

Town of Almond Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2016

Attendance: *Councilpersons Jo-Anne Phillipson-Freeland, Kim Costello, Arlene McMahon, Lawrence Perry, Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole, Justice Paul Johnson, Highway Supervisor Jamie Mansfield, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Don Weiman, Alfred Almond Sports Community Sports Designee Quentin Castle, Bookkeeper Debra Castle-Harvey, Town Clerk Teresa Jaycox. Absent: William Ells Code Enforcement. Visiting Alfred Mayor Justin Griggs, and County Legislator Chuck Jessup.*

Meeting convened at 5:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance

1. **May meeting minutes** were reviewed. Correction to Jo-Anne's name noted. Motion to approve by Arlene, 2nd by Jo-Anne, all ayes.

2. **Sewer proposal**
 - a. After discussion from Town Supervisor, Alfred Mayor, and a possible letter of support from the Town of Alfred Supervisor Dan Acton; Motion to approve the application for a grant to provide a preliminary study on the feasibility of installing sewer access in the Town of Almond along the Route 21 corridor, to connect with the Village of Alfred by Dawn, 2nd Jo-Anne, all ayes.
 - Dawn will meet with Larson and Alfred Engineers and all parties involved.

3. **Reports**
 - a. Supervisor's report
 - Dawn stated that the Board will review the reserve fund at August meeting
 - Village report – July Board meeting will change to 6:30 and then will meet with the Village Board jointly at 7:30 pm. Must advertize this time change.
 - Election 2017 – There is a vacant council person's position needing to be filled.
 - Financial report - A motion to make a budget modification involving \$18,500.00 from CHIPS to CHIPS equipment line to pay for trailer made by Dawn, 2nd Kim, all ayes.
 - b. Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Disbursements:
 - Paid to Supervisor - \$ 62.50 Vital (\$40) Repays (\$1.50) Landfill Dogs (\$19.50)
Landfill (\$1.50)
 - Ag and Markets - \$ 3.00 dog licenses
 - Count DPW - \$ 98.50 Landfill tickets
 - c. Justice – Hon. Paul T. Johnson reported court busy and everything fine. Supervisor addressed a letter from a Village patron that wants to share concerns about the increased NYSP patrolling. Justice Johnson once again shared the statistics indicating that the number of DWI arrests and other vehicle and traffic violations were lower than previous year.

- d. Assessor: Equalization rate set at 95.00
- e. Highway Superintendent report May 10, 2015 – June 13, 2016

Graded, rolled and brined following roads: Satterlee Hill, Turnpike, Rossman, Sisson, Bully Hill, Stearns, Ryan. We added milling to top of Clark so we can grind and then oil and stone it.

Have the county's power screen here at shop and power screening the millings in various spots throughout the town.

Pulled shoulders and regarded shoulder and ditch and hill area on Twin Valley and removed debris.

Pulled shoulders on entire Turnpike road.

Emerson road bridge was red flagged for section loss on main beams so county came in and repaired beams to get red tag removed. Repair will last maybe 5 to 6 years. We have to remove panels on one end and replace with better ones. Waiting until after school is out to do the work when no buses will be crossing bridge.

Zachary Tyrell from Alfred has started working with us through the AU summer help program.

Roadside mowing has started for this year.

Jamie went to Ithaca for Highway School June 6-8.

The annual MSHW class was held in municipal building on June 9, 2016.

Did some blacktop patching on roads that will be oiled and stoned soon.

Picked up new equipment trailer from George and Swede.

Took pickup to auction in Palmyra on Saturday May 14th. Pickup sold for \$14,000.00 so after the 10% we received a check for \$12,600.00

Dug for water leak behind Muhleisens and did not actually find the leak. It is under the stream bed. Waiting for the decision from the Village to go any further or if they will have a contractor repair section.

Motion to accept report by Dawn, 2nd by Kim, all ayes

- f. Code Enforcement/Planning Board. Dawn announced there are two new members of the planning board, Tammy Kokut and Sandra Dennison.
- g. Dog Control – No report available
- h. Municipal building & Joint Municipal Programs – Ice and snow removal contract is worded exactly the same but has increased by \$50.00.
- i. Parks and Recreation/ AACSA – Quentin Castle
 - New grass has already been mowed
 - Wanting to fence along soccer fields to keep cars off and balls on field.
 - Also want to fence the baseball field with a gate that will allow accessibility to an ambulance and mower.

- The electric is being buried in the area designated in previous minutes.
- Jamie told Quentin that he has cement blocks available for his use.
- There is signage for the security system already in place at the fields.
- The Streets Grant has been completed
- The bathroom doors need repair. May be removed.
- Quentin is cleaning bathrooms. Need a cleaner.
- AACSA is taking over the Greg Norton Memorial Park to help with improvements, etc.
- The team sponsors signage was successful

4. Review of Abstracts – Total \$43,121.21 Voucher #179 - #214

Motion to pay the bills by Dawn, 2nd Larry, all ayes

5. Additional Proposed Resolutions

- The review and approval of the Procurement Policy and Investment Policy has been tabled until the August Board meeting.
- A motion to accept a softball scoreboard from the City of Hornell was made by Dawn, 2nd by Larry, all ayes.
- A motion to approve KHEOPS to apply for a Water Quality Improvement Grant on the Town's behalf for the construction of a salt shed, and to commit a 25% match of funds upon grant approval was made by Dawn, 2nd by Larry, all ayes. County Grant writer (Jill Sawyer assisting) separate amounts for blacktop, man hours, and construction work for the project was discussed.
- Discussion regarding reducing the speed ensued. County said they would approve but this also has to go through the Hornell DOT. A Motion to adopt a reduced speed of 45 miles per hour starting from the bridge, past McHenry Valley and extend to the Almond Village line was made by Dawn, 2nd by Arlene, all ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Jaycox
Almond Town Clerk