

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 10, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, May 10, 2007 and opened by Supervisor Alan Burdick with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Alan Burdick, Tom Mansfield, Phil Curran, Jeff Johnston, and Alan Dewey. Also present were Marion Weaver representing the Village Board; Chief O'Grady, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, and Town Clerk Janice Higgins.

Guests: Marion Weaver, representing Becky Prophet, requested the following items from the Town for the Bicentennial celebration. Mrs. Prophet also expressed her appreciation to the Town for their cooperation on this.

- Requested all Board members be in the parade – lineup at 5:30 pm.
- Participate in opening ceremonies after parade.
- Dress in historical costume.
- Proclaim June 2, 2007 – June 8, 2008 Bicentennial Year.

Parking will be at the Town building and there will be fireworks that evening at the old Buffalo Crushed Stone site.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the 4/12/07 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Alan Dewey and carried 5-0.

Police - Chief O'Grady reviewed the written report. Chief O'Grady stated that it was an easy Hot Dog Day- mostly open container. Reported that there has been a problem in the Village with solicitors to Senior Citizens for home repair. The Village does have a Peddlers Law -have to get a permit to solicit in the Village. Suggested the Town adopt one.

Jeff Johnston asked about the tower across from his home on Moland Road. Chief O'Grady stated that they have been checking it.

Review of Monthly Report – all ok. Jamie Mansfield requested his insurance be changed to Family Plan effective May 26th due to his marriage on that date. Approved with a motion by Alan Burdick, second by Phil Curran and carried 5-0.

Correspondence:

1. Eliot Spitzer – Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness.
Tom Mansfield asked Legislator O'Grady about Wellsville trying to get City Status. If that happens Wellsville would get a portion of the County sales tax. That would create a shortage of revenue for the County of about \$250,000. The Town of Alfred would only get about \$1500.00. If Super Wal-Mart goes into Wellsville, that may make up the difference.

2. Worker's Comp Decision on John Perkins – no monetary reward.
3. Zoning Training in Belmont
4. Time Warner – channels that may not be renewed.
5. Olean Times Article – reval process by company hired by City of Olean.

Alan Dewey asked how the reval was going and if there had been any resolution. It was reported that Mr. Turner met with Martha Thompson last night and did get his assessment reduced to an agreeable amount. Mrs. Thompson also informed him that he does have the Enhanced STAR.

Alan Burdick stated that he would like some satisfaction that the roll is equal. Phil Curran asked why if someone pays too much for land, why does everyone else have to be increased? Phil Curran questioned whether or not to pay final payment. Alan Burdick added that if everyone is happy, maybe M. Thompson did an ok job but still doesn't feel she did any field work. Also, Mr. Burdick still hasn't heard anything from her on his land.

General Abstract #5-2007 – Vouchers #55-68, except for Voucher #57 to Martha Thompson, in the amount of in the amount of \$19,631.22 were approved with a motion by Phil Curran, seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #5-2007 – A motion by Alan Dewey to purchase a broom from Alfred University in the amount of \$1500.00 was seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 5-0. Vouchers #58-70 in the amount of \$12,332.16 were approved with a motion by Phil Curran seconded by Jeff Johnston and carried 5-0.

Highway Report –

- Reviewed written report.
- Plowed and sanded 6 times in April. All plows and sanders are now off.
- Sluice on Waterwells at Cushing's driveway has collapsed. Andover has agreed to help replace it. Will have to close the road for at least one day and possible two. Will do end of May and will let the school and residents know.
- Two pipes on East Valley will also need to be replaced.
- Been cold patching and fixing shoulders on Randolph Road.
- Trees are down on W. University Street. Village helped.
- Jamie Mansfield asked about Clearview Lane – should they be grading it and working on it? Alan Burdick stated that is a Town Road but since there is only one house on it only do minimal work.
- Roger Sutton – scrap dealer came and hauled away scrap. 75 tons @ \$75.00/ton. Will be sending a check.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Burdick stated that he contacted the Association of Towns in regard to the Koegel vs. Murphy dispute. Was told that the Town cannot get involved. Mr. Murphy will have to hire a lawyer if he wishes to pursue it.

Town Clerk – Attended the S. Tier West Conference in Houghton.

Working with Dave Williams to develop a web site for the Town.

Old Business: Jeff Johnston had lunch with Vice President Tyrell of Alfred State College and discussed the excessive false alarms on campus. Mr. Tyrrell explained that many alarms are due to lack of maintenance of the system. The alarms need to be cleaned which is very costly. Suggested a letter be sent to the President of ASC.

In regards to the Fire Companies merging, Alan Burdick stated that it really isn't up to the Town- initiative needs to come from the Village. Marion Weaver stated that Alfred Fire and Ambulance are one corporation with separate books. Alfred Station Fire Co. wants it split and wants the ambulance separate. AE Crandall will not do that. Phil Curran stated that regardless of all that, false alarms still need to be addressed. Alan Burdick responded that he is being told it is not the Town's business, AE Crandall's problem, then the Village. Alfred Station is no longer responding until called out by AE Crandall. After further discussion no decisions were agreed upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm with a motion by Jeff Johnston, seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Higgins,
Town Clerk