

APPROVED BOARD MINUTES November 26 2013

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, 6:30 p.m. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo to adjourn from executive session, seconded by Trustee Warmus, 6:43 p.m. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, to enter into a second executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Trustee Warmus, 7:15 p.m. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo to adjourn from executive session, seconded by Trustee Warmus, 7:25 p.m. Carried.

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees Retzlaff, Warmus and Mezydlo, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Sue Schumacher and her son John, Pat Cavanaugh, Rick Greis, Ryan Sheedy, Richard Kegler and Sue DeWitt, reporter for the Alden Advertiser.

Absent: Trustee Daluisio

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated November 28, 2013. Carried

Payroll	\$38,998.89
Abstract	\$24,935.86

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve following monthly reports for October: Public works, Planning Board, Fire Dept. fuel report. November: ZBA, Planning Board. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Postcard from N.Y.S. Urban Forestry Council concerning newsletter, reminder from the school concerning Superintendent Advisory Committee meeting, Mortgage tax reimbursement from the County for 4/13-9/13, letter of interest from Richard Kegler for the open position on the Planning Board, League of Women Voters, and Alden Chamber of Commerce newsletters, notification from the Court Clerk on vacation schedule,

Energy cost pamphlets for residents available from State of New York Dept. of Public Service, and a letter from Employee Benefits Concepts outlining their services.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to file as received all correspondence. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Motion November 26, 2013

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to accept the resignation of Village of Alden Fire Chief Steve Chase, from his post effective immediately.

Roll call vote: Trustee Retzlaff – abstain

Trustee Warmus – aye

Trustee Mezydlo – aye

Mayor Manicki – aye

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to appoint Richard Greis, as acting Fire Chief.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to support Small Business Saturday, on Saturday, Nov. 30 and encourages our resident to shop locally.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Richard Kegler, 1426 Mechanic St., was in attendance to ask a variety of questions. He had read in the Alden Advertiser about the school charging the town for use of their facilities. The Mayor was aware of this and it is a \$5 per use charge, not to exceed \$3,000.

Mr. Kegler referred to an article in Buffalo News explaining how the Village of East Aurora is charging O&M fees directly on usage, not like us who charges a flat rate. Since the sewer is always in the red, why not charge people who use it more, an increased O&M fee? Someone has to pay for sewer, why not distribute cost evenly?

Mayor Manicki explained that the sewer plant is 30 years old and in need of updates. The village has applied for a grant but has not heard if they have been awarded it yet. The Mayor has seen the article and is considering implementing a similar plan.

Superintendent Sitzman reminded the board that a considerable amount of residents are seasonal, and then would not pay towards improvements.

Mayor Manicki will contact the Town of East Aurora and find out more information.

Mr. Kegler voiced his concerns for the safety of drivers coming off of Mechanic, not realizing that the light that runs west and east on Broadway does not change simultaneously. Coming off of Mechanic and seeing a red light traveling west down Broadway, people don't realize the east bound traffic could have a green light. He asked why the Village of Alden asked for the light change.

Mayor Manicki explained that the Dept. of Transportation made the change to the signal after a traffic study initiated by the school.

Superintendent Sitzman to contact the DOT due to the safety issues.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Clerk Wachowiak - received notice from our insurance carrier, the workman's comp. audit for the Fire Dept., yielded a refund to the village for \$18,744.02. We are disputing the village portion of the audit, thanks to Supt. Sitzman, and his clerk Sue Lorenzi, for all the work they have done, we are hoping to see a reduction in our billing. Happy Thanksgiving.

Superintendent Sitzman – winter parking ban is in effect thru April 1, garbage pick up for this holiday week is tomorrow, Christmas and New Years will all be on Thursday.

Mayor Manicki – Alden Substance Abuse Coalition has been formed; it is comprised of parents, concerned citizens and the schools. A meet and greet will be held at Village Hall on Wed., Nov. 11 at 7 pm. Springville publishes code violators in the local newspapers, a practice the village will soon undertake.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session to discuss personnel. 7:40 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer