

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 14, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm with all Board members present. Also present were Town Clerk Jan Burdick. Guests were Brad Price, Brad and Debra Cannon, and Tim and Silas Cochran.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Acton with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Brad and Debra Cannon were present to request permission to operate a business on Burdick Road which is in the Ag. District. Converting their garage into an auto body repair shop which is not a permitted use in an Agriculture District. A motion was made by Bob Ormsby to deny the Zoning Permit, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Tim and Silas Cochran – Silas is working on a merit badge for Boy Scouts for communication.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Mary Stearns, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of July 10th and Special Meeting of July 17th with the following correction of the July 17th minutes: Page 2 – should read “They suggested having three working *men* and clerk do the paperwork.”

Police Report – Reviewed written report.

Codes Enforcement Officer – reviewed written report. Fion MacCrea asked if any more action had been taken on Yuri Kaminski’s property. Mr. Karmansky told Steve Kilmer that he will have the building enclosed by the time it snows and fence will be up by then.

Review of Monthly Report - all ok.

Correspondence:

- Board of Elections – Primary September 9th and General Election November 4th.

General Abstract #8, vouchers #93 – 100 in the amount of \$6434.46 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #8, vouchers #99-112 in the amount of \$14258.57 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Report – since there is presently no Superintendent, there was no report.

Town Clerk – reviewed written report.

Supervisor’s Report –

- Fion MacCrea and Supervisor Acton met with Village of Alfred Mayor Justin Grigg for continuing talks of any consolation of the Village and Town. Mayor Grigg sent a letter to both College Presidents advising them of the financial problems the Village is experiencing. The Village is hoping for two retirements; one in the Police Department and one from the Streets Department. If retirement from Streets that would leave 1 ½ persons. Jim McNulty is ½ streets and ½ water. Mayor Grigg suggested that the Town hire Bryan Dodge and bill the Town. Dan Acton didn’t agree with this and suggested the Village continue paying Mr. Dodge but he would work with the Town crew and the Town crew would do streets but no sidewalks. Advantage to Town would be a 4 man crew year round. Jerry Snyder commented that the Village is a whole different situation – they have parked cars that have to be plowed around, they have to plow snow and then remove it. How long does it take to just do the Village Streets? Mary Stearns asked what happens in the summer when the Village usually works on sidewalks, drain pipes

and mowing? Jerry Snyder added that he feels there needs to be a lot more discussion about it and Mary Stearns added that this is the type of shared services the State is looking for. Dan Acton added that financially nothing would change but the way the work got done would. Jerry Snyder stated that he feels the Town needs to be cautious and not commit to anything yet and also feels the crews should be involved.

- Final Draft of Zoning Amendment sent to David Slottje. Still need to find out how the Wind Law is being referenced. Only thing needed for the Public Hearing are the changes, not whole current law. Will have to send to Town Attorney and Allegany County Planning Board.
- Cathy Burys – Dan Acton has talked to her regarding the trailers on Waterwells Road. Mrs. Burys has questioned if the grandfather clause can be ended when property is transferred. According to Steve Kilmer no – once grandfathered can't be changed. Mary Stearns commented that she reviewed Town Local Law #1 – 1986 Building and Fire Code and also went online to see what is covered. According to the Law – need some proof that there is a physical problem with the trailers before anything can be done. Has to be a reason for the complaint before Steve can go and inspect them. Can't just say you don't like who is living there.
- WEX – Government Fleet credit card system. Card can be used state wide at 15% less than State bid. Dan Acton stated that his concern was with control – what would permit someone from filling their personal vehicle? One suggestion was a clipboard be kept in the vehicle and require a receipt. Jerry Snyder questioned what would happen if the Invoice exceeded receipts – who would pay the difference? A motion was made by Dan Action, with the advice and consultation of road crew, to use this system for the new pickup (gas), if doesn't balance each month person will be personally responsible. (Clipboard and receipt method will be utilized for internal control with understanding in unlikely event it doesn't balance, person will be held responsible.) The motion was seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.
- Village meetings – September – Jerry Snyder; October – Dan Acton; November – Mary Stearns; December Bob Ormsby and January Fion MacCrea.
- Supervisor Acton met with Jamie Mansfield regarding the CHIPS paperwork that is due tomorrow. Will be meeting with FEMA tomorrow (Friday 8/15/14).
- Sale of Pickup – The new truck should arrive in October. It was suggested to wait and sell the old one when the new one comes and do sealed bids in October. Option is to put on online auction but need to find out what the fee for this is. Online auction is held the 1st week of every month. Brad Price suggested notifying Maple City Dodge that it will be sold and Jerry Snyder suggested doing sealed bid and online auction.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report. Reported on FEMA meeting attended in Belmont.

Unfinished Business – Bob Ormsby asked if anything had been resolved with the fence issue between residents on RT 21. ZBA had their meeting but have not acted on it yet. By default – if not acted on within 60 days considered approved.

Bank Statements - A motion by Mary Stearns to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted, Janice L. Burdick, Town Clerk

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