

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

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December 10, 2019

**Present:** Mayor Becky Prophet, Trustees Brown, Gill and Ninos; Clerk Hasper; Police Chief Griffith and approximately 6 members of the public.

**1. Meeting Opening** – Mayor Prophet opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**2. Announcements**

- a. There will be an Alfred Holiday Walk with businesses remaining open later in the evening and offering holiday specials.
- b. Annual Boxing Day Progressive Dinner will be held.

**3. Guests**

- a. Compliments went out to John Ninos for all the holiday decorations at his rental units making Alfred look like Christmas.
- b. Thanks was expressed to the board for getting items put on social media.
- c. Discussion on the ongoing parking problems on Greene St although the police repeatedly have given tickets to vehicles improperly parked.

**4. Minutes – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 12, 2019. Motion passed 4-0.

**5. New Business**

- a. **Kier Dirlam** – Allegany County Planning & Development– The Alfred Comprehensive Plan is ready to move toward approval. The Town of Alfred has agreed to the date of Tuesday January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm for the combined Town of Alfred and Village of Alfred public hearing on the Alfred Comprehensive Plan. The Town has agreed to be the lead agency and to send the letters out to surrounding municipalities. The Town of Alfred has agreed to referring it to the County.
- b. **Alfred Comprehensive Plan – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to allow the Town of Alfred to be the lead agency during the SEQR review process for the Alfred Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed 4-0.
- c. Deputy Mayor Peter McClain arrived
- d. **Alfred Comprehensive Plan – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to set a public hearing coordinated with the Town of Alfred to be held at the Alfred Village Hall at 7 West University St., Alfred on January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm on the Alfred Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed 5-0.
- e. **Free Parking – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to approve free parking at meters in the Village of Alfred from December 16, 2019 to January 13, 2020 in honor of the holidays. Motion passed 5-0.
- f. **NYS Bail Reform** – Chief Paul Griffith Effective the 1st of January 2020 New York State Bail Reform Law changes the bail requirement for people that are to be arraigned. With this change, 90% of all people that commit a crime will be mandated to be released from police custody and only issued an appearance ticket.

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These people will be back in the public and have the freedom to continue with their crime. In addition, the time frame for submitting paperwork has been drastically reduced putting an additional manpower burden on municipalities. Police and District Attorneys across the state agree that this law will be detrimental to the safety of all communities.

g. **Budget Workshop Dates**

- i. Tuesday January 21, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
- ii. Tuesday February 4, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
- iii. Tuesday February 18, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

**6. Working Groups/Committees**

- a. Town Board Meeting Attendance – 12/12/19 Trustee Ninos will attend

**7. Reports**

- a. Public Works – Trustee Ninos gave a report
- b. Police – Chief Griffith gave a report
- c. Youth & Recreation/Business Association – Trustee Brown gave a report
- d. Village Hall – Trustee Gill gave a report
- e. Mayor/Fire & Ambulance Dept/Code Enforcement - Mayor Prophet gave a report
- f. Deputy Mayor/Planning Board – Deputy mayor McClain gave a report

**8. Public Comment**

- a. Jason Rodd has Gunlock chairs available at a reasonable price if the Village is considering replacing the chairs in the courtroom.
- b. Jerry Snyder from the Town of Alfred expressed concerns regarding who will be plowing the snow in the winter on the proposed sidewalk connecting the Town of Alfred and the Village of Alfred.

**9. Finance**

- a. **Fiscal Summary – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to acknowledge receipt of the November fiscal summary and financial statement. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. **Bills Abstract 2020-7 - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to pay bills in the total amount of \$36,972.74 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board with a friendly amendment to the account number prefix on a Microbac bill in the sewer fund.
  1. General Fund \$19,645.02
  2. Water Fund \$4,466.28
  3. Sewer Fund \$6,107.12
  4. Capital Projects \$6,754.32

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Motion passed 5-0.

**10. Executive Session - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to enter executive session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel. Motion passed 5-0. No action was taken. **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to leave executive session at 10:00 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

**11. Adjournment – A motion was made** by Trustee Ninos to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

**12. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hasper, Clerk