

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

June 9, 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 20 members of the public.

- 1. Meeting Opening** –Mayor Prophet opened the meeting at 7:49 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – Trustee Brown led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 3. Announcements**
 - a. Village Elections will be held September 15, 2020.
- 4. Guests** – O.J. Shepherd announced Black Lives Matter protests are being held every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. On June 19th there will be a Juneteenth Celebration held at the bandstand from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 5. Minutes – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 12, 2020. Motion passed 5-0.
- 6. New Business**
 - a. **Summer Employment** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown to hire Samuel Dagon in the Department of Public Works as temporary full-time summer laborer at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective June 1, 2020. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. **CEO Building Permit Application Fee** - **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to approve Code Enforcement Officer initial payment for the renovation of Openhym Residence Hall in the amount of \$731.46. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c. **New Sewer Connection** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos to approve a new sewer connection service for the farm/organic barn at Alfred State College. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d. **Village Historian Appointment** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Gill/Brown to approve the Mayoral appointment of Laurie Lounsberry Meehan to Village Historian. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e. **21 Day Extension of Interest Free Period for Payment of Property Taxes** – **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown to authorize the Mayor to request a 21-day extension of the interest free period for the payment of the June 2020 property taxes. Motion passed 5-0.
 - f. **Statement of Solidarity**: **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/Gill to adopt the attached Statement of Solidarity. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g. **Pledge to Commit to Action**: **A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to authorize the Mayor to sign My Brother’s Keeper Alliance’s “Pledge to Commit to Action” committing the Village to:

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1. REVIEW your police use of force policies.

2. ENGAGE your communities by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in your review.

3. REPORT the findings of your review to your community and seek feedback.

4. REFORM your community's police use of force policies.

Motion passed 5-0.

7. Working Groups/Committees

- a. Town Board Meeting Attendance – 6/11/20 Trustees Ninos will attend

8. 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

9. Public Comment – Comments were made on the local protests pertaining to Black Lives Matter and the local police.

10. Finance

- a. **Fiscal Summary – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Brown to acknowledge receipt of the May fiscal summary and financial statement. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. **Part-Time Police Pay Increases - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees McClain/Ninos to approve part-time police officers pay increases to \$17.00 per hour effective June 1, 2020. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. **Police Chief Contract - discussion**
- d. **Bills Abstract 2021-1 - A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/McClain to pay bills in the total amount of \$44,243.49 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board.
 - 1. General Fund \$27,392.67
 - 2. Water Fund \$5,628.03
 - 3. Sewer Fund \$11,222.79Motion passed 5-0.

11. Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn was made by Trustees Ninos. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

12. Upcoming Meetings

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- a. Next Regular Board meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
- b. Tuesday July 14, 2020 Town Hall Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hasper, Clerk