

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 14, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, May 14, 2009 and opened by Supervisor Jeanne Cartwright with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Tom Mansfield, Jerry Snyder, and Jeanne Cartwright. Absent were Jeff Johnston and Phil Curran. Also present were Jason Whitwood, Alan Dewey, Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick. Representing the Press was Dave Snyder of the *Alfred Sun* and Justin Head of *the Evening Tribune* (arrived at 7:30 pm)

**Guests:** Alan Dewey stated that he had discussed stimulus money with US Congressman Eric Massa and asked if anyone on the Board had approached his office regarding money for the sewer district? Mr. Dewey added that Wellsville was applying for funds for their project. Jeanne Cartwright agreed this was a good idea and Jerry Snyder volunteered to call Mr. Massa's office.

**Police Report** – Reviewed the written report for April.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of April 9, 2009 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-0.

**Review of Monthly Report** – All ok. Judge Cameron has made an oral request for extra compensation for Justice work done from 12/08 – 4/09 when she was the only Justice. Jerry Snyder stated he would like something in writing showing the extra hours worked. It was questioned if she could be paid more than budgeted since this is an elected salaried position.

The Village of Alfred has requested the Town pay a portion of Wende Bush's expenses for Judge School. A motion was made by Tom Mansfield to reimburse the Village ½ of the cost of Judge Bush's schooling (\$586.49) seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-0.

### Correspondence

- Supervisor Cartwright sent Gale Barron a letter requesting she reimburse the Town for money paid to her while she was acting Judge. Mrs. Barron received compensation from NYS for the same service therefore the Town is requesting reimbursement. To date – have not heard anything from her.
- Alfred-Almond Central School's Attorneys send a letter requesting information on the Wind project. They stated in the letter that the school had requested to be kept informed on the status of the project and have not been. Supervisor Cartwright talked with Mayor Clark and ASC President John Anderson and it was decided to send a joint letter explaining that they have not been left out of anything since nothing has happened. Also, they do have a representative on the Wind Committee. Alfred-Almond also passed a Resolution stating the no wind projects will receive tax exemption on school taxes.

**General Abstract #5-2009** – Vouchers #43-55 in the amount of \$27,292.29 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-0.

**Highway Abstract #5-2009** – Vouchers #58- 73 in the amount of \$16,888.55 were approved with a motion by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-0.

**Highway Report** – Superintendent Jamie Mansfield reported on the following:

- Reviewed written report.
- Grading roads – only 3 left.
- Annual Spring Clean-up – 1 pickup, 1 ten wheeler and 1 single axle full were taken to the landfill. 1 ten wheeler load of tires and 2 pickup trucks full to Belmont.
- Meeting with Bill Dailey and his brother on Walter Road to see where to cut trees and show them where the road is going.

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### **Discussion on Highway Equipment**

Jamie Mansfield reported that the 10 wheeler needs the radiator and clutch replaced. The radiator will cost approximately \$1000.00 and the clutch \$800.00. Ian Henderson has offered to help the Town do this work at the Town building. Mr. Mansfield explained that the truck is 15 years old and the Board should start thinking about replacing it. If a new truck is ordered now it won't arrive until February or March of 2010. Jerry Snyder asked about a replacement schedule for all the equipment and Mr. J. Mansfield stated he would like to replace a truck every 10 years and keep one as a backup truck. Right now the trucks the Town has are a 1994, 2004 and 2006. The cost of a new 10 wheeler will be \$175,000 - \$200,000. Beginning in 2010 there will be an additional cost of \$7000 for the new emissions requirements. Jamie Mansfield stated that the Town will be getting \$106,000 in CHIPS money this year - \$30,000 was rolled over from last year and \$76,000 for this year. Mr. J. Mansfield stated that part of that money could be used to pay Bond on truck. Also will need money for bridge on East Valley road near Fisher Road which currently is posted to a 10 ton weight limit. Jerry Snyder suggested taking the \$30,000 that is in this year's budget and put n reserve. Then in the 2010 budget another \$30,000. Mr. J. Mansfield added that he also would still like an excavator – would be ok with a used one. Jerry Snyder suggested renting an excavator. Jamie Mansfield then asked about the pickup – talked about trading every two years – if still considering doing that time will be coming up in January. Jerry Snyder suggested watch the market and see when the best time to sell would be. Jamie Mansfield stated that if the town is going to order one to receive by spring of next year, it needs to be done in July.

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Cartwright reported that Empire Wind put up a test tower on the Alfred State Campus and are now officially collecting data. Could be up to a year collecting the data. Keith Pittman did come to the Windmill committee meeting Wednesday. The committee will be meeting every 2 months and discussions will be taking place on how much money each district will receive. Jerry Snyder will join the Wind Committee.

Planning Board – only 2 people showed up. Currently there are 2 vacancies- Earl Stopfel and Wende Bush.

Other Business – Tom Mansfield reported on attending the Village meeting.

A motion was made at 8:00 pm by Tom Mansfield to go to Executive Session to pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-0. Executive Session was adjourned at 8:30 pm with a motion by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-0.

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm was made by Tom Mansfield seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick  
Town Clerk