

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

March 10, 2020

Present: Mayor Prophet, Deputy Mayor McClain, Trustees Brown, Gill, and Ninos; Treasurer Slade; Police Chief Griffith and approximately 5 members of the public.

1. Meeting Opening –Mayor Prophet opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2. Announcements

- a. Village Elections next Wednesday March 18, 2020 in the Village Hall. Polls are open 12 noon – 9:00 p.m.
- b. April 1, 2020 is Census Day

3. Guests

- a. Concern was expressed by a resident feeling unwelcome at the budget workshop and wondering if they were open to the public.
- b. Discussion was held on the sidewalk project regarding who would be maintaining it and the possibility of shared services pertaining to it.
- c. It was noted that the property tax cap is 1.78% and not 2%.

4. Minutes – A motion was made and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 11, 2020, the budget workshop of February 18, 2020, and the budget workshop of March 2, 2020. Motion passed 5-0.

5. New Business

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to begin monthly board meetings with the pledge of allegiance. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. **Hot Dog Day Main Street Closing – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Ninos to approve the closing of Main Street (from Terrace Street to Pine Street at the traffic light) on Hot Dog Day, April 25, 2020 for the duration of the parade, which is to start at 11:00 a.m. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. **Hot Dog Day Parade Coordinator - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Gill to appoint Don Schrader as the Hot Dog Day 2020 Parade Coordinator receiving a stipend of \$250. Motion passed 5-0.
- d. **Special Olympic Law Enforcement Torch Run – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to allow the Special Olympic Law Enforcement Torch Run to allow runners to run from the Vet Tech Building on Rt. 244 up Church Street and West University St to Moland Rd. and onto the Alfred State Campus on Friday May 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Motion passed 5-0.
- e. **Part-Time Police Officer Hiring – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to hire Cameron Dougherty as a part-time police officer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective April 1, 2020. Motion passed 5-0.
- f. **Department of Public Works Adjusting Hire Date – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown to adjust the hire date for Jason Knouse,

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Village Maintenance Worker/Motor Equipment Operator in the Department of Public Works, to March 11, 2020. Motion passed 5-0.

- g. **2020-2021 Budget Hearing Date – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to set a public hearing on the 2020-2021 budget for Tuesday April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.
- h. **Beginning Discussions of Additional Handicap Parking Spots** – There is a desire to have one handicap parking spot on every block. With Main St. being a state road, DOT will need to weigh in on the discussion. Trustee Ninos will investigate.
- i. **Annual Organizational Meeting Date** – Monday April 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
- j. **Budget Workshop Date** - Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

6. Working Groups/Committees

- a. Town Board Meeting Attendance - 3/12/20
- b. Hornell Area Transit Commission (HAT Commission) Quarterly Meeting Attendance on 4/21/20 at 5:30 p.m. Trustee Gill will attend.

7. Reports

- a. Village Hall – Trustee Gill gave a report
- b. Mayor/Fire & Ambulance Dept/Code Enforcement - Mayor Prophet 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
- f. Youth & Recreation/Business Association – Trustee Brown gave a report

8. Public Comment – Comments were received on the temporary flags although they were wonderful to begin with are deteriorating, kudos to the Police department for their Bail and discovery reform resolution and discussion on the threat of the Covid-19 virus.

9. Finance

- a. **Budget Adjustments** – No budget adjustments at this time.
- b. **Fiscal Summary – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to acknowledge receipt of the February fiscal summary and financial statement. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. **Bills Abstract 2020-10 - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/McClain to pay bills in the total amount of \$66,235.05 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board.
 - 1. General Fund \$21,883.52
 - 2. Water Fund \$7,222.72
 - 3. Sewer Fund \$8,931.30

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4. Capital Projects \$28,197.51

Motion passed 5-0.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

11. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Budget Workshop Tuesday March 31, 2020
- b. Organizational Meeting Monday April 13, 2020
- c. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. with a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Slade, Treasurer

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