

**Minutes**  
**Alfred Village Planning and Zoning Board Meeting**  
**February 4, 2016**

*Members Present: Ellen Bahr, Liz Cronin, Karrie Edwards, Herb Ehrig, Lou Greiff*  
*Non-Members in Attendance: Peter McClain (Liaison, Alfred Village Board of Trustees), Jim E. Ninos, Jason Rodd*

A motion made by Lou Greiff and seconded by Ellen Bahr was passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 Alfred Village Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) meeting.

**Applications:**

Peter Brown will not pursue his plan to open a "L'Italia West" restaurant at his business-block property. Instead, his head chef is planning to open a new restaurant at that location. A site plan is expected at the next PZB meeting.

The roof at GJ's tavern will be replaced. A site plan is expected at the next PZB meeting. Herb Ehrig expressed concern that an inappropriate color might be selected for the roof and suggested that Phil Prigmore, village color consultant, should be involved in the project.

**Public Comments:** Peter McClain expressed his appreciation for the good job that Karrie Edwards did working on the Comprehensive Strategy plan. Jason Rodd stated that Allegany County, NY presently has the highest property tax rates in the United States.

**Village Board of Trustees' Report: (Peter McClain)**

The board continues work on the budget. Its next budget meeting will be on Monday, February 8 at 8:30 AM. In response to a question from Herb Ehrig, Peter said that there will be an \$800.00 line item in the budget for the PZB, also that the village will not allocate \$200.00 to continue membership in the Planning Federation.

Work continues to develop a funding application for a comprehensive sewage treatment system that will serve the Village of Alfred, the Town of Alfred, and all or part of the Village of Almond. This is possible in part because of the large capacity of Alfred's present sewage treatment system that was designed to accommodate from ten to twelve thousand people. The village is working with consultants from Clark Patterson Lee Engineering on this project. Also, Kier Dirlam, Director of Planning for Allegany County, has provided effective help in planning and seeking funding for this project.

Alfred State College (ASC) will convert the president's house into a student residence hall. ASC is also adding new water lines, one of which will run along Glen Street. Installation of this line will be shared equally between ASC and Alfred Village.

Work continues on the Comprehensive Plan. Individual members of the Village Board of Trustees are each writing separate sections of the plan. Ellen Bahr asked what the PZB's

role is in current comprehensive planning. Peter McClain replied by encouraging individual PZB members and/or the group as a whole to participate and provide ideas or suggestions for the plan.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Herb Ehrig summarized the February 2, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting, which several PZB members attended. John Ninios' request for a use variance for his property at 16 South Main Street was denied because all of the four criteria required for such a variance were not met.

**Allegany County Annual Dinner Meeting:** Herb Ehrig commented on the high quality of several presentations made at this meeting, which was attended by Mayor Justin Grigg and several PZB members. Herb concluded by suggesting that Kier Dirlam be invited to attend a future PZB meeting.

**Possible Village of Brockport Dissolution:** Herb Ehrig distributed an article from the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* of January 27, 2016, which reported that Brockport residents are filing petitions for a referendum on whether or not to dissolve Brockport Village government. This article and its relevance to Alfred were briefly discussed by the PZB.

**Village of Alfred Signs at the North and South Ends of the Village:** The PZB discussed the history of these signs and the current financial issue related to their upkeep and beautification. The signs were originally erected and paid for by the Alfred 21<sup>st</sup> Century Group (A21CG). Serv-U Credit Union offered to reimburse (A21CG) in exchange for permission to acknowledge its sponsorship with a small sign placed below the main sign. Objections to the Serv-U sign from village residents led to its removal and to a refund from A21CG to Serv-U. Presently, A21CG's financial situation does not allow for their maintenance and upkeep of the signs, and the Village of Alfred is unwilling to assume that responsibility. Herb Ehrig concluded the discussion of this issue by requesting that PZB members give the matter some thought and, if possible, generate suggestions for a resolution of the financial impasse.

**Fsi Delta Omega Sign:** Ellen Bahr mentioned that the Greek letters for this organization now appear on the front of the building and asked if the PZB had ever received or approved an application for such a sign. The PZB did approve renovation of the entryway to the house in 2015, but board members were uncertain whether or not a sign was included in that application.

**Code Enforcement Officer's Reports:** PZB members reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer's (CEO's) reports of January 6, 2016 and February 3, 2016. Discussion of these reports centered on garbage left exposed on the streets and lawns in Alfred Village and on garbage cans remaining visible long after collection day. Suggestions for solutions to these problems included requesting that the Alfred Police Department enforce the village trash regulations, also that Alfred State College fraternity and sorority members be asked to help with cleanup since they have volunteered to perform community service. Karrie Edwards mentioned that the SPCA is willing to accept and even collect empty cans. Lou

Greiff mentioned that garbage collection crews are partly responsible for the problem because they do not pick up the garbage they spill on lawns and streets. Finally, broadsides should be distributed to village residents regularly so that tenants and property owners new to Alfred are made aware of the rules and practices.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made simultaneously by Herb Ehrig and Lou Greiff, then seconded by Ellen Bahr. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis K. Greiff