

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Budget Meeting

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March 6, 2012

**Members Present:** Mayor Clark; Trustees Bowden, Dosch, Rasmussen; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel

**Guests Present:** Police Chief Tim O’Grady; 5 members of A.E. Crandall Fire & Ambulance Dept.

1. Meeting Opening – Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.
2. Guests – Mayor Clark invited Marion Weaver, President of A. E. Crandall to speak. There was discussion about the new radio tower coverage and communication with the Allegany County Sheriff’s Department about issues related to the transition. Fire and Ambulance call statistics and financial data were distributed to the board and discussed.
3. Discussion By Fund –
  - a. General Fund – If the tax rate were held steady, the preliminary budget shows a deficit of \$78,300. The board discussed how to close this deficit, including discussion about the police department operations, revenue requests to the colleges, and commercial water rates.
    - i. Fund Balance – The Fund Balance is primarily targeted to be used for:
      1. Retirement – 2012-13 increase. (\$20,900)
      2. South Main paving – The Fund Balance will be replenished for a portion of the 2011-12 expenditure through the CHIPS program.
      3. Police car – (\$28,120)
      4. Streets/Water Dumptruck – Postponed to 2013-14.
    - ii. Fire Protection and Ambulance Service – The board discussed contract increases.
    - iii. Part-time wages – The board discussed the wage rates of part-time employees.
    - iv. Justice Court – The board discussed the salaries of the village justice and acting justice, and the associated commitment to service.
    - v. Village Band – The board discussed the funding for the village band.
  - b. Water
    - i. Fund Balance – The Fund balance is targeted to be used for:
      1. Streets/Water Dumptruck – Postponed to 2013-14.
      2. Water Equipment Valves – (\$20,600)
  - c. Sewer
    - i. Long-Term Capital Plan – The village is planning equipment replacement through NYSERDA and Bond funding.
    - ii. Fund Balance – The Fund balance is targeted to be used for \$14,000 in equipment repair/replacement. Recirculation pump replacement will be included in the long-term plan and funded through a bond.
4. Water/Sewer Rates
  - a. Rate Structure – The Board discussed a commercial water rate.

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5. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel  
Clerk-Treasurer