

# REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 9, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, August 9, 2007 and opened by Supervisor Alan Burdick with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Alan Burdick, Tom Mansfield, Phil Curran, and Alan Dewey. Absent was Jeff Johnston. Also present were Jeanne Cartwright, Village resident Doug Turner, Chief O'Grady, Highway Superintendent Jamie Mansfield, and Town Clerk Janice Higgins.

**Guests:** Doug Turner asked if the Board was going to make any changes in the Assessor's office per his recommendations. Alan Burdick stated that they are not planning on doing anything until after October 1, 2007 when the Assessor is appointed.

**Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the 7/12/07 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Alan Dewey and carried 4-0.

**Police** - Reviewed the written report. Chief O'Grady stated that it has been pretty busy for summer. Also gave the Board a copy of the Village's Peddler Law.

**Codes Enforcement:** Application from Little Sicily Restaurant for a Use Permit. Mr. Scigliano has already received an area variance for set backs. The proposed use will be an apartment over the restaurant and an addition on the back. A motion was made by Alan Dewey, seconded by Phil Curran and carried 4-0 to approve the permit.

**Review of Monthly Report** – report was reviewed.

**Correspondence:**

1. Association of Towns – an Article X application but the state that would limit local government's role in the process of siting of power plants, windmills, etc.
2. Time-Warner – listing of possible channel changes.

**General Abstract #8-2007** – Vouchers #96-103 in the amount of in the amount of \$19,275.14 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Alan Dewey and carried 4-0.

**Highway Abstract #8-2007** – Vouchers #95-105 in the amount of \$9,410.90 were approved with a motion by Phil Curran seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 4-0.

**Highway Report** –

- Reviewed written report.
- Working on dirt roads and slat brining. Andover's water tank broke down, won't pass inspection. Borrowing Almond's. Two roads left to do.
- Shoulder work on Kenyon
- NYS Safety and Health came in and did an inspection. Requiring more procedures including lock out/tag out procedures. Also requiring the whole crew takes a class being offered in Hume on these procedures.

**Pickup Truck** – Jamie Mansfield submitted the State bid price for a new pickup. If order this month, delivery will be in January 2008. Phil Curran asked if the intent will be to go on a buy and trade schedule. Mr. Curran added that if trade every two years then keep with a pickup. Jamie Mansfield suggested to start with the pickup, then can upgrade later and the expense won't be so much all at once. Jamie Mansfield added that the pickup does the job fine and feels that is all that is needed. Alan Dewey asked why just Ford was quoted and Jamie Mansfield explained that that is what is available on State Bid this time. A motion was made by Alan Dewey to purchase a pickup truck, as presented by Jamie Mansfield, on State bid to be delivered in January 2008 and paid for in future budgets. The motion was seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 4-0.

Jamie Mansfield stated that they will be oil and stoning Randolph Road Monday. Andover will be helping with two trucks.

**Drott** – J. Mansfield talked to Guy James at the County to see if they have an excavator the Town could borrow. Mr. James stated that they normally let Town's borrow equipment for 1-2 days but they don't have one available right now. To rent one for 1 month from Whitford's would cost \$4500.00. From Caterpillar in Rochester - \$4100.00. The Town of Almond also needs one so possibly the cost could be shared. Jamie Mansfield explained that Alfred would use it two weeks and then Almond could use it two weeks. Alan Dewey asked if they cover repairs, if needed. Jamie Mansfield stated that it depends on what it is – there is a warranty on it unless damage is due to neglect. A motion was made by Tom Mansfield to rent an excavator for 2 weeks, contingent upon Almond Board approving the same with each paying for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Alan Dewey and carried 4-0.

- Almond has a 10 wheeler sander that they don't use – willing to sell to us for \$100.00. Dependent on Almond Board approving selling it. Jamie Mansfield stated that they have been doing a lot of sharing with Almond and Andover.

**Town Clerk** – will be off Monday-Wednesday next week.

**Supervisor's Report** – Union Contract negotiations – September 6, 2007 at 2:00 pm. Alan Burdick and Phil Curran will be negotiating the new three year contract. Supervisor Burdick presented the amended Snow and Ice Contract with the County. The contract was negotiated with 5 Town Supervisors and Highway Superintendents Alfred not being one of them. Mr. O'Grady (County Legislator) explained that they tried to meet with all the Town Supervisors and Superintendents and only 5 showed up so they did the contract with those five.

**Old Business:** Phil Curran called his insurance company to find out about the ISO ratings. He was told that ISO sets standards for fire protection and the Village always has a 4 due to hydrants and the closeness of the Fire Company. The Town also has a 4 and his agent wasn't sure why since there are only hydrants in the hydrant district. If down graded to a 9 anything built from this point on will possible see a 15-18% increase in cost of insurance to the homeowner. Mr. Curran didn't think they could change what's existing. Mr. Curran also reminded the Board that we were supposed to respond by August 10, 2007. It was recommended that CEO Steve Kilmer act on it.

**New Business-** Chief O'Grady stated that the Police Contract was up for renewal, will submit a letter of request for the 2008 Budget. Alan Burdick expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Town for the work the Police department does in the Town.

A motion was made by Tom Mansfield to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Phil Curran and carried 4-0. Executive Session lasted from 8:10 pm to 9:00 pm. A motion to adjourn Executive session and return to open session was made by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Alan dewey and carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm with a motion by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Alan Dewey and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Higgins,  
Town Clerk