

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 11, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:10 pm Thursday, February 11, 2010 and opened by Supervisor Tom Mansfield with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Tom Mansfield, Jerry Snyder, Mary Stearns, Fion MacCrea and Donn Lang. Also present were Chief O'Grady, Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick. Representing the press was Dave Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of January 14, 2010 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

**Police Report** – Reviewed written report and 2009 Annual Report. Chief O'Grady noted that at year end misdemeanors were down 63%. Chief O'Grady also reported that he talked to the Allegany Co. DA regarding 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. Chief O'Grady was told that the Towns and Villages would still get the amount they would have gotten. Jerry Snyder also called the DA's office but was unable to contact anyone. Chief O'Grady also stated that this is supposedly designed for first time offenders.

**Monthly Report** – The monthly report was reviewed and explained to new Board members.

### Correspondence

- Allegany Co. DPW – resolution for replacement of bridge on East Valley. The resolution does include a detour. Supervisor Mansfield stated that some of the residents do not want the detour. Mr. Mansfield will call the residents most affected to see how they feel. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder approving the resolution for the replacement of the bridge with the Town paying approximately \$29,400.00. The motion was seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. It was noted that if a detour is not put in the cost to the Town will be less.
- State Senator Cathy Young is looking into payment to Gail Barron. Supervisor Mansfield called Judge Markie who told him that Mrs. Barron had never completed the paperwork. Until that is done they will not pay her. The State has been in contact with Mrs. Barron to get the paperwork completed and mailed.
- Letter from Dan Burling stated that CHIPS will remain the same as 2009.
- Office of Real Property – equalization rate is 100% so will receive the annual aid - \$5.00/parcel.
- Southern Tier West – requesting Town become a member.
- Wind Meeting Minutes were reviewed.
- Allegany Co. Legislators – minutes of meeting where they discussed what they want to accomplish over the next 4 years and information for new Legislators.
- Newspaper article showing location of Wind Farms in Western New York.

**General Abstract #2-2010** – Vouchers #21-31 in the amount of \$20,715.81 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0. Supervisor Tom Mansfield reported that he came in prior to the meeting and looked over all vouchers.

**Highway Abstract #2-2010** – Vouchers #14-33 in the amount of \$203,802.96 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Included is payment for the new truck - \$187,899.45. Will get Bond next Friday from Steuben Trust – 3 years at 3%.

The only bank to give the Town a quote for the Bond was Steuben Trust. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder to borrow \$88,000.00 on a Statuary Installment Bond for 3 years at 3% from Steuben Trust Company. The motion was seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0. Jerry Snyder stated that once the bridge is done would like to see some of the CHIPS money go toward paying off the truck early.

Payment of Truck: \$30,000.00 from 2009 Budget  
\$50,000.00 from 2010 Budget  
\$20,000.00 from CHIPS that will be received in March  
\$88,000.00 from Bond

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**Highway Report** – Jamie Mansfield reported that they have been plowing and sanding. Checking sluice pipes to make sure they are not frozen. Keeping an eye on a couple that are almost frozen shut. New truck arrived 1/25/2010.

**Supervisor:**

- Tom Mansfield talked with JobTrax – they have people looking for work – the Town would just have to provide materials. Mr. Mansfield will contact them for painting of the inside of the Town Building. In the spring they can do the garage doors.
- Anne Acton – Alfred 21<sup>st</sup> Century Group Advisory Council would like someone from the Town to attend meetings. Meetings are at 4:30 pm in the Village every other month. Tom Mansfield will attend the April meeting.
- Will be requesting Assessor and Codes Enforcement Officer to next meeting the meet the Board and give updates.

**Town Clerk** – Reviewed December and January written reports.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Bob Sobek of Alfred Housing – Main Street Grant – if interested in fixing up exterior of businesses. 50% match for businesses with a minimum of \$50,000.
2. Planning Board – Mary Stearns attended last meeting. Reported that they are having trouble with the wording on the noise levels for windmills and are looking at Hartsville's law. Mr. Mansfield will contact ASC President John Anderson and Village Mayor Craig Clark to set up a meeting to discuss Windmill issues. Jerry Snyder suggested the Planning submit their draft windmill law to the Town Board so the Board can review what they have done so far.
3. Financial Committee – December 2009 and January 2010 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements was made by Mary Stearns seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

**Unfinished Business**

- Exit Interview with the State Auditor to review finding of audit – March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm was made by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick  
Town Clerk