

**Alfred Village Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2017, 7:30 pm, Village Hall, Alfred, New York**

Members Present: Herb Ehrig(chair); Austin Bower; Sherman Clarke; Karrie Edwards; Barry Eckstein

Non-members Present: Katy Dixon; Mariah Dickinson; Payten Cooper; Chuck Chapman; Ellen Elway; Sabrina Martin; Brennan Lang; Martha Mueller; Elizabeth Gulacsy; Jim Ninos.

Herb Ehrig called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. The minutes for October 5, 2017 meeting were approved by Austin and seconded by Karrie. The decision was unanimous.

2. Applications

A. Application numbers 17-017 and 17-018 were both submitted by Brennan Lang for improvements to his properties located at 8 Reynolds Street in the Village. Application 17 was a resurface project for a parking lot. Application 18 was a request to help prevent surface water and runoff from flooding his basement. Brennan wasn't aware you had to submit a permit to the AVPB and get approval before starting on his projects. Herb wants to meet with Brennan to discuss the survey of his property to getting the parking situated in coordination with the village ordinance. His map was inadequate, and he told Brennan that he should resubmit the application and study up on the village ordinance. The request to resubmit was approved by Sherman and seconded by Barry. The vote was unanimous.

B. Application number 17-020 was for a remodeling project of a home owned by Martha Mueller located at 58 ½ South Main Street. The application was submitted by Dale Randall who was the carpenter performing the renovations. Martha decided she didn't want the work done on her house and she needed approval from the board to reject the active application. The board denied the application unanimously.

4. Monthly CEO Report: No report received.

5. Trustee report (Jim Ninos, Village Trustee)

* Jim explained the continuing problem with the water on Alfred University campus. The problem is a large portion of the AU water is not taxable because they are independent from the town water. This creates a critical problem because water is a big part of the town's revenue. Jim has been working with Mr. McNulty and Allegany County Engineers to fix the water issue.

*A new bridge is going in at the Alfred University campus entrance. It will pose a big inconvenience for the town as it will disrupt traffic right in the middle of town. Although

the idea of a new bridge will happen it won't be happening anytime soon. All the planning is in the preliminary stage, and there are still a lot of little things that could change.

6. Other Business:

*The mayor, Larry Greil, and Herb Ehrig met and discussed 2 issues with making tiny homes taxable. They decided they must be on a permanent foundation. They figured that a special permit for manufactured homes would be hassle for the planning board to deal with every time a new Tiny House comes to the village. The minimum square footage for a Tiny Home is one hundred and fifty square feet with a bathroom of at least eighteen square feet.

*Mayor Griggs is stepping down from his position on Wednesday November 8 and the Alfred Village Planning Board is sorry to see him go. He worked so well with the community and our board.

*Still no word on a minute taker for the AVPB meetings. Karrie said she might know of someone that might want to do it, but the search is ongoing.

7. Herb called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Barry approved the motion. Seconded by Sherman.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin Bower, Acting Secretary