

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

October 8, 2013

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees Rasmussen, Bowden, Prophet (8:50 p.m.); Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady and approximately 35 members of the public

1. **Meeting Opening** – Mayor Grigg opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Minutes** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Prophet to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2013. Motion passed 4-0.
3. **Announcements** –
 - a. Ladder Truck Celebration – A.E. Crandall will hold a party at the fire hall October 20th at 1:00 p.m.
 - b. Leaf Pickup: Oct. 21-Nov. 15. Leaves should be placed between curb and sidewalk or along the shoulder of non-curbed areas; not in bags. Tree branches are to be separated and set out for the trash haulers on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.
 - c. Special Board Meeting: Nov. 1 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss a possible DEC water quality grant application.
 - d. Guidelines for Guests – Request for introductions; presentation guidelines; trial of ‘Public Comment Period’ later in agenda. Mayor Grigg stated guests are always welcome to submit written statements.
4. **Guests** –
 - a. Hillcrest Drive Traffic – Christel Rodd submitted a petition to request lower regulated speed on Hillcrest Drive (from 30 mph to 15 mph). There was discussion of the process with state transportation department and were suggestions for more immediate measures such as signs and continued police presence.
 - b. **Bonfire request.** Representative Tori Kramp discussed her request with board trustees, and **a motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Bowden to approve request from Omicron Delta Kappa honor society to hold a bonfire on the Brick lawn on AU campus October 24 from 8-12pm for the Box City event to raise awareness for the homeless, pending approval from the fire department with a fire truck on standby. Motion passed 4-0.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Trick or Treat Hours** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Bowden to set hours for Thursday, Oct. 31 from 6-8pm. Motion passed 4-0.
 - b. **Local Law 2013-3: Water and Sewer Bill Collection** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Bowden to approve Local Law 2013-3 to replace Village Ordinances: Article XI. On a roll call vote, motion passed 4-0 as follows:
 - i. Mayor Grigg – Aye
 - ii. Trustee Prophet – Aye
 - iii. Trustee Rasmussen – Aye
 - iv. Trustee Bowden – Aye
 - v. Trustee McDowell - Absent
 - c. **Parking Laws** –
 - i. **Local Law #2013-4 Parking of Motor Vehicles on Private Places** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Prophet to set public hearing on

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November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. on Local Law #2013-4 Regulation of Parking on Private Places that would prohibit parking on the front or side areas of any private property in Zones R2, R3, B1 and B2 unless in a driveway, garage or legal parking area. Motion passed 4-0.

- ii. **Local Law #2013-5 Zoning Amendment Section 304 – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to set public hearing on November 12, 2013 at 7:10 p.m. on Local Law #2013-5 to remove section 304.O regulating parking of motor vehicles on private places. Motion passed 4-0.
- iii. **Local Law #2013-6 Parking of Motor Vehicles on Public Places – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Bowden to set public hearing on November 12, 2013 at 7:20 p.m. on Local Law #2013-6 that would prohibit parking on the west sides of High Street, Sayles Street and Pine Hill Drive. Motion passed 4-0.
- d. College Town Law Research Committee – The committee summarized the proposed Nuisance Abatement and Noise laws and decided to again meet in response to public feedback.
- e. **Election Resolution – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Bowden to designate the following offices to be filled: 1 Trustee for a term of 2 years to succeed Becky Prophet; 1 Trustee for a term of 2 years to succeed Brad Bowden. On a roll call vote, motion passed 4-0 as follows:
 - i. Mayor Grigg – Aye
 - ii. Trustee Prophet – Aye
 - iii. Trustee Rasmussen – Aye
 - iv. Trustee Bowden – Aye
 - v. Trustee McDowell - Absent
- f. **Return of Tax Roll and Warrant and Report of Unpaid Taxes – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Prophet to acknowledge receipt of Account of Unpaid Taxes in the amount of \$16,330.47 and certification that the account is accurate. Motion passed 4-0.
- g. **Cats – A motion was made** and seconded by Mayor Grigg/Trustee Prophet to establish a Barn Cat Outreach program to capture, spay and neuter, and release feral cats, with a budget to cover expenses up to \$300, budget transfer to come from A19894 Special Items. Motion passed 4-0.
- h. Water Testing – The water department will test, within budgeted amounts, suggested baseline items requested by Doug Turner.
- i. **Independent Audit – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Rasmussen to acknowledge receipt of 2012-13 audit report from BWB Certified Public Accountants. Motion passed 3-0.
- j. **Court Review – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Rasmussen to acknowledge receipt of 2012-13 review from BWB Certified Public Accountants. Motion passed 3-0.

6. Old Business

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- a. Southern Tier West – Trustee Rasmussen will invite a representative from the organization to an upcoming Planning Board meeting to discuss member offerings.
- b. Review of September Action Items – Board discussion
7. **Public Comment Period** –
 - a. Congregate Housing - Guests requested the anticipated timeline and a chance for involvement of interested parties during the formation of the final draft congregate housing proposal.
8. **Reports** –
 - a. Justin Grigg (Mayor) – Mayor Grigg summarized his work since the prior meeting.
 - b. Tim O’Grady (Police) – Chief O’Grady gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
 - c. Virginia Rasmussen (Code Enforcement/Planning Board/Community Coalition) – Trustee Rasmussen gave a written report.
 - d. Becky Prophet (Youth & Recreation/Fire Dept) – Trustee Prophet gave a written report
 - e. Brad Bowden (Wastewater Treatment Plant) – Trustee Bowden gave a written report
 - f. Tom McDowell (Streets & Water) – Trustee McDowell gave a written report.
9. **Working Groups/Committees** –
 - a. Tax Exempt Property Assessment Committee – The committee is preparing a written communication to the assessor.
10. **Finance**
 - a. Budget Adjustments – None
 - b. **Fiscal Summary** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Bowden to acknowledge receipt of the September financial statements. Motion passed 3-0.
 - c. **Bills** –
 - i. **Abstract 2014-5** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Bowden to pay bills in the total amount of \$65,715.80 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 3-0.
 1. General Fund \$37,694.22
 2. Water Fund \$9,188.86
 3. Sewer Fund \$15,517.72
 4. Capital Projects Fund \$3,315.00
11. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.
12. **Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. Special Board meeting Friday, November 1, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.
 - b. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. following three public hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer