

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

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December 9, 2014

**Present:** Mayor Grigg; Trustees Bowden, Rasmussen, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief Griffith and approximately 10 members of the public

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

2. **Guests**

- a. Alfred State College Civic Engagement – Student Christine Dodd spoke about student efforts to serve and engage the community.
- b. Jason Rodd –
  - i. Sign Law – request to make the sign law less restrictive; response by Planning Board member Sherman Clarke was the issue might be considered in the comprehensive plan update process.
  - ii. Sorority and Fraternity Member Civil Rights – register of concern over impact of village zoning law to civil rights of sorority and fraternity members.
- c. Christel Rodd –
  - i. Website - made recommendations for improvements to the village website
- d. Mario Prisco –
  - i. Budget – asked for update on budget; response by Mayor Grigg that police department has recently changed its structure with cooperation from police union, trash service levels will be again reconsidered, and shared service options with the town for street maintenance continue to be investigated. Conversation ensued among the public and trustees regarding the portion of tax-exempt real estate in the village and associated lack of property tax revenue, as well as relations between college officials and students and the village board.
- e. Bob Ormsby –
  - i. Town Council – Invited members of the village to the next town meeting and public hearing on the revised town zoning law.

3. **Minutes** –

- a. **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2014 and the budget meeting of December 1, 2014. Motion passed 4-0.

4. **Announcements**

5. **New Business**

- a. **Local Law #2015-1 Zoning Law** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to set public hearing on Local Law #2015-1, revised zoning law, for January 13, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. **Planning Board Appointment** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to approve the mayor’s appointment of Karrie Edwards to the Planning Board as an alternate to fill the remainder of a term ending April 5, 2015. Motion passed 4-0.
- c. **2015 Stop DWI Service Agreement** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Rasmussen to approve the agreement with Allegany County. Motion passed 4-0.

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6. **Old Business** - none

7. **Reports** –

- a. Justin Grigg (Mayor) – Mayor Grigg gave the report.
- b. Virginia Rasmussen (Code Enforcement/Planning Board/Community Coalition) – Trustee Rasmussen gave a written report in advance of the meeting.
- c. Becky Prophet (Youth & Recreation/Fire & Ambulance Dept.) – No report
- 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) – Chief Griffith 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 – December 11<sup>th</sup> – A board trustee will attend.
- b. Garbage Service Sustainability – Mayor Grigg, Clerk-Treasurer Koegel
- c. Town Police Service Agreement – Mayor Grigg, Trustee Rasmussen

9. **Review of November Action Items**

10. **Finance**

- a. **Budget Adjustments** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Bowden/McDowell to approve the following budget adjustments, Motion passed 4-0:
  - i. **General Fund** – Increase A14201 Attorney Fees, Decrease A19894 Special Items/Misc. \$1400 for increase in budget allotment for legal advice.
- b. **Fiscal Summary** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Bowden to acknowledge receipt of November fiscal summary and financial statements. Motion passed 4-0.
- c. **Bills** –
  - i. **Abstract 2015-7** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McDowell/Rasmussen to pay bills in the total amount of \$213,893.94 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board. Motion passed 4-0.
    1. General Fund \$158,524.64
    2. Water Fund \$22,299.14
    3. Sewer Fund \$33,070.16

11. **Executive Session** – none

12. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

13. **Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. following a public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer