

APPROVED BOARD MINUTES January 8, 2015

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, 7:12 pm. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to adjourn from Executive Session 7:27 pm. 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 Warmus, Retzlaff and Mezydlo, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent/Chief Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Legislator Ted Morton and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

Absent: Trustees Daluisio

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2014 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated January 8, 2015. Carried

Payroll	\$36,610.68
Abstract	\$56,811.99

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve the following reports for December: Fire, CEO, Sheriff, Court and yearly report CEO. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Information on spray patch management, J. O'Connell grant information, Alden Chamber of Commerce and Alden Town Board meeting minutes, Village Officials and Association of Erie County Governments meeting notices, RBC Wealth management account statement, check from Erie county for sales tax- up 3.7%, request from Alden Youth Baseball to erect a sign in Firemen's Park, SBA Disaster News information concerning loan outreach centers, Engineering Agreement Amendment Acceptance contract for Wastewater Engineering Study, email pertaining to the insurance coverage of the collapsed sludge bed building due to Snowvember storm and information from Insyte Consulting.

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

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Motions for January 8, 2015

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve payment of the EMS/Fire calls for December 13- December 26, 2014 as submitted. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve Alden Youth Baseball's request to erect a sign in Alden Memorial Bandstand Memorial Park from February 4-13, 2015 for baseball registration. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve a sign for Alden Evergreen Cemetery, Broadway, as per submitted application. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve a waiver from parking requirements for Creighton Properties, 13295 Broadway, based on the qualitative data submitted. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the following companies to perform electrical inspections in the Village of Alden, as per submitted applications:

Commonwealth Electrical Inspection Agency
Middle Department Inspection Agency Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to authorize Clerk Wachowiak to destroy all outdated records following NYS Sara regulations. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to declare the following as surplus and return to the Fire Company to be traded in: 2010 Ford Expedition. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to refer the proposed rezoning request for Birch Creek Patio Homes project SBL#108.18-2-3, to the Planning Board for possible rezone and reuse. Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR- Erie County Legislator Ted Morton attended the meeting to personally apologize for the lack of communication during the recent Snowvember storm. Morton elaborated on the fact that his office could've done better, and will improve in the future. Morton "did not forget about this part of the district". He reiterated that he is available at all time and stressed that we should not hesitate to contact him whenever we need to.

Mayor Manicki thanked Legislator Morton for coming, but mentioned that village resources and residents paid for the plowing of county roads during the storm, to which Morton replied that the county will work with the village to reimburse them. Taking the opportunity to mention some observations, Superintendent Sitzman recommended more equipment and employees are needed for the County Highways to do the job effectively. Although there was praise for the Erie County Sheriff's Dept. it was questioned as to why they do not have 4 wheel drive, as they got stuck several times during the storm. The Sheriff and NYS Troopers were commended for the work they do.

Legislator Morton questioned where we received our gas from for the vehicles. He feels the price should be at least 50 cents less than what it is. There is a substantial difference across the state, leaving him very frustrated with the situation.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

CEO Czechowski – summarized his yearly report: 103 building permits \$12,910.50, 12 sign permits \$740.00, 47 violations for 8 appearance tickets, 5 HOP's and 15 Fire Inspections. Upcoming ZBA hearings delegate possible upcoming changes in the detached accessory structure in a R district code. The board agrees, provisions should be made.

Attorney Trapp – will be attending a BAR meeting in NYC at the end of the month, will inform the board of any relevant developments.

Chief Sitzman – 36 alarms, 19 transports and 231.5 man hours were reported for the month of December.

Superintendent Sitzman –aware of leaking valve on Broadway, West of Rite Aid. Looking to obtain trenching safety equipment as it is 9' down. Christmas tree pick up 1/20 and 2/2.

Trustee Warmus – thanked Legislator Morton for joining us for the meeting.

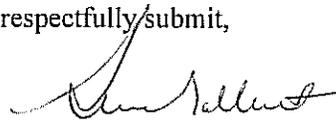
Mayor Manicki – sent out letters and applications to 26 Broadway businesses/landlords for the CCIP (Erie County Commercial Center Improvement Program). This is a 50/50 matching grant up to \$10,000. Erie County Sheriff's responded to 1,314 calls for service in our area in 2014.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

A moment of silence was observed in memory of our friend and colleague Pauline Grassman Bress. Pauline was the first female elected as a Trustee and remained in that position from 1988 to 2000. She was the first woman to serve as Deputy Mayor from 1992-1995. Pauline also served as Crew Chief in 1970. She did a great job, had a sharp mind and always had constructive things to say.

Motion by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 7:50 PM Carried.

I respectfully submit,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Galbraith", written in a cursive style.

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk