

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

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April 10, 2012

**Present:** Mayor Clark; Trustees Bowden, Dosch, Prophet (left 8:08 p.m.); Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady, 18 members of the public and 2 members of the press

1. **Meeting Opening** –Mayor Clark opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.
2. **Swearing In Ceremony** – Trustees Prophet and Bowden took the oath of office.
3. **Mayoral Appointments** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Dosch to approve the mayoral appointments (attached). Motion passed 4-0.
4. **Minutes** –
  - a. A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting of March 6, 2012 as written. Motion passed 4-0.
  - b. A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Bowden to approve the minutes of Public Hearings #1 and #2 of March 13, 2012 as written. Motion passed 4-0.
  - c. A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Prophet to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of March 13, 2012 as written. Motion passed 4-0.
  - d. A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to approve the minutes of Budget Meeting of March 20, 2012 as written. Motion passed 4-0.
5. **Announcements**
6. **Guests**
  - a. **Noise Ordinance Extension of Hours – April 20** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to extend the noise ordinance until 11:30 p.m. due to a concert in Carnegie Hall parking lot on April 20<sup>th</sup>, as part of Hot Dog Day weekend. Motion passed 4-0.
  - b. **Zoning Law Change – Congregate Housing** –
    - i. Discussion – A town resident stated that one year ago there was concern about this type of housing, and questioned whether and why the village is now promoting it. S. Clarke of the Planning Board explained some details of the proposed law. Several representatives from Alfred State College spoke in favor of the zoning law change. One ASC representative explained fraternities and sororities are required by the college to have a plan for risk management, are held to a standard by ASC, and are taking measures to be good neighbors and perform community services; she said of ten ASC greek organizations, only two are underground and those are being penalized by the college. A village resident repeated her strong opposition to the zoning law change, first stated at the March 13, 2012 public hearing; claimed it would turn Church St. into fraternity row while failing to change the existence of underground groups all over the village, would change architectural value of property, and would change the community around the church. She repeated a request to consider a new B3 zone between Main and Mill St., to which S. Clarke conveyed the Planning Board decision that doing so would be considered spot zoning and it was not in favor. Mayor Clark stated fraternities and sororities are not being made a target, and explained the term congregate housing is a broader term that includes those organizations among other groups.



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- g. **Water Rates** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to establish water rates as follows; Motion passed 3-0:
  - i. Inside Residential Water Rate - \$3.03 per 1,000 gallons.
  - ii. Inside Commercial Water Rate - \$3.94 per 1,000 gallons, for annual users of over 10 million gallons.
  - iii. Outside Water Rate – \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons.
- h. **2012-13 Budget** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to approve the 2012-13 Budget in the total amount of \$2,163,244.50 with a 0% tax rate increase. Motion passed 3-0 as follows:
  - i. Mayor Clark – Aye
  - ii. Trustee Dosch – Aye
  - iii. Trustee Bowden – Aye
- i. **2012 Property Tax Levy** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden for Clerk-Treasurer Koegel to extend and carry out upon the roll \$627,207 in property tax to be levied against each parcel of real property. Motion passed 3-0.
- j. **Alfred Community Theatre** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to authorize terms of use of Theater Space as follows: that due to the community-minded nature of their public performances and the extensive financial and time investment they have made and continue to make in the theater space the Alfred Community Theatre be given priority in reserving the Village Hall Theatre space for the month of July 2012 and for either two weeks in Dec. 2012 or two weeks in January 2013. The \$100 deposit will be waived and the Village will simply bill Alfred Community Theatre for any damage that may occur. All Alfred Community Theatre activities and privileges in the Village Hall Theatre are subject to annual review by the Board of Trustees. Alfred Community Theatre agrees to reserve the space at least one month in advance and plan rehearsals around the regular and official activities in the Village Hall. Alfred Community Theatre will give the Village Clerk a rehearsal/performance schedule for each time-span of use of the Village Hall Theatre. Motion passed 3-0.
- k. **Employee Benefits portion of Employee Handbook** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to approve the changes to the Employee Benefits section of the Employee Handbook, retroactive to 2011. Motion passed 3-0.
- l. **2012-13 Procurement Policy** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Dosch to approve the 2012-2013 Procurement Policy. Motion passed 3-0.
- m. **2012-13 Investment Policy** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Dosch to approve the 2012-2013 Investment Policy (unchanged from last year). Motion passed 3-0.
- n. **Allegany County Inter-municipal Aid** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to authorize the 2011-12 Mutual Aid agreement between the Municipalities of Allegany County, New York. Motion passed 3-0.

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- o. **Alfred State College Farm water hook up request** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to authorize commercial water connection at 1254 Alfred Station Road. Motion passed 3-0.
  - p. **Municipal Solutions** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to approve the Amendment to Contract of 1/2/09 due to ARRA funding and extension of project beyond initial expectation of one year, in an amount that will not exceed \$22,500 (\$14,000 original contract plus \$8,500 for amendment). Motion passed 3-0.
8. **Reports**
- a. **Mayor** – Mayor Clark stated the village has talked to Alfred State College, and the college suggested setting up a consultant and meeting for shared services; he stated the village will bill in accordance with what was estimated in the letter of the 10/2011.
  - b. **Planning and Zoning** – Report will be given by Trustee Rasmussen in May.
  - c. **Streets & Water** – Trustee Dosch gave the report and asked the board to be sure to review the report and annual summary he sent out before the meeting.
  - d. **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Trustee Bowden gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
  - e. **Housing and Code Enforcement** - Report will be given by Trustee Rasmussen in May.
  - f. **Youth and Recreation** – No activity was reported.
  - g. **Police** – Chief O’Grady gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
  - h. **Clerk-Treasurer** – Clerk-Treasurer Koegel gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
9. **Budget Adjustments** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Dosch to increase the General Fund \$3,760 due to receipt of a JCAP grant and transfer \$575 within the Water Fund for new operator training, per attached detail; Adjustment 2012-09. Motion passed 3-0.
10. **Bills**
- a. **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to approve payment of **Abstract 2012-11** in the total amount of \$137,144.72 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 3-0.
    - i. General Fund \$35,682.70
    - ii. Water Fund \$13,116.84
    - iii. Sewer Fund \$88,345.18
  - b. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
11. **Upcoming Meetings**
- a. The next regular board meeting will be May 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. following a public hearing starting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer