

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 14, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm January 14, 2016. All Board members were present except Mary Stearns. Guests were Tim and Silas Cochran, Randy Swarthout, and students from the government class at Canisteo-Greenwood Central School. Representing the Village of Alfred was Tom McDowell. Representing the press was Jason Jordon of the *Evening Tribune*. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Brad Price and Town Clerk Jan Burdick.

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

Guest: Randy Swarthout – Allegany County 911 Head Dispatcher. Mr. Swarthout was informed by the Town Clerk of Silas Cochran's Boy Scout Eagle Project which is he would like to put fire numbers on all houses in the Town and Village of Alfred. Mr. Swarthout gave Silas C. a print out with all house number information for the Town with names and house numbers. Mr. Swarthout asked if there is a plan in place to follow through with this once the original project is completed and was told no. Question was once the project is done, where is a new property owner go to get their sign? Mr. Swarthout informed the Board that it is the responsibility of the 911 center to assign fire numbers. He suggested making house number and address part of the building permit process. Currently the Town does have a form for anyone needing a fire number, which is given to an applicant when applying for a building permit, then returned to 911. Once project is complete, need someone in charge to oversee future number requests and sign installation. The number is needed for many things including utilities, Assessor, highway department, fire and ambulance, etc. Right now it is about a two week process since they have to go out and measure the property boundaries to determine the new number. Mr. Swarthout suggested the building permit not be approved until the house number is assigned. Mr. Swarthout also stated that he understands the cost and funding is limited with the Tax Cap – suggested spreading the project over a 2-4 year process. Some of the questions that were asked included:

1. Once big part is done – who will follow up with new construction?
2. Who will be responsible for the cost of the sign and installing it now and after Silas completes project? Does the Town want to include the cost (about \$20.00) in the cost of a building permit?
3. Will there be any discrepancies between mailing address and fire number?

One option suggested for cost was a donation by the home owner with the fee going to the Alfred Station Fire Department. Placement of the fire numbers was discussed – suggested site would be end of driveway. Jerry Snyder asked how many miles they can measure in one day and was told they have done up to 260. Bob Ormsby asked if there was anything legal the Town needed to do for this project and Mr. Swarthout stated that there is nothing that mandates the Town do this. Bob Ormsby asked what would happen if someone gets a different number than they currently use and Dan Acton asked if they will have to change their numbers to correspond with the fire number? Mr. Swarthout stated that the mailing address and fire number should be the same. Yes – they will have to change their number to correspond with the fire number. Dan Acton was concerned that there may be some resistance to this since it

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would require changing address on driver's license, credit cards, etc. Mr. Acton also asked if there is prescribed location? Mr. Swarthout stated that most are place near driveway, can put on mailbox or Town can make the decision that all will be on a post. Mr. Acton stated that he feels the Board needs to adopt some policies relating to this. The next issue was where the money is coming from to do this. Silas C. estimates to cost to be around \$15,000.00. Silas Cochran stated that he hopes to raise it through fundraisers and possible grants. Other topics discussed were color, size of numbers, placement, who to contact if there is a problem. Mr. Swarthout was thanked for attending and providing this information.

Unfinished Business – Dog Control Officer. Daffney Clark submitted a letter applying for the job. Bob Ormsby asked if they have to have any training. No – suggested she talk to George and Julia Ormsby. A motion was made by Dan Acton to appoint Daffney Clark DCO, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0. It was recommended that she contact the County regarding receiving rabies shot.

2016 Police Contract - Chief Paul Griffith has now gotten a better understanding of the 911 protocol. The call goes out to the State Police and the Village Police. Jerry Snyder stated that it was recommended at the last meeting to continue with the current contract with "Emergency Services only" crossed out. Mr. Snyder added that the Town isn't concerned with routine patrol – do that has available. Concern is if there is a situation and they are available they will respond. Mr. Snyder added that the major issue is that the Village doesn't feel we are funding the police department enough. Mr. Snyder added that the Village would have priority and let the Chief determine when to respond in the Town. The Town is funding what we are capable of – feels this is a good compromise. Dan Acton stated he will send it back to the Village with the new wording and see if the Village will agree

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of December 10, 2015 and January 4, 2016 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Police Report- Reviewed written report.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Dan Acton reported that Mr. Kilmer did go look at Short's and may be able to issue a letter to get it enclosed. Board requested Mr. Kilmer attend the meeting quarterly and Mr. Ormsby stated he still wants a monthly report. A letter was received from residents on Jericho Hill complaining about the former Cow Palace – several cars, boats, etc. Steve will be going to look at it.

Correspondence: County information for tax rates, salaries, etc. of all the Towns. Association of Towns Annual Conference and resolutions.

List of Town Boards – Vacancy on Zoning Board of Appeals. Dan Acton will contact Jen Smith.

General Abstract #1- Vouchers #1 -17 in the amount of \$28825.21 were approved with a motion by Fion MacCrea seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0.

Highway Abstract #1- Vouchers #1-12 in the amount of \$12041.63 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 5-0.

Highway Report – Brad Price reviewed the written report. Dan Acton asked if storage building was full with salt/sand mixture. Brad Price responded yes – for now. Less than ½ way through the salt order. At 700 tons – total is 2100 tons for the year. Use a 6:1 mixture (6 sand to 1 salt). Storage building holds around 800-1000 ton.

Dan Acton suggested doing something about exhaust vents in the garage so that they seal tighter. Brad Price suggested putting fans up there to push the heat down. Reported that the

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new garage door has been installed. Working on roller proposal. The 1 Ton chassis should be ready mid February. Will be ordering the new pickup with the cost to the Town less than \$2000.00.

Intermunicipal Agreement with Allegany County – Motion by Dan Acton to accept and sign, seconded by Jerry and carried 4-0. Brad Price stated that one also needs to be done with Hornellsville and Hartsville since they are Steuben County.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report. Busy with Taxes.

Supervisor's Report

- Attended Village Board meeting – they did not get funding for study to extend sewage system to Almond.
- Silas Cochran Eagle Scout Project – Town needs to approve. Mr. Acton stated that he sees a lot of problems. Concerned that if 911 number doesn't agree with current street address, may be a problem with resident. Jerry Snyder suggested that Mr. Swarthout check to see what ones don't agree and then have the Town address those people personally. Mr. Acton also expressed concern with the Town requiring where the number is to be located. Jerry Snyder stated that great PR will be needed to let the residents know what is going to happen and give them a choice of 2 locations – mailbox or post. Mr. Snyder added that this is for public safety.

Bank Statements - A motion by Fion MacCrea to approve the Bank statements was seconded by Bob Ormsby and carried 4-0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Bob Ormsby seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk