

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

February 12, 2013

Present: Mayor Clark; Trustees Dosch, Rasmussen, Bowden; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady, 2 members of the public and 1 member of the Village Planning Board

1. **Meeting Opening** –Mayor Clark opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
2. **Announcements** – Budget Meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 26th.
3. **Minutes** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2013 and Special Meeting of January 18, 2013 as written. Motion passed 4-0.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Property Tax Cap Override Law** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Dosch to set a public hearing for March 12, 2013 at 7:25 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.
 - b. **NYS – Contact Information for Vacant Structures** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Dosch to support New York State regarding the proposed laws (Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824) concerning contact information for vacant structures. Motion passed 4-0.
 - c. **Electronic Waste Recycling** –Trustee Rasmussen reported the results of her research into electronics recycling: both campuses hold an e-waste program on Earth Day in April each year and residents may also take e-waste to the transfer station for recycling without purchasing a dump pass; both programs involve Sunnking, a company that recycles e-waste in a responsible manner.
 - d. **WWTP Engineering Planning Grant – Budget** – Clerk-Treasurer Koegel distributed a draft budget from Clark-Patterson Lee to the board, with the initial report that this grant will primarily be a reimbursement to the village for prior expenditures associated with this Chesapeake Bay nitrogen/phosphorus limit compliance study. A formal proposal is expected for action in February.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Hydrofracturing Moratorium** – Trustee Rasmussen reported the village has learned from a pro bono attorney that the Alfred town moratorium doesn’t apply to the village. With the short time-frame remaining before a state environmental impact statement, this attorney is willing to meet with the board and review the existing village zoning law and comprehensive plan, to help determine whether a moratorium would be necessary to protect against undesirable effects of hydrofracking-related processes such as waste dumps, pipelines, and stations. It was mentioned there is a creek by the research & development zone that might be vulnerable. A zoning ban on hydrofracking in the research & development zone could append to the moratorium.
 - i. **County Planning Board Review** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to send the proposed hydrofracking moratorium to the County Planning Board for review and arrange a time to meet with the pro-bono attorney before March. Motion passed 4-0.

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7. Reports

- a. **Planning and Zoning** – Trustee Rasmussen gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
 - b. **Streets & Water** – Supt. McNulty gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
 - c. **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Trustee Bowden gave a written report in advance of the meeting. The board discussed the possible acceptance of waste from Vesuvius ceramics, and requested Trustee Bowden investigate and communicate with the facility presently accepting the waste to learn whether the waste has been rejected or if the company is simply trying to minimize hauling costs.
 - d. **Housing and Code Enforcement** - Trustee Rasmussen gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
 - e. **Police** – Chief O’Grady gave the report and explained a written report was delayed due to high department activity related to the bank robbery, and would be delivered within the week. Mayor Clark expressed appreciation to the citizens and law enforcement personnel involved in the apprehension of the bank robbery suspect.
 - f. **Clerk-Treasurer** – Clerk-Treasurer Koegel gave a written report in advance of the meeting and mentioned the local health department is referring other area communities to Alfred village housing, zoning, garbage and weed laws as model laws for pest, nuisance and garbage control.
8. **Executive Session – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Dosch to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. Motion passed 4-0. No action was taken. A motion was made by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to leave Executive Session. Motion passed 4-0.
9. **Fiscal Summary – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to acknowledge receipt of the fiscal summary for the period ending January 31, 2013. Motion passed 4-0.
10. **Budget Adjustments – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to adjust budget amounts as follows; motion passed 4-0:
- a. General Fund:
 - i. Increase A16204.4400 Village Hall Professional Services \$2,000 for boiler repair
 - ii. Increase A13204 Auditing \$2,500 for cost increase of independent CPA
 - iii. Decrease A19904 Contingency account \$4,500
11. **Bills**
- a. **Abstract 2013-9 – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Dosch/Bowden to approve payment of bills in the total amount of \$116,790.97 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 4-0.
 - i. General Fund \$92,775.67
 - ii. Water Fund \$9,521.97
 - iii. Sewer Fund \$14,493.33
12. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
13. **Upcoming Meetings**
- a. Special Budget Workshop, Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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- b. Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. after public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer