

Approved BOARD MINUTES February 23, 2017

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag and welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees:, Warmus, Mezydlo, Green and Daluisio, Superintendent Sitzman, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, several residents and Lee and Vikki Weisbeck, Alden Advertiser.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Green, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated February 23, 2017. Carried.

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| Payroll | \$45,326.62 |
| Abstract | \$68,586.60 |

MOTION by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following reports January: Addendum to public works, E.C. Sheriff. Planning Board for Jan and Feb. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting minutes from: Alden Chamber of Commerce, Town of Alden and Assoc. of E.C. governments. Requests from ACTS and Imagination Station. Information on CFA Project Development Technical Assistance, assistance with grant writing. Correspondence from Attorney Trapp concerning 2 legal updates: Notice of Claim and off hours arraignments. Acknowledgement from the NYS Comptroller on the corrective action plan from recent NYS audit. J. O’Connell newsletter. Bill from E.C. Executive co \$401.70 to prepare and spread 2016 village taxes. Cornell local roads brochure. Boy Scout program information. NYCOM legislation: unrestricted state aid, increased tax cap, no increase in municipal aid in 9 years, share services recommendations. report on NYS drinking water by NYS Comptroller. NY water systems needs \$40 billion in repairs, the Governor’s budget proposes \$2 billion.

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

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for February 23, 2017,

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to declare the following items as declared surplus from the Alden Fire Dept. and relocated to the Sheldon Fire Department: Bullard Thermal Camera T11-3036 and Scott El 328 Thermal Camera CICC0 414. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Green, to approve the request for reduced parking spaces relating to a proposed commercial addition to Imagination

Station at 12835 Broadway, based on the submitted quantitative data. Specifically, to allow a total of 20 parking spaces where 29 spaces would normally be required without a waiver, as per Code of the Village of Alden Section 210-27F(1)(h). Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Green, to approve the sign permit for SNAP Fitness, 13242 Broadway, as per submitted application. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the sign request from ACTs to erect one sign in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from March 24 – April 2, to advertise their play. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to hire Gary Pellittieri as a Laborer for the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$22.17 per hour effective 2/27/17, due to his prior employment with the village. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to add the following fees to Chapter A220, Fees:

Mobile Food Vehicle License, new application - \$100.00

Mobile Food Vehicle License, renewal - \$50.00

Background Check fee, per person per year - \$100.00 Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Superintendent Sitzman – Waste water Treatment Plant project underway, bidding in spring for summer/fall construction.

Trustee Warmus – CEO, what is the update on the building next to Valu? The New 2 You Consignment is progressing slowly, no word on the NYSDOT on the Broadway entrance.

Engineering Presentation by Nussbaumer and Clarke, Inc. 7:45 pm

Evaluation of Alternative Potable Water Supply

By Michael Marino and Brooke Hamberger

During drought conditions in the summer of 2016, the village found it necessary to purchase bulk water from Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) to supplement the wells production. With a temporary inter connect on Exchange St., the village purchased 25% of their daily use from July to October.

The village currently has 4 wells and a 1 million gallon storage tank on Maple Ridge. The aquifer produces 80 million gallons annually. There is currently a 26% water loss in the system due to fire flow or leaks in the systems which is unmetered and not charged to any residential accounts. There is currently no hydrant fees billed to residents.

The engineering presentation included potential permanent interconnection locations, supplementing water to full supply information, estimated construction costs and a comparative water rate analysis. Several options were presented, they are as follows:

1. Permanent inter connection to Exchange St. for supplement is recommended. The connection is capable of supplying full water demands if needed. Draws from Marilla, which has a higher tank than ours on Maple Ridge. The additional cost to the village would be approximately \$1,700 on an annual basis for minimal water purchase. The estimated construction cost for the interconnection is \$80,000. The current water rate is \$3.95/1,000 gallons, the estimated increase would be 8 cents - \$4.03/1,000 gallons. Recommended by Nussbaumer & Clarke.
2. The village could purchase more than a minimal supply. If the village chooses to purchase 25% of their water supply, it would cost \$43,500 annually. Estimated increased cost 79 cents - \$4.74/1,000 gallons.
3. For bulk water purchases, two permanent interconnections would be established, on Exchange St. and Broadway, to loop system. An inline booster pump would be required costing \$100,000. Annual cost to purchase water \$232,500 - \$54,200 (cost savings of well operation and maintenance, as the village would abandoned their existing wells) = \$178,300. The estimated increase would be \$3.13/1,000 gallons which brings us to \$7.08/1,000 gallons rate. This rate also includes an estimated 26% water loss throughout the village system. The full supply option is not recommended at this time by Nussbaumer & Clarke.
4. Lease Management – not recommended. Village maintains ownership of system. ECWA meters, operates and bills customers, would require two connections. Hydrant fee would be added to the fire dept. tax. \$160/hydrant = \$22,000/yr. Minimum pipe sizes must meet ECWA standards. All pipes would have to be an 8” minimum. The village would have to make \$2.3 million in capital upgrades before the water authority would consider this option. Most of the system is 100 years old, (Mechanic was upgraded in 2006 and Elm in 2012 to 8” lines with the help of CDBG funds).
5. Direct Service – not recommended. ECWA does everything. Aged infrastructure, \$4.3 million in upgrades. \$229/hydrant = \$31,000 in fire dept. taxes. Slight savings on salaries, but would be minimal.
6. Additional well. Not recommended. \$500,000 construction cost. No guarantee of production. Would work on same aquifer as existing wells.

Trustee Warmus reminded those in attendance, if there is a major rupture, everyone pays for the water.

Mark Marino explained the study showed we should keep our system, it is an asset and produces good quality.

Several residents commented on the hardness of the water, and the quality as being undrinkable. Citing that it is corrosive to their appliances and fixtures, causing them to replace hot water tanks, fixtures and other equipment.

Marino reiterated that the water quality is good, but the hardness is an issue.

ECWA does not add corrosive inhibitors like the village does, and these would have to be added if buying bulk water from the water authority.

Mayor Manicki warned residents that other information had to be factored into the decision. We have a debt service of \$70,000/year for 30 years, which will still have to be paid, need to add in for the 25% water loss and cost to maintain the service. The information will be available on the website and hard copies at the Clerk's office. A survey of water customers will be sent out to assess their preferences. The Mayor also stated that residents should anticipate a water rate increase no matter what.

Several residents questioned sewer rates and if that aspect was investigated by ECWA for acquisition, as they felt the rates were too high.

Mayor Manicki explained that sewer is not in question. We are in the midst of a \$6 million capital sewer renovation of the plant, which is 33 years old and if Erie County Sewer Dept. did acquire it, the expense would still have to be paid.

The question as to whether the residents could vote on their preferences or not was addressed.

Attorney Trapp explained that the state would not allow a vote on this referendum.

Mayor Manicki explained all the results would be taken into consideration on the board's decision about the fate of the village's water supply.

Robert Overhoff Sr. questioned who would tally the information, as it appeared he thought there would be some dissention as to the validity of the board's findings.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment in a moment of silence for Margaret Stellricht by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo at 8:53 pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk