

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

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November 12, 2013

**Present:** Mayor Grigg; Trustees Prophet, Bowden, Rasmussen, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady; approximately 12 members of the public; 2 members of the Planning Board; and 1 member of the press

1. **Meeting Opening** –Mayor Grigg opened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
2. **Minutes** –
  - a. **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 8, 2013. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of November 1, 2013. Motion passed 5-0.
3. **Guests** –
  - a. Cats – Jason Rodd congratulated Trustee Rasmussen on a successful Barn Cat Outreach program event, where 100% of the ten cages collected area feral cats that were spayed, neutered and returned to the area; to which she responded with appreciation for his considerable participation and assistance from others in the community.
  - b. Congregate Housing – After public requests in October to expand the planning group to include landlords and students, Jason Rodd reported hearing at the Planning Board meeting that the issue rests with two members of the village board at this time. Mr. Rodd again requested the group include another section of the community with a direct stake in the outcome and that it recognize history of large dwelling use, maintenance and resident behavior. Mayor Grigg responded that the Planning Board completed their work on the project and turned it over to Village Board trustees for the next stage of the process. Mr. Rodd requested that if the public hearing indeed becomes scheduled for January 2014 that the board delay a vote for a period of time after the hearing, to which Mayor Grigg responded that is uncertain but the hearing will be on a date separate from the regular board meeting. An Alfred State College representative requested the public hearing date be distributed so that students may have representation, to which Mayor Grigg responded it will be scheduled later in January in order that the students will be in the area.
  - c. Fire Whistle – John W. Ninos asked if the A.E. Crandall fire department could change the fire whistle from automatic alarm rings to a setting where it only rings if no one responds. Trustee Prophet stated the campuses are hard-wired and it may be state law that the whistle rings automatically. She recommended that the fire departments work with the campuses to prevent false alarms by making alarm placement effective but not “over-effective.”
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Parking Laws** –
    - i. Local Law #2013-4 Parking of Motor Vehicles on Private Places – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Prophet to approve Local Law #2013-4 Regulation of Parking on Private Places. Motion passed 5-0.
    - ii. Local Law #2013-5 Zoning Amendment Section 304 – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to approve Local Law #2013-5 to

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remove section 304.O regulating parking of motor vehicles on private places.

Motion passed 5-0.

- iii. **Local Law #2013-6 Parking of Motor Vehicles on Public Places** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to table action on Local Law #2013-6 to the December 10, 2013 board meeting. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. **Financial Restructuring Board Review** – The Village of Alfred is considered a Municipality deemed fiscally eligible for a Comprehensive Review by the New York State Financial Restructuring Board due to its average full value property tax rate. **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to request a Comprehensive Review by the NYS Financial Restructuring Board. Motion passed 5-0.
  - c. **Impound Vehicle Sale for Scrap** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to authorize the sale for scrap of a vehicle impounded 10/23/12 with no attempt by owner/driver to retrieve and two certified notices returned. Motion passed 5-0.
  - d. **Outside Hauler Contract** – The board discussed a draft contract and will place the item on the December agenda. It was recommended that insurance requirements be included in the contract, to cover possible damage from certain materials; it was clarified that the rates wouldn't have the effect of welcoming more demand than the plant could handle, due to the village authority in the contract to refuse acceptance at the discretion of the plant chief operator.
5. **Old Business**
- a. **Hillcrest Drive Traffic** – Mayor Grigg described an on-site meeting with DPW Supt. McNulty and area residents; the phased response to calm traffic and improve safety has included centerline and edge striping and caution signs, as well as increased police presence to monitor the situation. There have been mixed responses about the effectiveness of the measures, and Police Chief O'Grady plans to continue to monitor the traffic now that these measures have been taken. It was noted the lines make wide turns more evident and should tend to curb speed. Chief O'Grady stated increased traffic volume is a large part of the problem. Jason Rodd requested, on behalf of his neighborhood, that the board ask Alfred State College to consider placement of a gate at the entry of Hillcrest onto the campus to restrict neighborhood traffic and divert the traffic flow to Main Street. Mayor Grigg agreed to convey that request to the college. Other safety concerns related to visibility were brought to board attention, including the hedges at the bottom of Terrace Street and Moland Road; the signs at the bottom of Saxon Drive and the driveway at 37 Hillcrest; and the placement of the stop line at the intersection of Hillcrest and Green Street, with request that it be moved six feet toward Green St.
6. **Reports** – All members below gave written reports in advance of the meeting.
- a. **Justin Grigg (Mayor)** – Mayor Grigg talked about collaborative village investment, particularly in terms of an urgent medical care center with a central location. Trustee Prophet recommended the mayor talk to the fire chief about transport to area hospitals to assist with the discussion.

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- b. Tim O’Grady (Police)
  - c. Virginia Rasmussen (Code Enforcement/Planning Board/Community Coalition) – Trustee Rasmussen reported Mayor Grigg has become a member of the Community Coalition.
  - d. Becky Prophet (Youth & Recreation/Fire Dept)
  - e. Brad Bowden (Wastewater Treatment Plant)
  - f. Tom McDowell (Streets & Water)
  - g. Kathy Koegel (Clerk-Treasurer)
7. **Working Groups/Committees**
- a. Tax Exempt Property Assessment Committee – in progress
  - b. College Town Law Research Committee – in progress
8. **Review of October Action Items** – Mayor Grigg shared a written review with the board.
9. **Finance**
- a. **Interfund Transfer** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Prophet to transfer \$8,000 from Sewer Fund to 2012 Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Project Fund for final digester cover costs. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. **Budget Adjustments** –
    - i. **General Fund** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to increase A19904 Contingency \$9,500; Decrease A14201 Attorney Fees \$9,500 for timing adjustment of attorney expenses to prior fiscal year. Motion passed 5-0.
    - ii. **Sewer Fund** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to increase G81102 Sewer Admin. Equipment \$1,022; Decrease G81304.4100 Sewer Treatment Supplies \$1,022 for purchase of computer at treatment plant. Motion passed 5-0.
  - c. **Fiscal Summary** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Prophet to acknowledge receipt of October financial statements. Motion passed 5-0.
  - d. **Bills** –
    - i. **Abstract 2014-6** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Prophet to pay bills in the total amount of \$307,662.33 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 5-0.
      - 1. General Fund \$56,397.02
      - 2. Water Fund \$9,883.48
      - 3. Sewer Fund \$37,016.85
      - 4. Capital Projects Fund \$204,364.98
10. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
11. **Upcoming Meetings**
- a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer