

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 14, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, January 14, 2010 and opened by Supervisor Tom Mansfield with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Tom Mansfield, Jerry Snyder, Mary Stearns and Donn Lang. Also present were Fion MacCrea, Chief O'Grady, Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick. Representing the press was Justin Head of the Evening Tribune.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mary Stearns by Supervisor Tom Mansfield.

Supervisor Mansfield stated that Phil Curran has submitted his resignation in writing due to being elected to the County Legislator position. Mr. Curran's resignation was accepted and all wished him luck at the County. Supervisor Mansfield then noted that five people have expressed an interest in being appointed to the Town Board to fill Mr. Curran's unexpired term. They are: Bob Heineman, Alan Dewey, Fion MacCrea, Ian Henderson and Bill Cleveland. A motion was then made by Mr. Mansfield to appoint Fion MacCrea to a one year term on the Town Board, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0. Mr. MacCrea will have to run in November, if interested, to fill the unexpired term of 2 years. Supervisor Mansfield administered the Oath of Office to Mr. MacCrea and Mr. MacCrea was welcomed to the Board.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of December 10, 2009 and January 1, 2010 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written report. Chief O'Grady reported on an investigation of 2 larcenies of upwards to \$10,000 – credit card and theft of checks. Chief O'Grady also reported that he Allegany Co. Division of Traffic Diversion has suggested a procedure that would allow anyone getting a traffic ticket, can write a letter to the DA, pay \$200, attend a class and then the ticket will be dismissed. Town will only get \$5.00 which will reduce the amount of fine money the Town gets substantially. Judge Wende Bush has expressed that she is not in favor of this. Chief O'Grady is going to look into this further and suggests the Board send a resolution against this.

Correspondence

- Letters of resignation from Phil Curran and Harold Snyder (Historian)

General Abstract #1-2010 – Vouchers #1-20 in the amount of \$39,327.86 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0. Supervisor Tom Mansfield reported that he can in prior to the meeting and looked over all vouchers.

Highway Abstract #1-2010 – Vouchers #1- 13 in the amount of \$20592.94 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Highway Report – Jamie Mansfield reported that they have been plowing and sanding. Almond hauled sand for the Town. Once get new truck will be able to haul our own sand/salt. The green truck will become the backup truck once new one arrives. Mr. Mansfield explained that on nights and weekends they haul sand/salt out of the salt shed. During the week haul it from Buffalo Crushed Stone. Reviewed written report

- Truck is in the finishing stages. Reported that Town's have been having trouble with the sander control – they are trying to work it out with the manufacturer but have warned that may have trouble with it. All repairs to it will be covered under warranty.
- Attended Town Highway Superintendent's meeting – they are trying to get a grant for computers and high band radios for the Highway Departments. Cost to the Town would be \$250 for the laptop and the cost to install the new radios. Donn Lang asked if they are able to communicate with the County if go to high band. Jamie Mansfield stated that they will end up with 2 radios – one high band and on low band. Tim O'Grady stated that in 2 years the Fire Companies will have the ability to go to High band.
- Reported on maintenance and repairs done for the month.

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- Advised that NYSERDA is providing an energy efficiency grant for \$100 – they will go through your buildings and let you know where you can save money on energy.

Supervisor:

- Tom Mansfield and Donn Lang attended school for newly elected officials in Rochester yesterday.
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Town Clerk – Distributed W4's, NYS Retirement options and information request for County directory.

Committee Reports: Planning Board submitted minutes from last meeting. Planning Board has asked the Town what the Town wants them to do at this point. Jerry Snyder informed them to continue doing what they are doing (working on a Windmill Law) and to continue to dig into issues regarding the Windmills.

Jerry Snyder reported that he attended the last Windmill meeting and felt it was very worthwhile.

Board of Assessment Review: A motion was made by Jerry Snyder to appoint Norm Grosse to a 5 year term replacing Alan Dewey (did not want to be reappointed). Seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business

- Gail Barron has still not paid the Town back. Supervisor Mansfield will call Albany and see what needs to be done and to find out if the State ever paid her.
- Bond for new truck – Jerry Snyder stated that he would like to pay off the truck with CHIPS money if that money is not being used for anything else. Jamie Mansfield stated that some of the CHIPS money is going towards a bridge.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk