

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

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February 11, 2020

**Present:** Deputy Mayor McClain, Trustees Brown, Gill, and Ninos; Clerk Hasper; Police Chief Griffith and approximately 15 members of the public.

**1. Meeting Opening** – Deputy Mayor McClain opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**2. Announcements** –

- a. Village Elections will be held Wednesday March 18, 2020 from noon to 9:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 7 West University St., Alfred, NY.

**3. Guests** –

- a. Brett Hunter’s (Foundation on Drawing teacher at Alfred University) class designed flags for Alfred that will fit on the Hometown Hero infrastructure on the utility poles. He has permission from Tera Soule to use the brackets and requested permission from the board to put the flags on the poles for a week or two each time during the Art Walk of February 20<sup>th</sup> and the Art Walk of April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Discussion was held concerning the proposed sidewalk from Alfred to Alfred Station. Some were disappointed the Alfred Station residents affected by it were not informed early on, others expressed a desire for the Village deteriorating sidewalks to be repaired instead of new ones built, some stated the State told the Village how to spend the grant money while others suggested we wait until the public hearing so facts can be properly presented.
- c. Issues with the garbage truck unable to access the alleyway behind Main Street businesses due to ice was discussed. The Village’s unrestricted easement gives the Village access to go through the alley for emergency vehicle use but not to maintain the alley. Maintenance of the alley way is the group of property owner’s responsibility as it is private property.
- d. A request to start the Village board meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance was made. It was suggested putting it on the agenda.

**4. Minutes – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to approve the minutes of the public hearing of January 7, 2020, the regular board meeting of January 14, 2020, the budget workshop of January 21, 2020 and the budget workshop of February 4, 2020. Motion passed 4-0.

**5. New Business**

- a. **Foundation Banners - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to allow Alfred University freshman Foundation in Drawing class banners to be hung on our utility poles where the Hometown Hero banners are usually put up. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. **Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Resolution – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown to approve the attached resolution requesting amendments to New York State’s Criminal Justice Bail Bond and Discovery

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Reforms. Chief Griffith explained the ramifications of the Discovery and bail reform law and the resolution requesting amendments to it. Motion passed 4-0.

- c. **Part-Time Police Officer – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to hire Cory Heller as a part-time police officer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective April 1, 2020. Motion passed 4-0.
- d. **Adopt a Tree Program** – Trustee Ninos explained that the Village will receive 25 trees from a project jointly administered through the U.S. Forest Service and the NYS DEC. Trees are available with an “Adopt a Tree” request form available online. North Main Street is being targeted for planting although it is open to anyone in the Village if trees are available.
- e. **Annual Organizational Meeting** – A tentative date of Monday April 13, 2020 was penciled in for the annual Organizational Meeting. It is tabled until next month when the full board will be in attendance.
- f. **Budget Workshop Dates**
  - i. Tuesday February 18, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
  - ii. Monday March 2, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

## 6. Reports

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

**7. Public Comment** – Comments were received on the damaged fire hydrant on Church St. which will be repaired by the insurance company following a motor vehicle accident, thanks was expressed to the board for passing the Discovery reform resolution and thanks was expressed to the streets employees for clearing the sidewalks.

## 8. Finance

- a. **Budget Adjustments - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown to make the following budget adjustment: Increase H86870 Smart Growth Grant \$25,453.00, Decrease FX99010 \$25,453.00. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. **Fiscal Summary – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Gill/Brown to acknowledge receipt of the January fiscal summary and financial statement. Motion passed 4-0.

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- c. **Bills Abstract 2020-9 - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to pay bills in the total amount of \$78,593.71 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board.

1. General Fund \$62,430.26
2. Water Fund \$6,476.37
3. Sewer Fund \$9,561.40
4. Capital Projects \$125.68

Motion passed 4-0.

**9. Adjournment – A motion was made** by Trustee Brown to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

**10. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hasper, Clerk