

**APPROVED BOARD MINUTES February 12, 2015**

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus to enter executive session for purposes of Cable negotiations and personnel, at 7:16 p.m.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Daluisio to adjourn from executive session, at 7:28 p.m.

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, Daluisio and Mezydlo, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent/Chief Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Keith Borden, Richard Kegler, William Severyn, David Stutz, Alden High School Students: Melissa Pollinger and Leah Kissiel, Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser and several residents from the Homecourt/W. Main St. area.

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated February 12, 2015. Carried

Payroll	\$84,841.86
Abstract	\$65,575.52

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve the following reports: for December – Addendum to Public Works, Planning Board. for January – Planning Board, ZBA, Erie County Sheriff, Fire, Fire Fuel, Justice Court, Safety Committee, Treasurer. Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Commendation and medallion from Governor Cuomo in recognition for the hard work during the November storm, request from St. Aiden's , St. John's and Lions Club to erect signs in park, RBC Wealth Portfolio statement and packed of proposed changes to investment policy, meeting minutes from the Town of Alden and Chamber of Commerce, newsletters fro NYSIF Workers Comp Advisor, NY Planning Federation, J O'Connell & Assoc. and Federation of NY Solid Waste Association. Memo from Erie County Dept. of Env. & Planning quarterly report, Government Efficiency Program resolution and meeting agenda from Assoc. of Erie County Governments, meeting notice from Village Officials Association, invitation to Chris Jacob's fund raiser, SBA seminar for Financing your business, social media for disaster response and recovery seminar, Sunnking e waste recycling contract, letter from the Erie County Legislature concerning snow concerns from last snowstorm, residents request for discount on sewer portion of water bill, and solicitation from On The Mark for underground utility management services.

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

**RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:**

**Motions for February 12, 2015**

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to authorize the Alden Hook and Ladder to serve alcohol at the following event:

Summer Carnival, in the Town Park, June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (12:00noon - 2:00am). Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve St. John's Lawn Fete's request to erect 2 signs in Firemen's Bandstand Memorial Park from July 11 – 20 to advertise their Lawn Fete. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to retain Sunnking Electronics Recycling to provide recycling services associated with the collection and recycling of residentially generated electronic waste for the Village of Alden, thru the Erie County contract. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve the Alden Lion's Club request to erect 2 signs in Firemen's Bandstand Memorial Park from April 30 – May 9, 2015 to advertise their annual plant sale. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the Firefighter's Record of Points for 2014 as submitted by Alan Sitzman, Chairman of LOSAP Program. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve Alden Office of Emergency Management Shelter Agreement with Alden Community Church with terms and conditions stated in the agreement. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of agreement with the Union with respect to the change in the contract dealing with health insurance. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the renewal of the revision to the RBC Wealth Management Investment Policy concerning the LOSAP program. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve St. Aidan's request to use Firemen's Bandstand Memorial Park for their annual plant sale on May 22-24, 2015, and to erect a sign from May 15 – 24. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING VILLAGE PARTICIPATION IN  
COUNTYWIDE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PLAN

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature enacted the Property Tax Freeze Credit to provide property tax refunds to homeowners as part of the 2014-2015 State Budget; and

WHEREAS, the new law encourages local governments to generate long-term tax -relief for taxpayers by sharing services, consolidating or merging, and demonstrating and implementing operational efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, in year one of the program, which is 2015 for local governments, homeowners will receive the Freeze Credit if their local government stays within the property tax cap; and

WHEREAS, in year two of the program, which is 2016 for local governments, homeowners will receive the Freeze Credit for property taxes from any taxing jurisdiction in which the homeowner resides that stays within the property tax cap and puts forward a State-approved Government Efficiency Plan demonstrating savings equivalent to one percent of their property tax levies in each of the following three years; and

WHEREAS, while local governments may take a variety of approaches to develop their Government Efficiency Plans, the State has strongly encouraged they convene and facilitate a process to develop and submit county-wide Government Efficiency Plans; and

WHEREAS, as exemplified in the recent establishment of the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation in 2012, this community has a history of receiving recognition by the State for demonstrating successful regional collaborations involving many municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has offered to coordinate the development of such Government Efficiency Plans as the ‘lead agency’ on behalf of all other interested municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden is interested in intergovernmental cooperation with Erie County and other municipalities in submitting a county-wide Government Efficiency Plan and desires to memorialize its intention to participate in a coordinated Plan to allow its homeowners to receive the Freeze Credit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Alden seeks to ensure that Village homeowners will receive the Freeze Credit as part of this new State law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Alden did not exceed its designated property tax cap for fiscal year 2015 and memorializes that it has no intention of exceeding the cap for fiscal year 2016, which if exceeded would disqualify the village from participation in the Property Tax Cap Freeze Credit Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alden Village Board does hereby express its support for, and participation in an Erie County-wide Government Efficiency Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board urges the New York State Division of the Budget to approve Erie County's coordinated Government Efficiency Plan with local governments with the understanding that the Village of Alden has played an active role in the identification of preexisting and implementation of new shared services, consolidations or merges, and operational efficiencies within the Village of Alden for inclusion in the county-wide plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; the County Attorney; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; and the Association of Erie County Governments.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Retzlaff-aye

Trustee Warmus-aye

Trustee Mezydlo-aye

Trustee Daluisio-aye

Mayor Manicki-aye

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus to enter into the Public Hearing at 7:45 pm. Carried.

**Public Hearing – Local Law #1 for 2015 – changes to Chapter 210 Zoning**

CEO Czechowski led the discussion by showing the current zoning map and explaining the reason for the proposed code change. A proposal has arisen for a possible 20 patio home development on West Main St., SBL##108.18-2-3 on a single lot. Patio homes are allowed in RC/C zoning, but the area in question is zoned R-1. The revision in the code is to allow patio homes in an R-1 district with special permits and certain conditions and approvals. At this time there has been no formal submission, just a concept plan. If Local Law #1 for 2015 is approved, a site plan would have to be submitted to the Planning Board, then to the Village Board with a Public Hearing to follow. The Builder, William Severyn and David Stutz, Engineer introduced themselves to the audience.

Mark Kline, 13018 West Main St.- asked about the houses seeking more information. The builder explained it was a 20 lot proposal on one lot. The property goes back 600 feet, each unit is 1,200-2,400 sq. ft. with a garage, 2 bedrooms and a full basement. They are all single story dwellings, with private drainage, a new road would be constructed and the back yards are 100 to 12 feet from the property line with screening options being explored. The homes are anticipated to be sold for \$210,000 - \$230,000.

Tom Kicior, 13010 W. Main St.- Does the construction have a certain time line? Mayor Manicki – once this goes to the Planning Board that is where these questions would be dealt with. CEO Czechowski – this is a single parcel lot, not a subdivision, but would recommend the Planning Board sets time frame restrictions.

Kicior – when Homecourt and Willow Woods were built, there were construction vehicles and dust for an extended period of time.

Stutz – would put in the drainage and utilities and build as quickly as possible, will not look like a construction site.

Cathy Kline – questioned the lot sizes as being 50 ft. wide.

CEO Czechowski – these are not individual parcels, but one lot.

Kicior – my house is twice as big and cost half as much, what is your target market? Concerned no market for such a development.

Severyn – snowbirds, couples downsizing, seniors or young professionals.

Trustee Daluisio – the Planning Board has an extensive check list. If the residents would like something addressed, they should write to the CEO with concerns, or attend the Planning Board sessions.

Kicior asked if they ever built these before.

Stutz – several have been built in Lancaster, but not in a single lot.

The Mayor explained that this hearing is for the proposed code changes only. CEO Czechowski explained that nothing would be acted on tonight, but a motion should be addressed at the Feb. 26 meeting. A copy of the proposed local law is available in the Clerk's Office.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo to close the Public Hearing at 8:05 pm. Carried.

**BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-** none

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:**

**Mayor Manicki** – spoke to a resident concerning the Village's policy on Solicitation, as she had 3 door to door salespeople in one night. Ask the peddlers to see their permit. The village requires a permit be applied for, which includes a back ground check. If they do not have a permit, the resident should call the police non emergency number. It is recommended that the resident try to obtain information from the salesperson, so they can report them to the Clerk's Office. Dollar Tree's grand opening will be Sat., Feb. 28 at 9 am with a ribbon cutting ceremony. 10 businesses set in Letters of Interest for the CCIP matching grant.

**Chief Sitzman** – January report: responded to 37 calls, 23 transports, 327 manpower hours. Received an email concerning recall on plastic fire extinguishers from Kiddie, go to website for more information. Request that residents help out by clearing fire hydrants that may be located on their property.

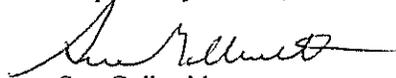
**Superintendent Sitzman** –asking residents to have patience with snow removal. The Village is working on cut the snow banks back.

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Rita Hammond, an alternate crossing guard with the Village for the past 10 years.

Motion by Trustee Retzlaff to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Warmus, at 8:12 p.m. carried.

I respectfully submit,



Sue Galbraith,  
Deputy Village Clerk