

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

September 9, 2014

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees Rasmussen, Prophet (left 10:20p.m.), Bowden, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady; 1 member of the press and approximately 23 members of the public

1. **Meeting Opening** – Mayor Grigg opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

2. **Guests**

- a. Public Safety Contributions from Colleges – A guest requested an update; to which Mayor Grigg responded there have been no changes in contributions from the schools for public safety. When he asked what would be the board’s plan of action, Mayor Grigg stated it would be to reduce the cost of public safety.
- b. Public Safety Hours of Operation – A guest asked how the board could consider less manpower when the population has not decreased, and suggested student public safety fees similar to other schools at \$10 per student, per semester. Mayor Grigg responded that the village cannot afford the increasing cost of operations, has pursued several ideas regarding revenue, and is presently considering reducing the cost of administration rather than patrol.
- c. Police Chief O’Grady – Appreciation from Local Businesses: Christel Rodd presented a thank you card from the local business community.
- d. Hot Dog Day – Several community members requested information about the village board’s position on closing the streets for Hot Dog Day. There was some sentiment that the board should have more authority over Hot Dog Day events, to which it responded it doesn’t have that authority, but would form a committee to convey village concerns to those in charge of the event. It was suggested by a guest that the Deans of Students for both colleges regularly attend the village board meetings, since so much of the discussion has to do with student behavior.
- e. Water Safety – Doug Turner, a member of the New York Water Sentinels, congratulated the village board for its moratorium on hydraulic fracturing related activities and for testing its water supply, beyond current requirements, in order to provide a baseline in the event the groundwater safety is ever threatened. He voiced concerns about losing such safeguards should the village dissolve.

3. **Minutes** –

- a. **Regular meeting of July 8, 2014 – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Prophet to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2014. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. **Budget meeting of August 26, 2014 – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/McDowell to approve the minutes of the budget meeting of August 26, 2014. Motion passed 5-0.

4. **Announcements**

- a. Peg Prisco, Planning Board Member – Appreciation from Village Board – Mayor Grigg presented a NYCOM certificate of recognition to Peg Prisco for 33 years of service, with much appreciation.

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- b. Timothy O’Grady, Police Chief – Appreciation from Village Board – The Village Board presented a card and plaque to Police Chief Timothy O’Grady to recognize 20 years of service, with much appreciation, as they accepted Chief O’Grady’s resignation effective September 14, 2014.

5. New Business

- a. Hot Dog Day – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Prophet/McDowell to form a committee to state the outcomes of Hot Dog Day weekend that the board needs to see prior to the Board considering the closure of Main Street in April 2015. Motion passed 5-0. Trustees Prophet and Bowden will serve on the committee and will include community members as they deem appropriate, such interest to be expressed by the public via communication to the village clerk.
- b. Seventh Day Baptist Church Parking Lot Agreement – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Prophet to approve renewed 3-year agreement with Seventh Day Baptist Church for parking lot use. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. Independent Audit – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Bowden to acknowledge receipt of 2013-14 audit report from BWB Certified Public Accountants. Motion passed 5-0.
- d. Court Review – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Prophet to acknowledge receipt of 2013-14 procedural review from BWB Certified Public Accountants. Motion passed 5-0.
- e. Ryan McKee Retirement Resolution – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Rasmussen to resolve that the governing board of the Village of Alfred, does hereby assume the additional cost required to provide the reopening of Section 384-d of the Retirement and Social Security Law, pursuant to Chapter 169 of the Laws of 2014. Motion passed 5-0.
- f. Waste Hauler Contracts – O’Brien’s Septic and Wolfer’s Septic – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to approve the contracts. Motion passed 5-0.
- g. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment –A motion was made and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Prophet to approve the mayoral appointment of John Ball as Zoning Board of Appeals member to fill the remainder of the term ending April 2015. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Old Business

- a. Mike Kenyon Children’s Park Repairs –Alfred Montessori School is beginning repairs on the Mike Kenyon Children's Park. Dates of gathering volunteers to repair the park are Sept. 12 and 13 for power washing and Sept. 20 and 21 for staining, with a rain date of Sept. 27 and 28. **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to approve the Alfred DPW to supply carpentry for park repairs and up to \$2,900 in reimbursement (from the playground reserve fund) for materials for those repairs, payable to Alfred Montessori School. Motion passed 5-0. The rest of the work is planned to be finished by volunteers.

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7. Reports –

- a. Justin Grigg (Mayor) – Mayor Grigg gave the report and mentioned his areas of concentration have continued to be 2015-16 preliminary budget work, restructuring options, union negotiations, discussion of shared services, and local living incentives.
- b. Virginia Rasmussen (Code Enforcement/Planning Board/Community Coalition) – Trustee Rasmussen gave a written report in advance of the meeting, and described the landlord handbook that was finalized after the July landlord/village meeting.
- c. Becky Prophet (Youth & Recreation/Fire Dept) – Trustee Prophet gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
 - i. Ambulance service – Trustee Prophet asked the campuses and village officials and residents to recognize the hard work of the dedicated fire and ambulance volunteers, and asked that the board meeting minutes reflect the following statistics: the ambulance calls this quarter have been as follows: July – 12, August, first 3 weeks – 4, August, last week – 30, September through the 9th – 14.
- d. Brad Bowden (Wastewater Treatment Plant) – Trustee Bowden gave a written report in advance of the meeting and updated the board on the latest communication with the DEC and our village engineer regarding the SPDES permit.
- e. Tom McDowell (Streets & Water) – Trustee McDowell gave a written report in advance of the meeting, and stated the tax assessor, Suzanne Putt, has expressed her position that the research into tax-exempt status of campus properties is complete.
 - i. **Glen Street Water Main – Engineering estimate** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Rasmussen to hire Clark Patterson Lee engineering firm to estimate the Glen Street water main replacement, to a maximum cost of \$1,000. Motion passed 5-0.
- 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 the meeting.

8. Working Groups/Committees

- a. Town Board Meeting attendance – September 11th – Trustee Rasmussen will attend.

9. Finance

- a. **Budget Adjustments** – none
- b. **Fiscal Summary** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/McDowell to acknowledge receipt of the August financial statements. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. **Bills** –
 - i. **Abstract 2015-3** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Prophet to acknowledge receipt of Abstract 2015-3 in the total amount of \$149,112.84 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 5-0.
 1. General Fund \$118,076.60
 2. Water Fund \$15,766.09
 3. Sewer Fund \$15,270.15

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- ii. **Abstract 2015-4 – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/McDowell to pay bills in the total amount of \$43,263.58 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 5-0.
 - 1. General Fund \$26,856.07
 - 2. Water Fund \$4,874.60
 - 3. Sewer Fund \$11,532.91
- 10. **Executive Session – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Rasmussen to enter executive session to discuss matters related to collective bargaining and leading to the appointment of a particular person. Motion passed 4-0. No action was taken. A motion was made and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Rasmussen to leave executive session. Motion passed 4-0.
- 11. **Benefit Time Buyout – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to authorize payment to Timothy O’Grady for benefit time in the amount of \$7,201.95 as detailed on a worksheet presented to the board. Motion passed 4-0.
- 12. **Adjournment – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to adjourn at 11:36 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.
- 13. **Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer