

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

April 14, 2020

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THIS BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE

Present: Mayor Prophet, Deputy Mayor McClain, Trustees Brown, Gill, and Ninos; Clerk Hasper; Police Chief Griffith and approximately 14 members of the public.

- 1. Meeting Opening** – Mayor Prophet opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – Trustee Brown led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 3. Announcements**
 - a. Village Elections – No official word yet. Possibly June 16, 2020 (the statutory date for this year’s regularly scheduled June village elections) or possibly June 23, 2020 the same day as the Democratic primary.
- 4. Guests** – The status of the Smart Growth Grant was discussed noting the money from the state for it has finally been received in the bank account.
- 5. Minutes – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Gill to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 10, 2020 and the budget workshop of March 31, 2020. Motion passed 5-0.
- 6. New Business**
 - a. **2020-2021 Budget – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos to adopt the 2020-2021 budget. Discussion was held regarding possibility of not passing the budget and hold another public hearing on the budget to allow more people to comment. Roll call vote:
 1. Deputy Mayor McClain – Nay
 2. Trustee Brown – Nay
 3. Trustee Gill – Aye
 4. Trustee Ninos – NayMotion failed 4-0.
 - b. **2020-2021 Budget Public Hearing - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to extend the period of receipt of public comment on the budget to 5:00 p.m. Friday April 24, 2020 and to set a public hearing on the 2020-2021 budget for Tuesday April 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. followed by a board meeting at 7:45 p.m. to vote on the budget. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c. **Fire Protection – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to approve 2020-21 Fire Protection Agreement with A.E. Crandall for \$136,356. It was noted the Village had planned to pay directly what is received from the fire protection services fee on the Village utility bills. Since this verbiage was not incorporated into the agreement **a motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos to table the motion until proper verbiage is in place. Motion was tabled by a vote of 5-0.

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- d. **Ambulance Service – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to approve the 2020-21 Ambulance Service Agreement with A.E. Crandall for \$3,958. Motion passed 5-0.
- e. **Summer Employment – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown to advertise and accept applications for three positions of temporary full-time summer laborer in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. Motion passed 5-0.
- f. **2020 Summer Sports Festival - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Gill to approve the 2020 Summer Sports Festival agreement with Alfred State College in the amount of \$6,500 contingent on this event taking place. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Reports

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

8. Public Comment – None were received.

9. Finance

- a. **Fiscal Summary – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Gill to acknowledge receipt of the March fiscal summary and financial statement. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. **Bills Abstract 2020-11 - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Gill to pay bills in the total amount of \$163,766.76 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board.
 - 1. General Fund \$42,036.93
 - 2. Water Fund \$5,859.05
 - 3. Sewer Fund \$108,214.78
 - 4. Capital Projects \$7,656.00Motion passed 5-0.

10. Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn was made and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

11. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hasper, Clerk