

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

October 14, 2014

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees Rasmussen, Prophet, Bowden, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Sergeant Griffith; and approximately 26 members of the public

1. **Meeting Opening** – Mayor Grigg opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
2. **Guests**
 - a. SUNY College of Ceramics Museum Driveway – Jason Rodd thanked the president of Alfred University for changing driveway plans for the ceramics museum, and thanked the 112 people who signed the petition requesting the change.
 - b. Planning Board – Jason Rodd stated the mayor should ask for the resignation of a planning board member that he appointed, due to alleged prejudice and discrimination against the student population.
 - c. Alfred State College Civic Engagement – Student Civic Engagement Advocate Christine Dodd reported on civic/fundraising activities within the community.
3. **Minutes** –
 - a. **Regular meeting of September 9, 2014** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2014. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. **Budget meeting of September 25, 2014** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the budget meeting of September 25, 2014. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **Announcements**
 - a. Leaf Pickup – October 20 – November 14. Leaves should be placed between curb and sidewalk or along the shoulder of non-curbed areas; not in bags.
 - b. Start-up New York – Trustee Rasmussen stated the SUNY College of Ceramics has submitted a proposal to the state that would not remove from taxable status any currently taxable properties.
 - c. Neonicotinoid Pesticides – Trustee Rasmussen asked board members to get the word out that these pesticides are worse than DDT and are killing bees.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Trick or Treat Hours** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to set hours for Friday, Oct. 31 from 6-8pm. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. **Local Law #2014-6 Zoning Law** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Prophet to set a public hearing for November 11, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. on Local Law #2014-6 revised zoning law. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c. **Election Resolution** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/McDowell to designate the following offices to be filled: 1 Mayor for a term of 2 years to succeed Justin Grigg; 1 Trustee for a term of 2 years to succeed Virginia Rasmussen; 1 Trustee for a term of 2 years to succeed Tom McDowell. (roll-call vote) as follows:
 - i. Mayor Grigg – Aye
 - ii. Trustee Prophet – Aye
 - iii. Trustee Rasmussen – Aye
 - iv. Trustee Bowden – Aye

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- v. Trustee McDowell – Aye
 - d. **Return of Tax Roll and Warrant and Report of Unpaid Taxes** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/McDowell to acknowledge receipt of Account of Unpaid Taxes in the amount of \$17,287.01 and certify that the account is accurate. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e. **Traffic Light Festival donation to Mike Kenyon Children’s Park repairs** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Rasmussen to acknowledge receipt of a \$1,000 in donations from the Traffic Light Festival for the playground reserve fund with appreciation, and approve an additional \$1,000 in reimbursement from the fund for materials for Mike Kenyon Children’s Park repairs, payable to Alfred Montessori School. Motion passed 5-0.
6. **Old Business**
- a. Hot Dog Day – The public and committee members discussed the report. Mayor Grigg will send the committee report to each college.
7. **Reports** –
- a. Justin Grigg (Mayor) – Mayor Grigg gave the report and mentioned his areas of concentration have been union negotiations, police chief interviews, and discussion of shared services.
 - b. Virginia Rasmussen (Code Enforcement/Planning Board/Community Coalition) – Trustee Rasmussen gave a written report in advance of the meeting and reported the village will incorporate into its site plan approval process review and approval by the Allegany County Planning Board.
 - c. Becky Prophet (Youth & Recreation/Fire Dept) – Trustee Prophet gave the report and thanked college students and parents of Alfred Montessori School students for their work on the Mike Kenyon Children’s Park.
 - d. Brad Bowden (Wastewater Treatment Plant) – Trustee Bowden gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
 - e. Tom McDowell (Streets & Water) – Trustee McDowell gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
 - f. Paul Griffith (Police) – Sergeant Griffith gave a written report in advance of meeting. Trustee Rasmussen proposed that the Alfred Police Department, in conjunction with the Alfred Community Coalition, find ways to inform incoming students of local laws and community expectations.
 - 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 – November 13th – Trustee McDowell will attend.
9. **Review of September Action Items**
10. **Finance**
- a. **Budget Adjustments** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/Prophet to approve the following budget adjustment; motion passed 5-0:

