

Town of Alfred
PUBLIC HEARING- Local Law #6- 2026 to Override the Property Tax Cap for Fiscal
Year 2027
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 10, 2026

The public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on Local Law #6 – 2026 A Local Law to Override the Property Tax Cap for the for fiscal year 2027, was opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Jesse Szalc. All Board members present with Kate Rogers via phone. Others present Village of Alfred Mayor Jim Ninos, Town Clerk Jan Burdick and Highway Superintendent Bob Halsey. Since there was no one present to comment the public hearing was closed at 7:05 with a motion by Brad Burdick, seconded by Kathleen Benzaquin and carried 4-0.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board was opened at 7:05 with the Pledge to the Flag. Board members present were: Supervisor Jesse Szalc, Kathleen Benzaquin, Josh McGraw and Brad Burdick. Kate Rogers was present via phone.

Others present were Mayor Jim Ninos along with Bob Halsey, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk Jan Burdick.

A motion to approve Local Law #6-2026 – A Local Law to Override the Property Tax Cap for Fiscal Year 2027, was made by Josh McGraw, seconded by Kathleen Benzaquin and carried 4-0.

Guests: Mayor Jim Ninos reported that the Village met with representatives of Alfred University and the Village will officially take over the land around Village Hall which includes the driveway and Crandall Hall but not the Fire Hall. Plan is to renovate Crandall Hall with grants. The Village has hired a new clerk. Being there was no written police report, Mr. Ninos updated the board of issues happening in the Village at night including one officer being beaten to the point she had to be taken to the hospital. Mainly issues between 2 Fraternities. Josh McGraw stated that there needs to be a strong presence of law enforcement and can the County be brought in and when does the Chief decide when to call them? Mr. Ninos added that the first month of a new semester and year is always rough, usually starts around 11:00 pm, a lot of activity late at night.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 13th and August 28th, 2026 were moved for approval with a motion by Brad Burdick, seconded by Kathleen Benzaquin and carried 4-0.

Highway Report: Reviewed monthly report. Discussion regarding the Veterans' Banners included Almond is planning on trying to do something to replace theirs. Mr. Szalc suggested something be put in the paper stating that anyone that wants their banner that they will be available the last week in October for pickup. New truck dump box should be available in November.

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

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 Kathleen Benzaquin and carried 4-0.

General Abstract #9-2026 Vouchers #91-97 in the amount of \$681.59 in the General A Fund; Voucher #13 in the amount of \$ 3710.66 in the B Fund, #9 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 4-0.

Highway Abstract #9-2026 Vouchers #90-99 in the DA Fund in the amount of \$135,689.12 Vouchers #29-32 in the DB Fund in the amount of \$17,527.51 were approved with a motion by

Jesse Szalc, seconded by Brad Burdick and carried 4-0. This included the purchase of the new roller.

Supervisor's Report: 2027 Budget. The Board reviewed the tentative budget as submitted. Mr. Halsey stated that rumor is salt may go up to \$90/ton. Mr. Szalc stated that he feels keep the budgeted amount where it is and then pull out of Fund Balance if needed. Currently the Tentative Budget is over the Tax Cap by about \$6790.00. It appears there will not be any changes to the Tentative Budget.

Jim Ninos asked about doing a revaluation and if the Town had any plans to do one in the near future. Mr. Szalc explained the process and the cost. Also, Assessor Becky Painter has started that data collection process. It was suggested that she be asked to come to a future meeting and explain the process, cost, etc.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:04 pm by Brad Burdick, seconded by Kathleen Benzaquin and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk