

## Minutes – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Meeting

April 11, 2023

**Present:**  Jim Ninos  Peter McClain  Meredith Field  Laurette Guild

Absent  Tim Nichols

**Staff:**  Paul Griffith, Chief of Police  Monica Masters, Clerk/Treasurer

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Ninos called this meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge was led by Mayor Ninos.
3. **Announcements/Correspondence** – Start time for board meeting in May has changed to 7pm.
4. **Guests:** Approximate number of guests present 3.
5. **Minutes – Board Action** to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 14, 2023, budget meeting of March 16, 2023, budget meeting of March 30, 2023, and organizational meeting of April 3, 2023.  
Motion: Field Second: Guild Vote: 4-0
6. **New Business**
  - a. **Summer Employment – Board action** to rehire 1 temporary full-time summer laborer from last year in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$ 16.00 per hour (Last Year \$14.50/hour). Motion: McClain Second: Guild Vote: 4-0
  - b. **Summer Employment – Board action** to advertise and accept applications for two additional positions of temporary full-time summer laborer in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.  
Motion: McClain Second: Field Vote: 4-0
  - c. **Local Law 2023-2 Water and Sewer Service – Board action** to amend Local Law #2012-4 Water and Sewer Service to raise the connection charge from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 per residential connection to the village water main for new water service beginning April 11, 2023. Copy of proposed law attached. Motion: McClain Second: Guild Vote: 4-0
  - d. **Local Law 2023-3 Clerk-Treasurer Residency - Board action** to approve local law 2023-3 Clerk-Treasurer Residency. This is to amend Local Law #2009-5 to expand the residency as of February 2,2023 for the Clerk-

Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to include “resident of Allegany County or of an adjoining county within the State of New York.” Copy of proposed law attached. Motion: Guild Second: Field Vote: 4-0

- e. **WIIA Water Project Standardizing Control – Board action** for Aqua Logics to handle the standardizing control of contract 3 of the WIIA Water Project. (They did this for the WIIA Sewer Project previously.)

Motion: Field Second: McClain Vote: 4-0

- f. **Hillcrest Drive Weight Limit – Board Action** to approve a temporary waiver to the vehicle weight limit on Hillcrest Drive for 60 days to Benson Construction of Olean, New York as a contractor for Alfred State. Benson Construction will agree to carry a bond to cover possible damages.

Motion: McClain Second: Field Vote: 4-0

- g. **Allegany County Inter-Municipal Aid – Board action** to approve the following: Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alfred hereby agrees to allow Thomas Costello (DPW Superintendent), Bryan Dodge (DPW Working Supervisor), Paul Griffith (Police Chief) or James Ninos (Mayor) to extend Mutual Aid assistance to another participating municipality within the County of Allegany when requested to so by such municipality in time of abnormal snow or work conditions for period 4/1/23 – 3/31/24. This agreement is subject to the conditions listed in the written agreement. This will supersede the one passed at the organizational meeting on April 3, 2023 (roll call vote). Motion: McClain Second: Field Vote: 4-0

Ninos -Aye

McClain - Aye

Field - Aye

Guild - Aye

Nichols - Absent

- h. **Fair Housing Month – Board action** to designate April as Fair Housing Month and the Code Enforcement Officer, Charles Cagle, to act as the Fair Housing Officer.

Motion: McClain Second: Field Discussion? Vote: 4-0

- i. **Water Connection Approval – Board action** to approve Water Connection Application for 708 State Route 244 dependent on pre-connection approval by Water Operator, engineer, and health department.

Motion: Guild Second: McClain Vote: 4-0

## 7. Committee Reports

- a. Town Board Meeting: No Report. Next Meeting on Thursday 4/13/23 at 7 p.m.
- b. ACES (Alfred Committee on Equity and Safety): No report, but Meredith will check in with them.
- c. Alfred Community Coalition: No report. They are meeting on 4/14/23.

## 8. Liaison Reports

- a. Meredith Field (Village Hall/Youth & Recreation) – Gave report. Suggestion made for wearing a button during Hot Dog Day identifying board members.
- b. Tim Nichols (Fire & Ambulance Dept/Code Enforcement) – No report given.
- c. Peter McClain (Deputy Mayor/Planning Board) – Gave report.
- d. Jim Ninos (Mayor/DPW) – Gave report.
- e. Paul Griffith (Police) – Gave report.
- f. Laurette Guild (Economic Development/Social Media) – Gave report.

## 9. Public Comments: 3 min per person (10 minutes)

## 10. Finance

- j. **Request for Credit on “Water” bill** – Account E130-0 has requested a credit on the “water” bill as the high-water usage was from the pipes freezing and bursting. This water did not go through the sewer system. **Board action** to forgive \$2,240.72 for Sewer and \$651.68 for Sewer Bonds. All future forgiveness requests by village residents to the board must be signed off on by a village water operator verifying that the water did not enter the sewer. Motion: Guild Second: McClain Vote: 4-0
- k. **Fiscal Summary – Board action** to acknowledge receipt of the March fiscal summary and financial statement. Motion: Field Second: Guild Vote: 4-0
- l. **2023-2024 Budget – Board action** to adopt the 2023-2024 budget (roll call vote). Motion: Guild Second: McClain Vote: 4-0  
Ninos - Aye  
McClain - Aye  
Field - Aye  
Guild - Aye  
Nichols - Absent
- m. **Bills Abstract 2023-11 Board Action** to pay bills in the **total** amount of \$198,934.39 as detailed below and on the abstract list distributed to the board.

1. General Fund \$12,240.50
2. Water Fund \$10,033.79
3. Sewer Fund \$75,648.54
4. Capital Project(s) \$101,011.56

Motion: McClain Second: Guild Vote: 4-0

**11. Good of the Order:** Open discussion for the Board

**12. Upcoming Meeting**

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting is Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**13. Motion to close meeting by Trustee Field at 8:57 p.m.**

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