

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 11, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, March 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, Mayor Craig Clark, Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick. Representing the Planning Board were Pam Jones, Renee Richardson, Tim Cochran, and Dan Acton.

Review of Proposed Wind Law

Pam Jones stated that the Planning Board tried to strike a balance with a company making money and a rural area that people don't want changed. That is the reason for the increase of decibels and setbacks. Mrs. Jones stated that the Planning Board felt that there is a need for an attorney with experience in Windmills, to look over this proposed law. Issues questioned were as follows:

- Decommissioning – intent was that the entire cement pad would have to come out. Pad should be a minimum of 3 feet. Fion MacCrea stated that Ag. And Markets recommends 4 ft. below grade.
- 1500' setback from Wetlands – this has been included in other local laws.
- Set back from a public road – this is in Section 13 - 500' from road right of way.
- Cap on number of windmills – setbacks and distance from property lines will determine the number that will be allowed to be erected.
- License Fee – Dan Acton explained that this would give a royalty to the Town that would not have to be shared. Increased to \$8000 per year per MW.
- Verify repair to roads during construction and anytime after will be paid by Windmill Company.
- Add remedy to shadow flicker – need to spell out what they could do to remedy it – trees, etc. to block it out.

Tom Mansfield thanked the Planning Board for all the hours and work put into this proposed law and added that the Town Board will review it further.

Supervisors Report – Supervisor Mansfield reported that he met with ASC President John Anderson and Village Mayor Craig Clark. It was stated at that meeting that ASC planned on sharing any profits they received from the windmills only with the Village. Craig Clark explained that when John Anderson started as President, he asked Craig Clark what he could do to help the Village. Mr. Clark told him help with the high Village taxes. The concern was to get funds to the Village and not just the Town. Mr. Anderson stated he was willing to share the profits with the Village – anything not on College property – Town would get and not share with the Village. Empire Wind's intention was to share revenues with all. Mr. Clark added that it still has to be approved by the Chancellor. Fion MacCrea asked about the permit process – would they have to file permits with the Town. Would the Town be lead agency? John Anderson stated no – the College would be. Mr. Clark added that Mr. Anderson stated that he planned on following the Town's Local Laws – he is not trying to circumvent the Town. Mary Stearns stated that she talked with Jim Bacilles and he felt that the State did have to follow Town setbacks. Donn Lang asked what the correlation is between putting something up for education vs. business. Craig Clark answered that need to wait and see what the revenues look like. Mr. Lang added that he would hope the Town would be included in all the meetings. Mr. Lang also pointed out that the Wind Committee headed by Virginia Rasmussen is an unofficial group. Mr. Mansfield stated that he hoped the Board could have a decision on the Windmill Law within 30 days.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of February 11, 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 noted that it was a quiet month.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Bicycle Man hopes to be moved within 30 days.

Monthly Report – The monthly report was reviewed. The Bond for \$88,000 was received and the new truck paid in full. A copy of the Procurement Policy was given to all new Board members.

Correspondence

- US Census – encouraging everyone to return their questionnaire.
- Letter from Tom Mansfield to JobTrax thanking them for the great job they did painting in the Town building. They will be back in the spring to do outside work and painting.

General Abstract #3-2010 – Vouchers #32-42 in the amount of \$16,096.16 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 4-1 with Jerry Snyder voting no. Mr. Snyder objected to the Voucher #35 to Keith Slep for the amount he charged to draw up the Bond and Voucher #36 to Richardson & Stout for the cost of insurance on the new truck. Supervisor Tom Mansfield reported that he came in prior to the meeting and looked over all vouchers and initialed them.

Highway Abstract #3-2010 – Vouchers #34--49 in the amount of \$17277.77 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Highway Report – Jamie Mansfield reported that they have been plowing and sanding. Checking sluice pipes to make sure they are not frozen.

- New truck to Rochester – started hard 4 days in a row.
- Getting tractor and mower ready.
- 1000 hour service on Loader per manual.
- Tested Carbon Monoxide – break room, Jamie's office and Board room all measured high. Mr. Mansfield will get hold of Bryan Snyder and have it checked.
- Will start hauling scrap steel.
- Looking at pressure washers – would like one with a warranty.

Jerry Snyder asked if they saved any money on salt and sand this year and Jamie Mansfield stated that they did pretty good. Reduced order for next year from 450 tons to 400 tons.

East Valley Road bridge replacement – detour will be put in. Mailman would have had to go way out of his way if there was not a detour.

Committee Reports:

1. Mary Stearns reported that she had reviewed the Town's Comprehensive Plan which states the need to preserve open space on hilltops. Also encourages the Colleges to maintain a natural landscape. This would be in contrast with Windmills. Mrs. Stearns suggested the Comprehensive Plan be reviewed. A special meeting to review the proposed Windmill Law was scheduled for March 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm.
2. Mary Stearns attended the Alfred Alive meeting. Trying to create ideas of what can be done to promote local businesses.
3. Fion MacCrea attended the Village Board meeting. Main Street Development Grant – you will be reimbursed up to 75% but businesses have to pay total cost upfront.
4. Financial Committee – February 2010 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Other Business – Craig Clark reported that Alfred State College will be starting on a new barn with two wings – one organic and one regular with about 40 head of cattle on each side. Work will begin this summer.

A motion was made at 8:45 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0. Executive Session was adjourned at 9:30 pm with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm was made by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

