

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing #1

March 28, 2013

Present: Mayor Clark; Trustees Dosch, Rasmussen; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Sergeant Griffith, 4 members of the Planning Board, and 21 members of the public

1. **Meeting Opening** –Mayor Clark opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.
2. **Hydrofracking Moratorium LL# 2013-2** – Mayor Clark summarized the proposed law. Trustee Rasmussen further elaborated with points on a) creating a village law that, with its separate zoning authority, would keep the village in alignment with the town moratorium law, b) the hydrofracking auxiliary activities covered under a moratorium that can impact a community, such as water, chemicals, wastewater, trucking, pipelines, and storage facilities, c) the short timeline of the law due to the near completion of state studies, and d) a pro bono lawyer willing to help us in early summer to tighten up our zoning code.
3. **Questions & Comments**
 - a. Has this proposed law proven to be legal in other places? Yes.
 - b. Is there going to be a truck route on East Valley Road? That is a question for the town board.
 - c. Why not a ban? The village wanted to involve the public, and eventually combine a ban with an improved and revised zoning law.
 - d. Can we ban after permits are issued? Likely; Some courts have upheld such bans.
 - e. How long does the moratorium last? One year, then it automatically expires.
 - f. Would the moratorium apply to the colleges? In most cases the state can pre-empt local law, but we would hope they would be cooperative.
 - g. More than one person commented this seems a worthy method of self-defense; one that is supported by the Comprehensive Plan.
 - h. Is there a local village law (about 20 years ago) restricting trucks (except Alfred town business trucks) over a certain weight limit? That will have to be researched.
4. **Adjournment** – The public hearing was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer