

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 8, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday, July 8, 2010 and opened by Supervisor Tom Mansfield with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were Tom Mansfield, Jerry Snyder, Mary Stearns, Donn Lang, and Fion MacCrea. Also present were Virginia Rasmussen, Sue Fowler, Joy and Bill Cleveland, Else Flynn, Lisa Looney, Stephanie McMahon, and Kim Donius. Representing the Planning Board; Dan Acton and Pam Jones. Sean and Rebecca Hyland. Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Kilmer, Jamie Mansfield and Janice Burdick.

Guests: Bill Cleveland spoke on behalf of member of the Community Windmill Group requesting again that the setbacks for Windmills be increased to 1.5-2 miles. Felt this was needed to protect the people and sustain the quality of life. Mr. Cleveland then did a demonstration showing what impact a windmill would have on surrounding homes if the setback was only ½ mile. Virginia Rasmussen expressed appreciation to the Planning Board for all the work they have done on the Local law. Supervisor Mansfield announced that Empire Wind has announced that they are no longer pursuing a Wind project in Alfred. Mr. Mansfield added that the Town Board would still like to see a Wind Law in place before the end of the year. The Planning Board would like to see the setbacks increased to 1 mile. Dan Acton then presented an aerial map showing where the Windmills were planning on being sited with an overlay to show the impact on surrounding homes within ½ mile – would affect quite a few people. Increasing to 1 mile showed less would be affected. Donn Lang asked why no one had suggested that the Town write a law that says no windmills. After further discussion the topic of personal windmills was discussed and those in attendance had no problem with permitting them.

Sean and Rebecca Hyland – present to request a Certificate of Occupancy for a cabin they live in on Greene Road. Green Road is a seasonal road. Steve Kilmer explained that they were issued a Building Permit for a seasonal cabin. NYS requires that an emergency vehicle have access to the residence year round. The road has to be able to allow an ambulance or fire truck to get there. Mr. Hyland stated that he was hoping the road could be improved over time. Jamie Mansfield stated that in order to make the road accessible to emergency vehicles it would have to have a 20' roadbed with ditches on both sides. Currently it is 10'. From East Valley to their driveway is 2.2 miles. Cost would be over \$400,000.00. Jamie Mansfield stated that he can do some grading there this year. Mr. Hyland stated that he couldn't in good conscience as the Town to spend \$500,000 to fix the road. Jamie Mansfield added that the other problem is there is no turn around – once you get down there with a dump truck you are not going to get back out. Tom Mansfield stated that the Board would discuss it and see if anything could be done but informed Mr. Hyland that the Town would not be building a new road.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Mr. Kilmer reported that he inspected two rentals per a request from the landlord. Reviewed permits issued and inspections conducted in June.

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

Monthly Report – The monthly report was reviewed.

Correspondence

- Keith Pittman – email announcing withdrawal of wind project.
- Richardson and Pullen Law Firm – I free ticket to Legislators Clam Bake – Jerry Snyder will attend.
- Allegany County DPW – Three year Snow and Ice Contract for Town to do County Road 12 and County Road 11. The County has been doing it for several years now. After some discussion a motion was made by Donn Lang to not sign the contract with the County, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Jamie Mansfield stated that he will go and help out in an emergency until the County truck can get there.

Planning Board – Minutes from June and July were reviewed.

General Abstract #7-2010 – Vouchers #74-85 in the amount of \$21812.17 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0. Tom Mansfield reported that he came in prior to the meeting and looked over all vouchers and initialed them.

Highway Abstract #7-2010 – Vouchers #96--105 in the amount of \$11231.07 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Highway Report –

Reviewed written report.

- Graded Walter and Lunch Roads. Hot patched E. Valley.
- Help from Andover, Scio and Hartsville doing Oak Ridge and Random Roads.
- Trimmed trees on Sherman Road.
- Helped Hartsville fix Pleasant Valley due to wash out.
- Greased all trucks.

2006 International – third time bolt has broken – this time took out the back window of cab. Took to AirFlow and they can't figure out why this is happening. Tom Mansfield asked if AirFlo was going to pay for repairs and Jamie Mansfield stated that he did not think so. Also, heard there may be another Town with same problem. Donn Lang expressed concern that someone could end up getting hurt. Fion MacCrea asked if we should look at another truck. Jamie Mansfield added that this truck has been a problem ever since the Town got it. Would like to replace it with a used 10 wheeler preferable with an all season sander. Tom Mansfield asked if we could get enough for it to pay for a used truck and Jamie Mansfield stated he didn't know. West Almond has a 1996 for \$28,000 – needs tires now and new brakes next year. Thought we could get around \$40,000 for the 2006. A motion was made by Jerry Snyder to sell the 2006 International in Teitsworth's Auction in August, 2nd by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

Loader – leak in rear end. Had to remove rear end and take to Orchard Park for repair – estimate of \$1600 plus parts.

Supervisor's Report:

1. Board of Elections – after visiting The Town Hall have determined that it will work for voting this year.
2. County Landfill going to \$150 for yearly permit.
3. Will be contacting State Senator Kathy Young for possible grant for addition to Town Building.

Town Clerk- Tax Collection training for new procedure and software will be starting in August.

As of January 1, 2011 all dog licensing will be done through the Town. The state will no longer be involved so Town will be responsible for sending out renewal notices. Purchasing dog tags, etc.

Financial Committee – May 2010 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements was made by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business – Windmill Law – Supervisor Mansfield stated that he would like this done by the end of the year. Donn Lang would like to see a law that would only allow personal use windmills that would have a restricted height and kilowatts. Does not feel the commercial windmills fit in this community. Fion MacCrea suggested that you may want to only limit height and blade sweep but not output. Jerry Snyder added that he feels this is the direction the community wants to Town Board to take.

New Business – Donn Lang would like the Planning Board to work on a law that would not allow Fracking to the ground for gas exploration. It can affect private water wells. Planning Board is also working on a rental inspection law.

A motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm was made by Jerry Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk