

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 9, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday June 9, 2011 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 Jamie Mansfield, Janice Burdick, Rob Billings and another officer from the Alfred PD. Guests were as follows: Dale Butts, Adam and Teresa Jefferds, Kasey and Mark Klingensmith, Doug Turner, Pam Jones, Elsie Cushing, JoEllen delCampo. Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun* and Andrew Poole of the *Evening Tribune*.

Guests: Adam and Teresa Jefferds offered their assistance in updating and changing the Noise Ordinance. Dale Butts stated that Craig Clark had told him he was going to get the problem fixed with the sound system at the Alfred State College Stadium, article in the *Evening Tribune* that it would be taken care of and Steve Tyrell, VP said it would be fixed. According to Mr. Butts, he hasn't heard from CEO Steve Kilmer. A copy of Steve's email was given to Mr. Butts and it was noted it went to the wrong email address. Teresa and Adam Jefferds expressed concern about the plowing at the Equestrian Center and the noise created by it. Supervisor Tom Mansfield stated that he will arrange a meeting with Mr. Butts to see what can be done about the sound system. In regards to the noise from plowing – not sure if there is anything the Town can do about that. Fion MacCrea stated that our current Noise Ordinance is about as stringent as it can be for this area. Dale Butts suggested taking out Section 2 “The provisions of this law shall not apply to the following:” (d) – “The use of devices in connection with any religious or political activity, athletic competition, or recreational event held on public or municipal athletic fields, stadiums or public places.” Mr. Mansfield stated that he would contact the lawyer and get back to Dale and Teresa. Mrs. Jefferds added that she was concerned about the buffer that is supposed to be maintained at the Equestrian Center – they have cut down 12 trees and shrubs.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of May 12, 2011 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Police Report – Reviewed written monthly report. Mary Stearns expressed concern about a young man riding a bicycle in the Village in the nude. Officer Billings suggested if anyone sees him to call the Police.

Monthly Report – All ok. Sold pickup at auction - \$21500.00 less the \$2150 commission.

Correspondence

- Allegany Co. Board of Legislators – County Clam Bake – July 29th...
- Allegany Co. Board of Legislators– Explained that when a county resident attends a Community College – State pays 33%, Student pays 33% and County pays Town's share of 33% since they don't share sales tax with the Towns.
- FEMA meeting for spring flooding – 6/15/11. Will cover April 26 – May 19th. Trying to get dates extended until the end of May.

General Abstract #6-2011 – Vouchers #63-76 in the amount of \$8720.68 were approved with a motion by Mary Stearns seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #6-2011 – Vouchers #83-98 in the amount of \$38467.81 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Highway Report –

Reviewed written report.

- Hope to have new pickup by end of June – 1st of July. It is in Mexico being built but waiting for parts from Japan.
- Working of Flood damage – Village helped with headwall on Waterwells.

- Used new material - skid pave in potholes on Lake, Sherman and Palmiter Roads...
- Hole on Sibley Road has gotten worse. Went from 4' hole to 8'. Trying to fill with rocks for temporary fix.
- Helped Wellsville haul material for repair of flood damage.
- May 20th – bad lightening storm – took out most of the power. Received a call from 911 asking to help remove trees – some still had live electric lines on them.
- Attended Highway School at Cornell University.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Mansfield reported that he had hand delivered a packet on the voting issue to each Board member. According to the Election Commissioners voting will be combined into one district and take place at the Town Building. It has been rumored that the Village plans on suing the Board of Elections if this happens. It was noted that there is \$1000 available to the Town to pay for fixtures, etc. to clean up the bays for voting.

Requested someone from Job Trax to do some outside painting of garage doors.

Town Clerk – Reviewed written report.

Committee Reports:

Reviewed the proposed Renter/Landlord Law. After some discussion a motion was made by Donn Lang to hold a Public Hearing at the next monthly Board meeting in July for the purpose of hearing public comment on Local Law #3 – Regulation of Rental Properties in the Town of Alfred. The motion was seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 4-0-1 with Mary Stearns abstaining due to her husband owning rental property. Pam Jones and the rest of the Planning Board were thanked for all their work on this

Resolution for a Moratorium on High Volume, slick water Hydraulic Fracturing: Kasey Klingensmith presented the resolution and explained that other Towns in NYS are passing Moratoriums. It was noted that this must be a Local Law. A motion was made by Donn Lang to table this resolution due to the fact that it has to be a local law and is very important to our community. Due to the meeting in Binghamton on 6/24 that is for Home Rule and this issue, may get some very helpful and useful information. Jerry Snyder added that the Board wants to do it right and would like to wait until after the meeting in Binghamton. The motion was seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Mark Klingensmith asked about the use of salt brine on Town roads – where is the brine coming from? Jamie Mansfield explained that it is coming from National Fuel in Independence. Mark Klingensmith expressed concern that it may come from Hydrofracking.

Financial Committee - May 2011 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements was made by Donn Lang seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Other Business: Mary Stearns stated that Chuck Jessup wrote a letter to Senator Cathy Young requesting the Sewer Authority be kept due to the fact that it took four years to get.

A motion to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel was made by Tom Mansfield, seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 8:27 pm with a motion by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Donn Lang and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn 8:30 pm was made by Mary Stearns seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

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