

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

January 14, 2014

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees Bowden, Rasmussen, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady; approximately 11 members of the public; and 1 member of the press

1. **Meeting Opening** –Mayor Grigg opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2. **Minutes** –

- a. Trustee Rasmussen requested Section 7.c.i. of the December 10, 2013 regular board meeting minutes be amended from “Hydrofracking/Zoning” to “Protection against Hydrofracking and Related Activities/Zoning.” **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/McDowell to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0.

3. **Announcements**

- a. Congregate Housing Written Comment Period – January 15 – 27, 2014
- b. Special Board Meeting on Congregate Housing – January 28, 2014 7:00 pm.
- c. Semi-annual Community Discussion – February 11, 2014 7:00 p.m.

4. **Guests** –

- a. Village Tax Review Work Group (Drew McInnes, Peter McClain, Joe Dosch) – Mayor Grigg explained goals of group and reported he has initiated some talks with town board members. Joe Dosch spoke about the project.
- b. Water and Streets questions (Jason Rodd)
 - i. Hillcrest re-paving water-ice issue – Jason Rodd stated he met with Trustee McDowell and Supt. McNulty and installed drains before paving began; that the bottom portion of the driveway was removed during the preparation for paving and no apron was poured; that now there is ice that didn’t exist before the project, at the bottom of the driveway and in the driving lane. He suggested grinding a portion ½” to 1” might help, and also requested an apron be poured in the spring.
 - ii. Water metering – Alfred University central water meter installation has been under discussion for years. Trustee McDowell stated he is hopeful for a proposal for the Alfred University board meeting this spring. Trustee Rasmussen suggested a deadline be included in such proposal.
 - iii. Drainage issue on South Main St. – Revisited issues of driving on lawns and water drainage from neighboring properties.

5. **New Business**

- a. **Property Tax Cap Override Law – Public Hearing** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Rasmussen to set a public hearing on the property tax cap override law at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. Budget Workshop Dates – February 4, 2014 and February 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
- c. **Hydrofracking Moratorium** – After board discussion about Attorney Slottje’s draft zoning law revision with language pertaining to a ban on hydrofracking-related activities, something that will take some time to review, **a motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/McDowell to set a public hearing for consideration of an extension on the Hydrofracking Moratorium for March 11, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.
- d. **Shared Cost Agreement – Allegany County (Radio Equipment)** – After discussion with county legislators O’Grady and Curran who recommended the village join at this

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time in case the program availability becomes limited in the future, **a motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Bowden to participate in the 50/50 Shared Cost Agreement – Allegany County (Radio Equipment). Motion passed 4-0.

e. **Election Resolutions**

- i. **Election Day** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Bowden to hold the Village General Election on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Village Hall located at 7 West University St., Alfred, New York. Motion passed 4-0.
- ii. **Election Inspectors** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Rasmussen to appoint Zoe Coombs as Chairperson and Election Inspector, and Emily Ormsby as Alternate for the Democratic Party, and Tricia Napolitano as Election Inspector, and Kim Gayhart as Alternate for the Republican Party, all at a rate of \$9 per hour. Motion passed 4-0.

6. **Old Business**

- a. **Local Law #2014-1 Vehicle & Traffic: Stop intersections** – **A motion was made** by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to approve Local Law #2014-1 to update Ordinance Article VI with one addition: to designate the intersection of Glen Street with Hillcrest Drive as a stop intersection and erect stop signs on Glen Street at its entrances from the east and west. A vote passed 4-0 by roll call vote:
 - i. Trustee Bowden – Yes
 - ii. Trustee McDowell – Yes
 - iii. Trustee Prophet – Absent
 - iv. Trustee Rasmussen – Yes
 - v. Mayor Grigg – Yes

7. **Public Comment Period (10 minutes)**

8. **Reports –**

- a. **Justin Grigg (Mayor)** – Mayor Grigg gave the report; focus was on investment strategies, solid waste committee, budget and union contract.
- b. **Virginia Rasmussen (Code Enforcement/Planning Board/Community Coalition)** – Trustee Rasmussen gave a written report in advance of meeting.
- c. **Becky Prophet (Youth & Recreation/Fire Dept)** – No report
- d. **Brad Bowden (Wastewater Treatment Plant)** – Trustee Bowden gave a written report in advance of meeting.
- e. **Tom McDowell (Streets & Water)** – Trustee McDowell gave a written report in advance of meeting.
- f. **Tim O’Grady (Police)** – Chief O’Grady gave a written report in advance of meeting.
- g. **Kathryn Koegel (Clerk-Treasurer)** – Clerk-Treasurer Koegel gave a written report in advance of meeting.

9. **Working Groups/Committees**

- a. **Town Board Meeting** attendance – February 13 – Trustee McDowell will attend.
- b. **Tax Exempt Property Assessment Committee** – Trustee McDowell reported this committee is awaiting information.

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- c. College Town Law Research Committee – Mayor Grigg reported this item is on long-term hold, will be removed from agenda for now.
- d. Solid Waste Contract Committee – Mayor Grigg reported meetings have been arranged with area garbage disposal companies to discuss available options and methods.

10. Review of December Action Items

11. Finance

- a. **Budget Adjustments** – none
- b. **Fiscal Summary** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Rasmussen to acknowledge receipt of December financial statements. Motion passed 4-0.
- c. **Bills** –
 - i. **Abstract 2014-8** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to pay bills in the total amount of \$98,520.46 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 4-0.
 - 1. General Fund \$43,098.21
 - 2. Water Fund \$34,459.55
 - 3. Sewer Fund \$20,962.70

12. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

13. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Special Board meeting on Congregate Housing Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Budget workshop Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
- c. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. beginning with a Semi-annual Community Discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer