

**MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing**  
**May 8, 2012**

**Present:** Mayor Clark, Trustees Rasmussen, Bowden, Prophet, Dosch; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel, Code Enforcement Officer Cagle; 11 members of the public and 1 member of the press

1. **Public Hearing Opening** – Mayor Clark opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
2. **Local Law #2012-4: Water and Sewer Service** – Trustee Dosch summarized the law intended to formalize what had historically been a village policy. He explained the process for connecting to or repairing water and sewer service. Trustee Rasmussen explained this law is not mandated by the state, and made it clear the property owner is responsible for sewer lateral repairs to the sewer main regardless of whether the sewer main is located on the other side of the street. Trustees Rasmussen and Dosch addressed the following questions with further elaboration on the process.
  - a. **New York State Streets** – Permission to make sewer lateral repairs is necessary regardless of whether they involve village-owned or state-owned streets.
  - b. **Orangeburg** – A village resident stated residents don't know what they're in for, as there is a lot of aging orangeburg sewer pipe in the village. Another village resident asked Trustee Dosch to explain further, and it was an estimate that the pipes were placed in the 1940s, with the village placing the main and the homeowner installing the laterals.
  - c. **Homeowner Communication** – Trustee Rasmussen as liaison for Housing emphasized the necessity to inform new homeowners of this law so they would have opportunity to incorporate such potential costs into their contingency budgets.
3. **Adjournment** – The public hearing was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer