

Monthly Report was reviewed. Bank statements were also reviewed and approved with a motion by Jesse Szalc, seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 5-0. In the monthly report it was

noted that the CHIPS allocation and revenue was budgeted in DA for the truck but shows in the monthly report in DB. BBS was contacted and this has been corrected.

General Abstract #8-2026 Vouchers #81-90 in the amount of \$3897.12 in the General A Fund; Voucher #12 in the amount of \$ 3710.66 in the B Fund, #8 in the SF Fund in the amount of \$4083.33. These were approved with a motion by Brad Burdick, seconded by Kathleen Benzaquin and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #8-2026 Vouchers #85-89 in the DA Fund in the amount of \$949194 Vouchers #25-28 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$8934.69 were approved with a motion by Kate Rogers , seconded by Josh McGraw and carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Szalc reported a budget meeting has been scheduled with BBS for 9/17 at 8:00 am. (Please note: this was rescheduled to August 26 at 5:30 pm.)

Town Clerk – reviewed written report. Ad for clean was in the Alfred Sun today so will wait and see if we receive any applications.

Other Business: Mayor Jim Ninos reported on the public meeting the Village had regarding Air BnB's which had 28 people present. The Village is cleaning up their Zoning Laws and short-term rentals have been a bone of contention in Single Family Home zones. They are looking at eliminating any in a residential district. Current ones would be grandfathered.

Village Clerk has resigned.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:32 pm by Kathleen Benzaquin, seconded by Kate Rogers and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick

Town Clerk