

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

September 13, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 7:00 pm Thursday September 13, 2012. All Board members were present. Also present were Jamie Mansfield, Police Chief Tim O'Grady, Assessor Sue Putt and Janice Burdick. Residents Kasey Klingensmith and Fred Fredrickson. Representing the press was David Snyder of the *Alfred Sun*. Arriving later in the meeting was resident Larry Shillings.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Tom Mansfield at 7:00 pm.

Assessor: - Sue Putt reviewed permits issued this year and noted that she still has not received any from the Village. Mrs. Putt stated that she checks each year old permit due to the fact that sometimes people will get a permit for one thing and construct something else. Has to assess what is there as of 3/1. If partial takes a percentage. Mrs. Putt noted that Village sales were less than assessed where Town was more or equal to assessment. Also currently at 100% equalization rate but no incentive by state anymore to stay at 100%. Also gave the Board a copy of the NYS Building code that requires all buildings be numbered. Tom Mansfield asked if the Town could put a notice in the paper asking people to comply. Mary Stearns asked about the letter from Virginia Rasmussen regarding the assessment on Rose Apartments – she feels it is too low. It is currently assessed at \$870,000 which Sue Putt feels is fair. Saxon Inn – Sue will be removing the exemption then the Town will be hearing from them. The Assessor has nothing to do with PILOTS – negotiated by the Town Board. Sue P. stated that she doesn't make it easy for anyone applying for tax exempt status – have to fill out all the paperwork.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of August 9 and August 21, 2012 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Mary Stearns and carried 5-0.

Police Report - Reviewed the written report. Been busy in the Village and had two break-ins in the Town.

Review of Monthly Report – Should receive State Aid and CHIPS this month.

Correspondence:

- Time Warner – channel lineup changes.
- Kier Dirlam – IDA Grant for inventory of buildings and facilities in Allegany County that are considered a Brownfield. Requesting letter of support for Grant to gather this information. Jerry Snyder stated that he totally disagreed with giving grant money for this – if stop giving grants businesses could survive.

General Abstract #9-2012 – Vouchers #107-117 in the amount of \$8218.36 were approved with a motion by Jerry Snyder seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Highway Abstract #9-2012 – Vouchers #97-116 in the amount of \$89463.50 were approved with a motion by Donn Lang seconded Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0. Jamie Mansfield stated that Lloyd Hollenbeck will work with the Town on the payment for Sibley Road. Donn Lang asked if the paperwork had been turned into FEMA yet and Jamie Mansfield stated that no, he has to wait until it is totally completed. Waiting for the State on the guiderails. Voucher #102 to Industrial Services for the Sibley Road project in the amount of \$155,000.00 was approved to pay \$75,000.00 with the balance of \$70,000.00 to be paid when the project is completed with a motion by Donn Lang, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Highway Report –Reviewed written report.

- Ditch work on Waterwells and Sherman Roads.
- Replaced 80' of driveway pipe at Keith Gregory's on Waterwells Road.
- Redid Bill Cleveland's driveway pipe on Sherman Road.
- Trimmed trees on seasonal part of Terbury Road.
- Graded Sibley and Terbury Roads, rolled and brined them.
- Patching potholes and fixing shoulders.
- 96 Mack – replaced 4 slack adjusters, one set of S Cam bushings and one brake chamber.
- 04 International – removed radiator and had it repaired. Fixed oil leak on the front of motor with new front cover gaskets and a crank seal.

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- Reported that the pipe on Waterwells near Rich Hoffman's will need to be replaced soon. 60" pipe was put in 1986. Will keep an eye on it.
- Submitted annual Equipment Report.
- Advised the Board that Delta Engineers do a Road Preservation protection program. Cost is about \$9500.00.
- Eddy project on Terbury Road – have cleared the land and having a perk test done. Have not submitted a building permit at this time.
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Supervisor – Requested information from Cass Lorow at the Board of Elections for an estimate of cost for elections. Both Districts will be about \$3147. District I will be about \$1732.00. It was reported that the Village will be blacktopping an area near the entrance to the Fire Hall to make it handicap accessible. The County Board of Elections will be visiting all voting sites with someone from the ADA to make sure all sites are handicap accessible.

Pine Street – AU and Village are trying to determine who has what jurisdiction on this road. Bridge is owned by the Town. County Legislator Doug Burdick is going to request the County either turn it over to the College or if it is ever red flagged have it shut down. Tim O'Grady stated that Pine Street has always been a private road.

Article in Evening Tribune that ASC is putting a windmill above athletic stadium.

Baker's Bridge – definitely closing in 2015.

Road Preservation Law – nothing back from the lawyer.

Extension of Moratorium – A Public Hearing will be held November 6, 2012, 6:30 pm at the Alfred Station Fire Hall to hear public comment for Local Law #2-2012 Which would extend the Moratorium on gas exploration for an additional 6 months.

Financial Committee – August 2012 bank statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the bank statements were made by Mary Stearns seconded by Tom Mansfield and carried 5-0.

New Business: Mary Stearns noted that some residents on Shaw Road have a concern on the speed limit – it is currently 45 mph.

2013 Budget – Budget workshop will be held October 4th at 6:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn 8:50 pm was made by Donn Lang seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice L. Burdick,
Town Clerk