

MEETING NO. 13
REGULAR NO 11

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JUNE 4, 2007
7:30 P.M..

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to Order. Councilman Weber led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken by the Deputy Town Clerk.

PRESENT: Ronald L. Smith, Supervisor
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman
William Weber, Councilman
Ronald L. Snyder, Councilman
Arlene A. Cooke, Councilwoman
RECORDING SECRETARY: Debra Crist, Deputy Town Clerk
OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer
Gerald Sanok, Planning Board

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes & Synopsis of May 21, 2007. 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"		17,639.55	53,183.56
Hghwy Fund "DA/DB"		492.50	17,787.37
PartTown Fund "B"		1,384.06	18,079.83
Water Dist #2 Fund "WB"			375.20
Water Dist #3 Fund "WC"			1,983.20
WaterDist #4 Fund "WD"		1,299.80	2,599.60
Sp Fire Prot Fund "SF"		159.18	159.18
SD#2 Fund "SA"		2,758.59	3,314.36
Trust & Agcy Fund "T"			185.00
Sp Refuse Fund "SR"			28,915.34
St Lighting Fund "SL"			6,874.00
TOTAL	109,722.96	23,733.68	133,456.64

(Approved 5/21/07)

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE THE FOREGOING WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Supervisor Smith welcomed the students from Alden Central School.

Colleen Czechowski, representing ARRG, addressed the Board; she reminded them of the Walk the Village with Partners for a Livable WNY on Saturday June 9 – 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Colleen also presented Board members with a report from Gary S. Solar, Ph.D. on the environmental impact on the proposed site of a commercial center in Alden, He is an Associate Professor of Geology at Buffalo State. Ron Rebman/Broadway questioned the Board about the drainage problem behind his property. Wynnie Fisher/Two Rod Rd. wanted to know why the minutes were not being kept up-to-date on the web site, Supervisor Smith will address this. Wynnie also requested that when a Home Occupation Permit is renewed it is stated in the minutes what the actual business is. Ed Bogumil, Westwood Rd., brought up the fact that the water pressure during the fire at St. John's seemed insufficient. He wondered if the hydrants are tested frequently. Town Engineer Metzger assured him that Erie County tests them on a regular basis. Mr. Bogumil also had questions about the proposed Bike Path.

COMMUNICATION

Councilwoman Riddoch received a phone call from a former resident Pat Earsley, she had questions about the proposed Bike Path, as she has property she is trying to sell on Westwood. Councilwoman Riddoch also received a memo from Dan Moultrup re the Kiddie Garden/job well done. Dan Moultrup and Mary have been in discussion about the Recreation Advisory Committee. Received a copy of the Dog Control Law from Jennifer Strong.

Councilman Weber received a copy of the revised Windmill Law from Attorney Strong.

Councilman Snyder received a complaint from a citizen re Periwinkle. He and Engineer Metzger followed up and it was resolved.

Councilwoman Cooke received a note from the Recreation Director regarding installing a utility sink in the Community Center/for Ceramics, etc., Councilman Snyder and herself will look into getting one installed. A request for chairs in the arts and crafts room in the Community Center was also made. Councilwoman Cooke will handle.

Supervisor Smith received the unofficial minutes from the May 8, 2007 Planning Board Meeting, official minutes from the April 10, 2007 Planning Board Meeting, letter from Alden Hook & Ladder re parade 6/30/07 @ 6:00 P.M. inviting Board to participate, Village of Alden May 3rd minutes, copy of Planning Board Agenda 6/12/07, letter from N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation re tree proposal, was accepted and a grant for up to \$4200.00 reimbursement was approved; 21 trees will be purchased for R.O. Smith Park, Councilman Weber will assist. The Supervisor received a note from Dan Moultrup about the great job that was done on the Kiddie Garden.

NEW BUSINESS

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

WHEREAS ,the Alden Town Board has noticed the need to adopt an Internet Access and Computer Use Policy in order to ensure that Town Employees have appropriate access to the internet and to computers to assist them in their jobs; while ensuring that internet use and computer use is not misused; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the attached Internet Access and Computer Use Policy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board hereby adopts the attached Internet Access and Computer Use Policy as its Official Internet Access and Computer Use Policy effective June 4, 2007

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote on June 4, 2007 and was unanimously adopted.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Riddoch reported that the insurance voucher arrived and we renewed with Selective again. Spoke with Peter Jacob from Assess Control Solution, a firm similar to Industrial Appraisal, he will get some facts and figures to Mary, to be placed on the next Work Session. Very pleased how the guys are handling everything at the Park with Carl Fix out and Bud at Highway School, they had a good grip on what needed to be done. Will meet with John on 6-5-07 to go over playground equipment.

Attorney Jennifer Strong would like the new dog fees on the Work Session.

Also redrafted Sidewalk Law and would like it on the Work Session. Hubco site plan ready for final environmental review put on the Work Session. Need to renew our contract with Ray-Mar and our inter-municipal code enforcement officer for vacation coverage; these also need to be put on the Work Session.

Councilman Snyder reported that he is still obtaining bids on a generator and four doors for the Town Hall. Advised Mike Metzger to update personnel on the Stormwater Coalition to our present personnel. Councilman Snyder reported on the Association of Towns meeting he attended. Discussed 5% raise per year over 3 years for Town maintenance of County roads, 1% sales tax, College reimbursement for out of County students.

Councilwoman Cooke reported that she sent out a letter to the four fire companies regarding sponsorship for CERTS, Community Emergency Response Team. Has heard from Townline Fire Department, they will sponsor \$1500.00. This is a team of people that are willing to help others during a disaster/storm etc. Went to a conference with the Disaster Chairman on Thursday for 4 hours with Jim Gerber re new software that is available from Erie County.

Town Engineer Michael Metzger reported that the MS4 Stormwater Report was sent over to the Supervisor and signed.

Supervisor Ronald Smith received a request from Town Hall employees to have the Town of Alden Flag replaced that is flying outside the Town Hall, it is tattered. Councilman Snyder will handle. Wanted to thank Dorothy Bycina and Debbie Crist for the Work Session Synopsis. Next Work Session on June 11th @7:00 P.M. and Board Meeting June 18th @7:30 P.M.

At 8:20 P.M. Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a matter of personnel. Unanimously carried.

At 8:55 P.M. Councilwoman Riddoch moved and Councilman Weber seconded the motion to reenter into the regular meeting. No action was taken. Unanimously carried.

Supervisor Smith adjourned the Meeting at 8:56 PM with a Minute's silence in Memory of Genevieve Kaczmarek and Gordon Glose.

Debra A. Crist
Deputy Town Clerk