

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

November 11, 2014

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees Bowden, Prophet, Rasmussen, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief Griffith; approximately 19 members of the public and 1 member of the press

1. **Meeting Opening** – Mayor Grigg opened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
2. **Guests**
 - a. Gary Moore, Alfred State College Athletics – Coach Moore described the Summer Youth program and the village board thanked him for his efforts.
 - b. Paul Weaver, A.E. Crandall Fire & Ambulance Company – 2nd Asst. Chief Weaver reported statistics in response to assertions in the October meeting that ambulance calls have not been changing.
 - c. Alfred State College Civic Engagement – Students Christine Dodd and Kory Schick spoke about student efforts to serve and engage the community. Members of the village board acknowledged similar efforts of certain Alfred University students and offered to make introductions among the groups; such offer was accepted with enthusiasm.
3. **Minutes** –
 - a. **Regular meeting of October 14, 2014** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Bowden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2014. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. **Budget meeting of November 3, 2014** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the budget meeting of November 3, 2014. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **Announcements**
 - a. Police Chief Transition – Mayor Grigg thanked Police Chief Paul Griffith for a good transition and the department’s efforts to sustain the police force and its level of service.
 - b. 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.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Local Law #2014-6 Zoning Law** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to table Local Law #2014-6 to the December 9th meeting with anticipation of a public hearing in January. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. **Hornell-area Hospital** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Prophet to approve resolution to NYS Health Department to insure adequate area health care (resolution attached). Motion passed 5-0.
 - c. **Credit Card Merchant Agreement** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Prophet to authorize the mayor to sign agreement with Government Payment Services, Inc. for the village to accept credit cards as a method of payment at no cost to the village. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d. **Bank Account** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to authorize one new Village bank account in Steuben Trust Company for credit card transactions, with a \$1,000 balance, with Kathryn Koegel, Carolyn Hasper and Justin Grigg assigned. Motion passed 5-0.

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- e. **Water Service Connection 23 N. Main St.** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Rasmussen/McDowell to authorize new water service connection. Motion passed 5-0.
 - f. **2014 Youth Program Agreement** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to authorize the mayor to sign the 2014 Youth Program Agreement with Allegany County. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g. **Comprehensive Plan Update** – Mayor Grigg asked if anyone is interested in participating in the project. Karrie Edwards expressed interest.
6. **Old Business** - none
7. **Reports** –
- a. **Justin Grigg (Mayor)** – Mayor Grigg gave the report and mentioned his areas of concentration have been consideration of shared services, dog control, zoning map, tax-exempt property status, discussions about Hot Dog Day, and a meeting with the county about water and sewer efficiencies.
 - b. **Virginia Rasmussen (Code Enforcement/Planning Board/Community Coalition)** – Trustee Rasmussen gave a written report in advance of the meeting and there was discussion about the code enforcement officer's report and role in relation to the planning board.
 - c. **Becky Prophet (Youth & Recreation/Fire Dept)** – Trustee Prophet gave a written report in advance of the meeting, mentioned neighborhood cats causing problems in the M.E. Kenyon Children's Park and registered concern about the volume of ambulance calls.
 - d. **Brad Bowden (Wastewater Treatment Plant)** – Trustee Bowden gave a written report in advance of the meeting and announced receipt of a \$100,000 DEC grant for the plant.
 - i. **NYS DEC WOIP Project 2013WOI11167 Grant of \$100,000** – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Prophet to confirm acceptance of this grant award. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e. **Tom McDowell (Streets & Water)** – Trustee McDowell gave a written report in advance of the meeting, mentioned the Village Hall boiler and water metering at Alfred University.
 - f. **Paul Griffith (Police)** – Chief Griffith gave a written report in advance of meeting; he commended the police officers for handling very well the additional investigative workload caused by his promotion to chief, announced a department facebook page to provide helpful notices to the public, and discussed cooperative training efforts between the village and college public safety departments. Trustee Rasmussen made note that parking tickets are way down, and Chief Griffith explained that is due in part to the reduction in full-time staff. Mayor Grigg requested that Chief Griffith meet with Alfred State College to pick up the conversation about shared services.
 - 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 October Action Items**

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10. Finance

- a. **Budget Adjustments** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to approve the following budget adjustments, Motion passed 5-0:
 - i. **General Fund** – Increase A31202 Police Equipment, Decrease A31204.4700 Police Misc. Expense \$700 for purchase of computer
- b. **Fiscal Summary** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/Prophet to acknowledge receipt of October financial statements. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. **Bills** –
 - i. **Abstract 2015-6** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Prophet/Rasmussen to pay bills in the total amount of \$93,531.95 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 5-0.
 1. General Fund \$58,585.76
 2. Water Fund \$4,539.36
 3. Sewer Fund \$30,406.83

11. **Executive Session** – none

12. **Adjournment** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

13. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, December 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer