

MEETING NO. 9
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MAY 4, 2009
7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to Order. Councilman Weber led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken by taken Town Clerk.

PRESENT: Ronald Smith, Supervisor
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman
William Weber, Councilman
Ronald Snyder, Councilman
Arlene Cooke, Councilwoman
RECORDING SECARETARY: Debra A. Crist, Deputy Town Clerk
OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Martin Dugan, CEO
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer
Michael Fleming, Planning Board

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes & Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2009. Unanimously carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN COOKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SNYDER TO WIT;

ACCOUNT	ABST#1	ABST #2	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A		9,365.78	29,926.18
HGHWY FUND "DA/DB"		4,707.13	10,992.53
PARTTOWN FUND "B"		1,237.13	4,461.87
WD#2 FUND "WB"			525.20
WD#3 FUND "WC"			2,063.60
WD#4 FUND "WD"			1,299.80
SP. FIRE PROT. "SF"			159.18
SD#2 FUND "SA"		305.00	2,145.15
TRUST & AGENCY FUND "T"		2,740.01	2,934.01
SP REFUSE FUND "SR"		1,928.32	30,696.92
ST LIGHTING FUND "SL"			7,100.52
PERIWINKLE STR. LTG. "SL1"			8.32
GRANT		37,484.44	38,324.45
TOTAL	(Paid 4/20/09)	57,767.81	130,637.73

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE THE FOREGOING WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Supervisor Smith "Welcomed" the Students from Alden Central School –Good Government Class.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no business from the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Riddoch reported that she received approval from the Village of Alden to use Fireman's Memorial Park for Summer Concerts. Received the insurance binder outlining the Town's renewal coverage effective 5/1/09 from Tompkins. Received a call from Martin Brennan of Broadway re trucks at Tops and told him he was welcome to speak with the Board. Received a call from Chris Dorminy of Troop 117 regarding an Eagle Scout project, would like this to be put on a Work Session.

Councilman Weber received a drainage complaint from a Broadway resident, received a map of the drainage area and shared with the Hwy. Supt., would like to set up a meeting with the drainage committee.

Councilman Snyder received three bids for concrete for the Town Hall garage. Had a call from individual who had a problem with that and straightened it out.

Councilwoman Cooke received an invitation from the Erie County Water Authority for June 2, 2009. Received letter from Girl Scout troop #864 re behavior in Alden Town Park. Councilwoman Cooke would like the Erie County Sheriff's Dept. notified and have extra patrols done in the Park. Commended the troop on their concern.

Supervisor Smith received from Town Line Fire Dept. an invitation to join in their Community Memorial Day Service on May 25th. Received approved Village of Alden Board minutes from April 9th, received monthly reports from the Town Clerk's office, Building Dept. and Tax Receiver. Agenda for Tuesday May 12th Planning Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN RIDDOCH WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WEBER TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board has noticed the need for a garage at the Alden Town Hall, the first step of which is having a concrete pad poured; the estimated cost of which is more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines of the Town of Alden state that the Town must obtain written quotes from at least three (3) vendors;

WHEREAS, said Procurement Policy & Procedure Guideline have been followed and quotes have been properly received;

WHEREAS, the Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the need finds that it is in the public interest to authorize said purchase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board approves the purchase and installation of a concrete pad for a garage to be built at the Alden Town Hall by J. Lund Concrete for a total cost of \$4,792.80, as per the attached specifications;
2. That the Supervisor of the Town of Alden is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this purchase and installation; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on May 4, 2009 and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Weber moved and Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion to grant the Alden Art Club permission to use the Community Center for their meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of each month except for the Months of July and August from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Unanimously carried.

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the Motion to grant the Alden Art Club permission to use the Community Center and restrooms on September 13th from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM for their Annual Art Show. Unanimously carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN RIDDOCH WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SNYDER TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden Parks Supervisor has advised the Town Board that the Parks Department is in need of one (1) new Workman which will be purchased pursuant to State Bid;

WHEREAS, said Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines and General Municipal Law have been followed; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the Parks Supervisor's request finds his request for a new Workman in the Public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board approves the purchase of one (1) Toro Workman MDZ 16hp engine, as described on the attached State Bid Pricing Summary from Grassland Equipment & Irrigation Corp. for \$8,269.00 as being consistent with its policies and in the interest of the residents of the Town of Alden;
2. That the Town Supervisor, Ronald L. Smith, is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this purchase; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Smith would like to go on record in opposition of this resolution, as he stated at the Work Session he does not feel that it is necessary for the Town to expend the money on this and the groomer in the next resolution, we have not gotten any new parks this year or new baseball diamonds that need to be maintained. He does not feel that spending over \$10,000.00 of Town funds for these pieces of equipment is necessary in light of the budget difficulties we expect in 2010. He feels this is money ill spent on these pieces of equipment.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on May 4, 2009 and vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Riddoch	Aye
Councilman Weber	Aye
Supervisor Smith	Nay
Councilman Snyder	Aye
Councilwoman Cooke	Nay

The Resolution was therefore adopted.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMAN WEBER, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN RIDDOCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden Parks Supervisor has advised the Town Board that the Parks Department is in need of a new groomer for the Town's baseball and softball diamonds the estimated cost of which is \$2,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines of the Town of Alden ("Policy") requires that all estimated purchases of \$2,000.00 require a request for a proposal and written quotes from at least two (2) vendors;

WHEREAS, said Policy has been followed and two (2) quotes have been obtained; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the purchase request finds the purchase in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town Board approves the purchase of one (1) new Rahn Groomer from Grassland Equipment & Irrigation Corp. for \$2,000.00 as being consistent with its policies and in the interests of the residents of the Town of Alden;
2. That the Supervisor of the Town of Alden is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this purchase; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on May 4, 2009, as follows:

Councilmember Riddoch	Aye
Councilmember Weber	Aye
Supervisor Smith	Nay
Councilmember Snyder	Aye
Councilmember Cooke	Nay

The Resolution was therefore adopted.

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the motion to allow Colleen Rogers to attend Finance School on May 6th-8th in Rochester, N.Y. Unanimously Carried.

SUPERVISOR SMITH POLLED THE BOARD AND WITH NO OBJECTION THE FOLLOWING WAS ADDED;

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN COOKE WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SNYDER

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden and the Alden Men's Softball League, run by the Town of Alden as part of the Alden Recreation Department are desirous of keeping the Alden Men's Softball League in operation for the 2009 season;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden is aware that a large number of residents of the Town of Alden participate in the Alden Men's Softball League but realizes that the League can not operate a sufficient number of teams if non-Alden residents are not allowed to join the League for the 2009 season; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden and the Alden Men's Softball League believe that the solution to the issue of giving preference to Alden Residents, but allowing non-residents to participate in order to ensure a sufficient number of teams to operate the League is to assess a fee upon those teams that contain non Alden residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board shall allow teams in the Alden Men's Softball League for the 2009 season to contain non-Alden Residents under the following two conditions: (1) no team have contain more than ten (10) non-Alden residents; and (2) each team containing a non-Alden resident in the 2009 season shall remit a non-resident player fee of \$15.00 per person to the Town of Alden. All monies will be remitted to the Town of Alden by August 31st 2009, with a roster showing all players both Alden residents and non-Alden residents.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on May 4, 2009 and was unanimously adopted.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Riddoch ordered the portable toilets for the parks. Spoke to AJF President Bill Kissel re the Town Park and the Fireman's Convention. Attended opening day of Baseball, there were hundreds of people. Passed out quotes for baseball mix and would like this on the Work Session. Attended WNYVF Convention meeting last week in the Village with Hwy. Supt. Milligan. Progress is being made. Would like to thank Bill Sivecz for the nice job done on the Summer Concert flyer on the web-site.

Councilman Weber would like to set up a date with Eng. Metzger to meet with the drainage committee.

Councilwoman Cooke attended a disaster coordinator meeting in Amherst. Picked up 36 pagers from Erie County and will distribute to Board, snowplows etc. Spent two days in a class talking about emergency centers that we could operate at the Town Hall in the event of a disaster, held at the Cheektowaga Fire Academy.

Eng. Michael Metzger is working with Erie County re the drainage problem on Sandridge Rd.

Michael Fleming, Planning Board representative, reported on the recommendations made by the Planning Board re Bonnie Lake subdivision.

Supervisor Smith said there will be a meeting of the Master Plan Committee on Wednesday, May 27th @ 7:00 P.M. The Charrette meeting will be held on June 10th @ 6:30 P.M... at the Alden Town Hall. Would like to thank Debbie Crist for doing the meeting tonight, filling in for Dorothy Bycina, who is recovering from an illness, she will return later this week.

Supervisor Smith adjourned the Meeting at 7:23 P.M. with a Minute's silence in Memory of Paul VanOrnum and Albert Ezzo

DEBRA A. CRIST
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK