

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing #3

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July 13, 2010

**Members Present:** Mayor Clark; Trustees Bowden, Rasmussen, Dosch; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel

**Guests Present:** Police Chief Tim O’Grady; Jason Rodd, Matt Mueller, M.A. Mitchell, Bob McArthur, and Justin Head from the press

1. **Meeting Opening** – Mayor Clark called the public hearing to order at 7:25 p.m. in the Village Hall.
2. **LL#2010-3 Historic Preservation Tax Exemption Law** – Mayor Clark explained the purpose of the proposed law.
3. **Comments:**
  - a. Trustee Rasmussen responded to Jason Rodd’s query of how many homes would qualify for this law by stating it would be at least 20, contributing homes, in the historic district. Ms. Mitchell inquired as to which houses are in the historic district, and Clerk-Treasurer Koegel responded that she has a listing in the clerk’s office.
  - b. Jason Rodd stated he views this law as favoritism, by only offering tax breaks to those in the historic district and persecuting private sector people. He asked if the law was targeting a couple of houses under construction right now. Trustee Rasmussen denied this was the case, explaining that there was no particular property around which this law was formed, and that qualifying improvements would only be those made after the law were to take effect.
  - c. Jason Rodd stated his view that the preservation code is very strict. Trustee Rasmussen responded by saying it is possible there will not be many people who apply for this exemption.
  - d. Jason Rodd stated he doesn’t believe the village should reduce any amounts from the tax base. Mayor Clark explained that the exemption is a temporary rebate on only the portion of the property that increases due to the preservation. Jason Rodd said other people are bearing the cost in the meantime. Bob McArthur pointed out that eventually the exemption-holders pay more in property taxes due to the increased value.
4. **Adjournment:**
  - a. There being no further discussion, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel  
Clerk-Treasurer