

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 10, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, July 10, 2008 and opened by Supervisor Jeanne Cartwright with the pledge to the flag. All board members were present. Also present were Chief of Police T. O'Grady, Janice Higgins-Burdick, and Jamie Mansfield.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of June 19, 2008 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Phil Curran and carried 5-0.

Police Report - Chief O'Grady reviewed the written report. Noted that now that the students are gone things have quieted down. Chief O'Grady submitted copies of the new Village/Town Police Contract. Changes included the following: 1. Change in wording under the liability section. The Village Attorney recommended that it be worded that the Village assumes \$1,000,000 liability with the Town being liable for anything over the \$1,000,000 plus the Village deductible. 2. If car or equipment is damaged in the Town, the Town would be responsible. 3. Increase – 5% per year for three years. In addition, \$5000 /year fleet surcharge. This would go towards the purchase of a new car every 6 years. A new car averages \$30,000.00

Supervisor Cartwright asked about service to the Town and Tom Mansfield asked how much of the Town is covered daily. Chief O'Grady responded that they do more patrolling of the Town in the summer but didn't know how much of the Town is patrolled on a daily basis. If there was no contract with the Village the Town would be dependent on the State Police or Sheriff's Department. Jeff Johnston stated that with the increase cost of gas, some increase is reasonable. Concerned with the surcharge. Mr. Johnston added that he would like to know what percentage of time and miles are spent in the Town. Chief O'Grady stated that would be hard to do. Mr. Johnston suggested that the Town Board needs to meet with the Mayor and hammer out a fair percentage. Jerry Snyder added that he feels the Town Board needs to discuss it first and then give the village a proposal. Chief O'Grady felt that would be the way to do it so he wasn't in the middle.

Codes Enforcement –

- It was reported that Henry Bauer has mowed but has not cleaned up the garbage.
- Zoning Permit application from The Bicycle Man – Peter Stull – to build an addition on the current building located on Route 244. The proposed addition does not meet the set back requirements. A motion was made by Tom Mansfield to deny the permit, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.
- A permit for a new business in an office at the Southern Tier Concrete building on State Route 244 – Workfit – was approved with a motion by Jeff Johnston, seconded by Phil Curran and carried 5-0.

Assessor- Jerry Snyder and Jeanne Cartwright met with State Senator Cathy Young along with representatives of Sugar Hill Corporation. They presented all the documentation that they presented to the Assessor. Jeanne Cartwright explained to Senator Young that the Town's hands were tied and asked if there was anything the Town could do. Senator Young took all the documentation and will present it to the lawyer in Albany. Felt that it will come down to the definition of "Charitable". Phil Curran asked was anything asked if they default and Jeanne Cartwright responded that they didn't get that far. Jerry Snyder stated that Brent Reynolds mentioned IDA and made a statement of not wanting the Town to manage it. Concerned about personalities and future boards and what they may do with it if it were turned over to the Town. It was also stated that if it were turned over to the Town, the Town would incur a \$70,000 debt. Mr. Snyder added that he showed Mr. Jessup papers that stated Sugar Hill wanted to pay taxes on the property to which Mr. Jessup replied that they had an agreement with the former Assessor that they would be tax exempt. Phil Curran stated that if they can be made tax exempt of but have to wait now to hear from Albany.

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Review of Monthly Report – all ok.

Correspondence:

- Faso vs. Town of Ward and Town of Alfred. The Town of Alfred was never served with any papers regarding this matter. The Town of Ward received a letter and forwarded it to the Town of Alfred via email. The Town of Ward is discussing it at their meeting tonight. Faso owns land on Cornelius Road with his cabin in the Town of Ward. Mr. Faso wants the Town to plow the road year round from the Town of Alfred end. This is currently a seasonal road and Mr. Faso does not live there. Currently he can get to his property from Elm Valley to Cornelius Road – Town of Ward plows that part year round. Phil Curran stated that to put a road down into that gully would cost over \$50,000. The Town receives \$342 in taxes from Mr. Faso. The Town of Ward receives about \$1300. Jerry Snyder stated that if the Town agrees to this there will be no seasonal roads. Mr. Faso only owns vacant land in the Town of Alfred.

General Abstract #7-2008 – Vouchers #92-100 in the amount of \$15,027.06 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #7-2008 – Vouchers #81-90 in the amount of \$20,969.02 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Report

- Reviewed written report.
- Finished mowing all roads at least once.
- John and Fred helped Andover oil and stone – they had over 20 trucks helping.
- Bridge Inspection of East Valley Bridge near Buckwalter's. Jamie Mansfield met with them and the problems found can be fixed by the Town.
- Received a call from Bill Daily of East Valley – was riding a horse when the horse went through a sluice pipe. Will be replacing that.
- Helped the Village of Alfred with culvert on Terrace Street.
- Working on vehicle repairs.
- John Perkins had surgery on Monday – should be back the following Monday.
- Plan on oil and stoning the end of July. Will be helping Willing and Scio then they will come and help us.

Supervisor: Supervisor Cartwright reported that she had not had a chance to talk with Dog Control Office Dick Stuart but she did talk with the State. They stated that this report was a different dog and they are asking Mr. Stuart to follow the law and do the paper work that is required. Received a complaint regarding a lost dog that Mr. Stuart did not respond to.

Closing of Short's Convenient Store and gas station – said they aren't making any money.

Planning Board –Supervisor Cartwright stated that they need to get started. 1st priority is to get a Windmill Law written. A special meeting will be held on July 24, 2008 with the Planning Board.

Other Business: NYSDEC will hold a public hearing on August 7, 2008 at 5:00 pm in Belmont regarding the proposed ban on open burning.

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm was made by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Higgins-Burdick Town Clerk