

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

July 8, 2014

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees Rasmussen, Prophet; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady; 1 member of the press and approximately 5 members of the public

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

2. **Guests**

- a. Mike Kenyon Children’s Park repairs – David Burns from Alfred Montessori School requested Village Board presence on a steering committee for this project. Trustee Prophet will participate.
- b. Tax Exempt Property Assessment Committee – Committee member Jason Rodd reported there hadn’t been a meeting of the committee since last August and now it appears there will be no action to investigate the validity of tax-exempt property status. He asked the board members their position on the committee work to gather legal data for the assessor with regard to tax-exempt property status. Mayor Grigg replied that the town council and assessor have authority to determine whether they would welcome such assistance, and the village board is currently tracking progress, staying informed and meeting with relevant parties as needed. Trustee Rasmussen updated the board and public about a June request to Trustee McDowell, on the committee, for a full explanation from the assessor of changes to tax exempt property status.
- c. Sidewalk Drainage – Jason Rodd reported the drainage channel cut into a section of sidewalk was too small and didn’t work until accompanied with chisel work to chip a wider channel. He suggested that might be a solution for other problem sidewalk areas.

3. **Minutes** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2014. Motion passed 3-0.

4. **New Business**

- a. Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments – Mayor Grigg spoke of Anne Wenslow’s memorial service and the resignation of Peg Prisco from the Planning Board, with appreciation for their substantial service to the village. **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to approve the following mayoral appointments, motion passed 3-0:
 - i. Peter McClain as Planning Board Chairperson
 - ii. Herb Ehrig as Planning Board member to the seven-year term ending 2021
 - iii. Patricia Napolitano as Zoning Board of Appeals member to fill the remainder of the term ending 2017.
- b. Village Band Director – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to approve the Village Band nomination of Chris Foster as band director to be paid a \$900 honorarium for summer concerts in July and up to \$200 reimbursement to members of Village Band for purchase of sheet music with transfer from Rosebush band reserve. Motion passed 3-0.

5. **Reports** –

- a. Justin Grigg (Mayor) – Mayor Grigg gave the report and mentioned 2015-16 preliminary budget work, union negotiations, discussion of shared services, and local living incentives.

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- b. Virginia Rasmussen (Code Enforcement/Planning Board/Community Coalition) – Trustee Rasmussen gave a written report in advance of the meeting. She reported the NYS DOT made changes but approved plans for the Ceramic Education Center entrance on North Main Street. After the Planning Board meeting July 10 there will be an update on readiness for a final zoning map. A landlord meeting is tentatively planned for July 29th.
 - c. Becky Prophet (Youth & Recreation/Fire Dept) – Trustee Prophet gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
 - d. Brad Bowden (Wastewater Treatment Plant) – Trustee Bowden gave a written report in advance of meeting. Mayor Grigg reported there is no news on the phosphorus work.
 - e. Tom McDowell (Streets & Water) – Supt. McNulty gave a written report in advance of the 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 the report.
6. **Review of June Action Items**
7. **Working Groups/Committees**
- a. Town Board Meeting attendance – July 10th – No one available to attend.
8. **Finance**
- a. **Budget Adjustments** – none
 - b. **Fiscal Summary** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustee Prophet/Mayor Grigg to acknowledge receipt of June financial statements. Motion passed 3-0.
 - c. **Code Enforcement Permit Fee** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to approve CEO payment application #1 for AU Ceramics Museum in the amount of \$690.69. Motion passed 3-0.
 - d. **Bills** –
 - i. **Abstract 2015-2** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Prophet to pay bills in the total amount of \$81,588.86 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 3-0.
 - 1. General Fund \$19,863.27
 - 2. Water Fund \$7,687.48
 - 3. Sewer Fund \$54,038.11
 - ii. **Abstract 2015-3** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to pre-approve payment of the bills from Abstract 2015-3, to be detailed and on an abstract list distributed to the board at the September meeting. Motion passed 3-0.
9. **Executive Session** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Prophet to enter executive session to discuss matters related to collective bargaining. Motion passed 3-0. No action was taken. A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Prophet to leave executive session. Motion passed 3-0.
10. **Adjournment** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Prophet to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.
11. **Upcoming Meetings**

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- a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer