

Approved BOARD MINUTES March 26, 2015

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 Daluisio, Warmus and Mezydlo, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent/Chief Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Keith Borden, Dick Kegler, Ryan Sheedy, 62 Alden High School Students and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

Absent: Trustees Retzlaff

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated March 26, 2015. Carried

Payroll	\$41,024.72
Abstract	\$88,562.38

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following reports for January and February: DPW addendum and CEO, March Planning Board. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you from the Alden Winterfest Committee, meeting minutes from Association of Erie County Governments-Town of Alden and Erie County Village Officials Assoc., requests from: Superintendent Sitzman concerning upcoming Rural Water Conference, Town of Alden concerning concerts in the park, sign placement from Alden Art Club and Fire Dept., and Sylvia McCartney concerning water service, memos from: Erie County Dept. of Env. And Planning concerning final 2015-2019 consolidated plan and NYS Unified Court System concerning CJE Certification, NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services information for Intrastate Mutual Aid Program (IMAP), check from E.C. Comptroller Mychajliw for returned village taxes, newsletter from Grant Action News, invoice from N.E.S.T. for membership dues and franchise fee payment from Time Warner Cable.

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

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Motions for March 26, 2015

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to declare the 2010 Ford Expedition Chiefs SUV fully equipped (lights, siren, radios) VIN#1FMJU1G58AEB62524, return it back to the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Inc.(original purchaser) for the purpose of trade in towards the new purchase of a replacement Chief's vehicle. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to accept the donation from the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Inc. of a 2014 Ford Explorer Chiefs SUV fully equipped (lights, siren, radios) VIN #1FM5K8AR7EGA50139, for the sole use of emergency response of the Village of Alden Fire/EMS Department. Said donation will be declared surplus and will be returned back to the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire company, Inc. after its useful life

expectancy, for the purpose of trade in towards a new purchase of a future replacement Chief's vehicle. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the Town of Alden's request to use Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park for their concerts in the park series for the following dates: July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12 and August 19. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the Alden Art Club and Alden Fire Dept. requests to place two signs in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from Sept. 3- 13 to advertise the annual art show and chicken BBQ. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve a sign for Imagination Station, 12835 Broadway, as per submitted application. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the renewal application for the Floss Insurance Agency for the Alden Fire Dept. for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the renewal application for the Emerling Insurance Company for the village's liability insurance coverage for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Supt. Sitzman, Andrew Janiszkeski and Gary Pellittieri to attend Rural Water's 36th Annual Conference May 18-21, 2015 in Vernon N.Y. at reasonable expense. Budgeted item. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to leave the regular meeting and enter into the Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget. 7:45 pm. Carried.

Public Hearing- Tentative 2015-2016 Budget

Mayor Manicki summarized the budget.

Budget Appropriations \$3,411,320. increase 4.7%

Tax Levy \$884,085 which is right at the tax cap of 1.68%

\$12.75/1,000 an increase of a dime over last year or .08%

No public comment was received.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to leave the Tentative Budget Public Hearing and enter into the Public Hearing for the Water Rate increase. 7:47 pm. Carried.

Public Hearing- Water Rate Increase

Water charge within village-increase from \$3.15 per thousand to \$3.55 per thousand.

Water charge outside village-increase from \$6.30 per thousand to \$7.10 per thousand.

These increases will take effect with the August billing.

Mayor Manicki explained that the increase is necessary due to payback the capital projects used to improve the water system. The rates are still lower than Erie County Water Authority. Erie County charges \$3.00/1,000, but there is a 74 cent surcharge for summer use and the town debt services and hydrants fees are not included. There is an anticipated need for a rate increase down the line.

No public comment was received.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to leave the Public Hearing for the Water Rate increase and enter into the Public Hearing for refuse increase. 7:50 pm. Carried.

Garbage/Refuse increase from \$187.24, to \$192.40 per unit, assessed to the Village taxes, effective with the 2015-2016 tax roll. Mayor Manicki explained the reason for the proposed increase is an increase of 2.7% in tipping fees among other things.

Superintendent Sitzman explained the village is working on a grant to purchase large totes, like those used in the town, and going to every other week recycling. The totes are \$55 apiece. Could charge different recycling rates for different amounts of recycling. Clerk Wachowiak- we are on a 3 yr. waiting period for funding for the large totes, the funding is there, we just have to wait.

Richard Kegler: 1426 Mechanic St respects Keith's motives, but if people are not recycling normally now, with weekly pick up, every other week will not make a difference.

Mayor Manicki – the residents are trying, we encourage them to watch the videos and power point presentations on the website, but we need to do more to educate them.

Kegler- when you are dumping the recyclables from the larger totes, how can you see what you are dumping into the truck? Like non recyclables and pizza boxes?

Sitzman – we may switch recycling sources for one that recycles pizza boxes. Our current source pays us \$10/ton, but does not recycle pizza boxes, so we would have to make a comparison.

Kegler – addressed Keith Borden who was in attendance, do you think there is a lot more recycling that could be done? Borden – yes, but need public education and reinforcement to see what can be recycled.

Kegler – need written information to the residents.

Trustee Mezydlo – Mr. Kegler, we're trying to educate our people, as you know.

The Mayor and Trustees agreed a newsletter/ mailing would be a great idea.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR- several students asked questions of the board.

Richard Kegler: 1426 Mechanic St., asked what the things are that are tied around the trees (they are scarves), in the Firemen's Bandstand Park. They look bad and should be removed. Mayor Manicki – there was no village approval for it.

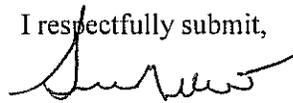
REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

OEM Coordinator Ryan Sheedy – will be attending an IMAP workshop, will keep the board informed.

Clerk Wachowiak – filed the tax cap for the upcoming budget, used some fund balance, but we are where we need to be. At the tax cap. Mayor Manicki – it was supposed to be 1.68%, but was less than that.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Warmus, to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, at 8:05 p.m. Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk