

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing

March 11, 2014

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees Bowden, Rasmussen, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady; approximately 6 members of the public; and 1 member of the press

1. **Meeting Opening** – Mayor Grigg opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.
2. **Local Law #2014-3 Extension of Hydrofracking and Related Activities Moratorium Law** – Trustee Rasmussen summarized the proposed law to extend the moratorium of March 2013, and expressed intent to consider a ban on hydraulic fracturing and related-activities within six months. The Allegany County Planning Board approved the extension.
3. **Questions & Comments** –
 - a. C. The moratorium is necessary in the village because the town has passed a moratorium but the village needs to take action to put the codes in harmony, and this is not typical vertical drilling but horizontal drilling – could traverse bedrock underneath village boundaries.
 - b. C. For a ban to work, the zoning code has to clearly enforce the ban with no ambiguities, and the village is in the process of looking at the zoning code.
 - c. Q. What is New York State jurisdiction over the village?
 - i. A. For a ban, the village authority comes from NYS home rule authority in its constitution; under this authority it can rule out certain industrial activity deemed harmful.
 - d. C. Allegany County sits over deeper Utica shale, therefore we might not be as vulnerable so soon.
4. **Adjournment** – The public hearing was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer