

**Approved BOARD MINUTES March 10, 2016**

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

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn from executive session, at 7:20 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 Retzlaff, Mezydlo and Warmus, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent Sitzman, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Dick Kegler, students: Alyssa Korak, Nikava Mages, Dylinn Miserantino, McKenzie Gadd, Alaura Bunk, Jessica Giglia, Tom Graves, Jude Bodeling, Jackson Kubik, Andrew Chevaniar, Matt Ess, Alex Augustine, Morgan Rutan, Raymond Boucher, Austin Kissell, Austin Patterson, John Bobeck, Kayla Kopinski, Colton Ryszczynski, Tim Falus, Jacob Passmore, Destinee Nods, Ariauna Glowacki, Alex Lux, Alexandria Avino. Trevor Lezynski, Tristan Krystgnoze and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

**Absent:** Trustee Daluisio and CEO Czechowski

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated March 10, 2016. Carried

Payroll	\$37,860.79
Abstract	\$38,740.56

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following reports for February: Treasurer's, DPW, CEO, Fire, Fire Fuel, Court and Erie County Sheriff. Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Meeting notices from: Association of E.C. Governments, Village Officials, Alden Central School District Superintendent Advisory Committee and the Alden Chamber of Commerce. Meeting minutes from Alden Chamber of Commerce, E.C. Village Officials and the Town of Alden. RBC Wealth Management portfolio statement, request from Alden Garden Club, letters from: Mayor Manicki to John Loffredo E.C. Dept. of Public Works, and Legislator Morton concerning poor conditions of Crittenden and Exchange St., Hearts and Hands thanking Winterfest for \$200 donation, Cornell University concerning a local roads program and E.C. District Attorney offering presentations from his office. Copy of solicitation letter from HomeServe and newsletters from: J. O'Connell, NYS retirement and American City and County. Southern Tier West Conference informative brochure.

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

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for March 10

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the Alden Garden Club's request to erect a sign in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from May 9-19, 2016, and on the digital sign to advertise their annual Garden Auction. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the amended agreement with Rural Metro, to expire 12/31/2016. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the Emergency Shared Service agreement with the state. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to set a Public Hearing April 14, 2016 at 7:35 pm to hear comments regarding the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve a Temporary Business Signs for Berried Treasures, 13219 Broadway, as per submitted application. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the changes to Chapter A220, Fees, regarding water, sewer, and HOP fees/charges. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the Fire/EMS calls for Feb. 20-March 4, 2016. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to authorize the payment of \$20/monthly to Mayor Manicki towards cell phone reimbursement. Carried.

*On the question:* Mayor Manicki explained he is turning in the village phone and will use his own personal phone.

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

**Association of Erie County Governments  
Resolution Requesting Improvements to the NYS Tax Cap**

**Whereas**, the Village of Alden, of the State of New York has made Property Tax Cap Reform a legislative priority for 2016; and

**Whereas**, the New York Conference of Mayors has recommended that the New York State Cap Tax be improved in 2016; and

**Whereas**, the property tax cap was extended until June 15, 2020 with modification to the manner in which PILOT properties are treated when determining a local government's tax cap formula; and

**Whereas**, Erie County towns and villages responsibly manage their finances, with the majority of Erie County towns and villages levying at or below the allowable limit, despite limited revenue sources, stagnant state/federal aid and increasing expenses; and

**Whereas**, New York State governs the manner in which Erie County towns and villages raise revenue; and

**Whereas, New York State has primarily provided real property tax relief through ad hoc property tax exemptions over comprehensive property tax reform, resulting in a tax shift rather than a tax reduction, as well as additional administrative and litigation costs; and Whereas, the tax cap has slowed the growth in Erie County property tax levies, but encouraged budget-balancing maneuvers, reduced fiscally prudent fund balances, cut municipal workforce with accompanying service, maximized restructuring and shared services agreements, and postponed key public infrastructure investment; and**

**Whereas, the quality of life in Erie County towns and villages is threatened by the lack of investment to improve and mitigate problems in roads, bridges, water, and sewer systems; Now Therefore Be It**

**Resolved, that the tax cap should not be one tied to inflation but one with a 1.5% floor; or that New York State should implement a Tax Cap Equalization Aid program that would provide aid in the amount equal to the difference between what the municipality property tax levy would be under a 2% cap and what it actually is under the tax cap CPI calculation; and Be It Further**

**Resolved, that Exemptions to the Tax Cap should include capital projects and infrastructure improvements in utilities, transportation and communications, costs associated with compliance orders, and structured costs such as pension contributions, and emergency services.**

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Retzlaff – aye

Trustee Warmus – aye

Trustee Mezydlo – aye

Mayor Manicki – aye Carried.

#### **BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-**

The students in attendance asked several questions of the board.

One student asked Mayor Manicki what his favorite part of the job was. He replied, having an influence on the quality of life for village residents and offering a walkable community.

Dick Kegler – 1426 Mechanic St. In the January public hearing for water and sewer rates, you discusses extending rates to everyone in the Village. Mayor Manicki explained that a rate increase is anticipated again later this year and they will address the following at that time: out of district sewer rates double?, town, school and Zoladz fees include sewer?

#### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:**

**Superintendent Sitzman** – Would like to schedule an informational meeting for April 14 after the Public Hearing on the WWTP grant engineering. The public is invited.

**Attorney Trapp** – have been in contact with Empire for broadband, Occustar contract received, EC District Attorney may have an interesting talk on Opioids, have heard talk on Ethics, would not recommend program.

**Trustee Retzlaff** – will be in attendance for the 3/24 meeting, but may be late at arriving.

**Mayor Manicki** - the Mayor highlighted some of Senator Gallivan’s 2016-17 state Executive Budget including: Transportation (CHIPS increased funds for WNY”SOT). Opioid epidemic and Property tax cap.

#### **UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn. 7:55 pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,  
Deputy Village Clerk