

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

November 13, 2018

Present: Mayor Prophet, Trustees McClain and Ninos; Clerk Hasper; Police Chief Griffith; ASC Student Liaison Matt Landis and approximately 13 members of the public.

- 1. Meeting Opening** – Mayor Prophet opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 2. Announcements**
 - a. Smart Growth Grant Awarded to Village
 - b. Teamsters Union Contract Negotiations – Mayor Prophet and Trustee Ninos will be the Contract Negotiation committee for the Teamsters Contract beginning 6/1/19.
- 3. Guests** – Discussion was held on the drainage issue on South Main. Trustee McClain noted that the lawyer said it is a civil issue. Posters have been printed and will be put above public toilets defining items that should not be flushed.
- 4. Minutes – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 9, 2018. Motion passed 3-0.
- 5. New Business**
 - a. **Report of Unpaid Taxes** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos to acknowledge receipt of Account of Unpaid Taxes in the amount of \$14,903.52 and certify that the account is accurate. Motion passed 3-0.
 - b. **Hazard Mitigation Plan** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion passed 3-0.
 - c. **Pine Street Bridge Project** – Justin Henry, from Allegany County Department of Public Works, recapped the history on the Pine Street Bridge noting that the Pine Street Bridge can be 100% paid for by Federal and State money but he was unable to prove that it was a public road. Funding cannot be provided unless both the Village and Alfred University pass a resolution stating it is a public road. Alfred University is supportive of this and has already signed the resolution. This question of ownership began in mid-September this year and he was to have responded to NYS DOT by mid-October. If the Village does not pass the resolution soon, the funding for the Pine Street Bridge replacement will no longer be available.

Jamie Babcock and Tim Heckman of Alfred University asked the Village to sign the resolution so the Pine Street Bridge Project can move forward and the funding is not lost.

The Village shared their concerns regarding issues with the water system on the Alfred University Campus i.e. the need for one main water meter for the entire Alfred University Campus and the University taking possession of their water system and maintaining it.

Alfred University representatives asked that the water issues not be used as leverage against the Pine Street Bridge Project.

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The Village asked the University to not shut off conversation about the water system.

A motion was made and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos Authorizing the Acceptance by the Village of Alfred Reaffirming a Portion of Pine Street into the Village Highway System in the Village of Alfred. (See attached). Roll call vote:

1. Trustee McClain - Aye
2. Mayor Prophet - Aye
3. Trustee Ninos - Nay

Motion failed to pass 2-1.

Further discussion was held with all parties acknowledging the desire to move forward with the Pine Street Bridge Project. The Village's hesitancy was due to the above mentioned concerns with the University water system situation and the history of Alfred University not moving forward on these concerns. Alfred University offered to send an email committing to move forward with the water system ownership project. University representatives, Jamie Babcock and Tim Heckman, voiced Alfred University's commitment to the water project and working toward ownership of the water system. They are willing to work with the Village noting there is now a totally different group of people to work with.

A motion was made and seconded by Trustees McClain/Prophet bringing back to the table the resolution Authorizing the Acceptance by the Village of Alfred Reaffirming a Portion of Pine Street into the Village Highway System in the Village of Alfred. (See attached). Roll call vote:

1. Trustee McClain - Aye
2. Mayor Prophet - Aye
3. Trustee Ninos - Aye

Motion passed 3-0.

6. Working Groups/Committees

- a. Town Board Meeting Attendance - 11/15/18 Trustee Ninos will attend.

7. Reports

- a. Deputy Mayor/Planning Board – Trustee McClain gave a report
- b. Streets and Water – Trustee Ninos gave a report
- c. Police – Chief Griffith gave a report
- d. Mayor/Code Enforcement/Fire and Ambulance – Mayor Prophet gave a report

8. Public Comment Period – Difficulty in seeing at the intersection of Greene Street and Hillcrest was discussed with a request to move the stop line ahead or to trim the tree. The

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Alfred University water meter was discussed and the need for better signage on the Fire Hall door on General Election Day in November.

9. Finance

- a. **Fiscal Summary – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos to acknowledge receipt of the October fiscal summary and financial statement. Motion passed 3-0.
- a. **Bills Abstract 2019-06 - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos to pay bills in the total amount of \$82,434.78 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board with a friendly amendment on page two of the general fund for the shop National Fuel bill correcting the account to A51104.4207.
 1. General Fund \$32,092.02
 2. Water Fund \$22,031.93
 3. Sewer Fund \$28,310.83Motion passed 3-0.

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

11. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hasper, Clerk