

APPROVED BOARD MINUTES March 27, 2014

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, 7:16 pm. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo to adjourn from Executive Session 7:29 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 Retzlaff, Daluisio, Warmus and Mezydlo, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent Sitzman, Eugene Nuwer, Dick Kegler, Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser and a room full of students.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated March 27, 2014. Carried

Payroll	\$41,717.67
Abstract	\$45,743.97

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve the following monthly reports: Addendum to Public Works Report for February, Planning Board for Feb. and March, ZBA for March 18 and Fire calls for payroll. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz concerning Fair Housing Officer training meetings, three requests from the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company to erect signs in Firemen's Park along with one from the Alden Art Club, Franchise Fee Worksheet from Time Warner Cable for 2013, minutes from the Erie County Village Officials Association and Alden Town Board, request for a building permit refund from Alden Village Estates, check from Erie County for re-levied taxes, update on the Governor's Tax Freeze Proposal and a resolution from the Associations of Erie County Governments on their opposition to it, refund of late fee on water bill request from a village resident, thank you from the Winterfest Committee and Daemen Student James Stumpf on help on a questionnaire, letter from Jeff Smith, Municipal Solutions concerning BAN budgets, information on changes to Facebook primarily to pages on Facebook, request to use the Bandstand Park from Alden Mennonite Church on May 3 and Alden Substance Abuse Coalition on May 4th, pipeline safety meeting venue, newsletters from Hearts and Hands, MudKill, Erie County Council on alcohol and substance abuse, and Grant Action News. Agenda for upcoming NYCOM Annual Meeting, letter from Mayor Manicki to the Alden Advertiser expressing concern over news coverage, SEQR training in Attica, Public Works magazine and an audit adjustment

of \$15,000 on the Village's Workman's Comp. bill, due to the hard work of DPW Clerk Lorenzi, Superintendent Sitzman and Clerk Wachowiak.

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

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Motion March 27, 2014

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the list of Firefighter's Record of Points for 2013, as submitted by Alan Sitzman, Chairman of LOSAP Program. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to set a Public Hearing April 10, 2014 at 7:45 PM to hear comments regarding an increase in garbage/refuse for the 2014-2015 tax rolls. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the Alden Fire Departments request to erect signs in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park for the following:

- 2 signs from June 13 – 21, 2014 to advertise the Annual Summer Carnival
- 2 signs from Aug. 7-14, 2012 to advertise steak outing
- 1 sign August 29 – Sept. 7, 2014 to advertise the chicken BBQ. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the Alden Art Club's request to erect a sign in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from August 29 – Sept. 7, 2014 to advertise for their annual Fall Art Show. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve for payment EMS/Fire for payroll period March 8-March 21, 2014. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the Alden Substance Abuse Coalition's request to use the Alden Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park on Sunday, May 4, 2014 for a Prom Promises event from 11:30 – 2:30 pm. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to allow the Alden Mennonite Church Youth Group to sell flowers in the Alden Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park on May 3, to raise funds for a mission trip to an orphanage in Belize in July. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to refund \$300 of the \$650 building permit that was issued to Alden Village Estates for a cancelled permit. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to submit a bid proposal to the Alden Central School District for purposed of refuse collection and recycling. Carried.

Public Hearing, 2014-2015 Tentative Budget

Motion by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Daluisio to enter into the Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget. Carried.

Mayor Manicki explained the Tentative Budget. Local tax \$868,500., tax levy \$12.65/\$1,000. Last year it was \$12.30/\$1,000, an increase of 35 cents from the previous year. The tax cap is 2.22%, under the cap by \$478.00.

Richard Kegler, 1426 Mechanic St. addressed the board on several points of the budget. On page 3 questioned if A-8170, was a new category: to which the answer was yes, it was changed from street repair to street cleaning, saving 50% off the price of Workman's Comp.

Kegler asked if the obsolete equipment was sold, once again the answer was yes, it was sold online at auction.

On page 18, Kegler questioned the amount of \$38,000 for sidewalk maintenance. Superintendent Sitzman explained it would be balanced at the end of the year; the amount varies from year to year. Mayor Manicki interjected that no big sidewalk projects were being planned. Mr. Kegler, recommended the board walks the sidewalks, to see the sections or sidewalks that need repairs. Kegler feels it is important that Alden is a walk able community. He feels the sidewalk condition is terrible. Maybe they could do repairs a block at a time to alleviate the deteriorating sidewalks. conditions.

Mr. Kegler questioned the decrease in the Economic Developer line of the budget. Mayor Manicki explained there is not director at this time, as Fred Heinle has taken a position in Lackawanna. The Mayor feels it is a viable organization, and they will meet Tuesday, April 1 to discuss options with the committee.

Mr. Kegler questioned page 29, as to why the sewer revenues were decreased by \$6,000, will there be a increase in water/sewer rates sometime this year?

Mayor Manicki explained, the village recently received a grant for \$30,000, and at some point a capital project would be necessary.

Superintendent Sitzman explained that the sewer rents were actually increased by \$15,000, last year there was an inter-fund transfer in the 2013-2014 budget. It does appear there probably will be one more adjustment to the water/sewer rates later this year.

Mr. Kegler asked about the \$4 increase in the refuse/garbage fee, which would be addressed in the next public hearing. He also questioned how it compares to contractors from the town.

Mayor Manicki explained that the tipping fees have increased by 3%. Superintendent Sitzman also agreed that the price is close to what the town pays.

Mr. Kegler recommended that the village needs to push recycling, to save money. When Kegler walked the block, he noted that there were 14 houses on Elm St., and 15 on Mechanic that did not have recycling bins out. The apartment on Mechanic had their recycle bin out, but everything in it was wrong. People need to know what is recyclable, not everyone gets the Alden Advertiser to stay informed.

Mayor Manicki toted the fact that Keith Borden has recently made power point presentations that are available for viewing on the Village of Alden website. The Mayor agreed that the public needs to be informed.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and second by Trustee Warmus to close the Public Hearing, and return to the regular meeting. 7:57 pm. Carried.

**Public Hearing, Changes to Village Code Chapter 205
Water use and service**

Motion by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to enter into the Public Hearing for the changes to the code. 8 pm. Carried.

Attorney Trapp surmised the changes being proposed to the code, mainly administrative in nature. The changes originated in the Clerk's office to address billing issues, and the DPW to reinforce rules and regulations.

Motion by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting 8:04 pm. Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

One spokesman addressed the board with several questions from the group of students. Dick Kegler asked by a show of hands, how many students walked to school. 3-4 students raised their hands. Kegler then addressed the board on the condition of the sidewalks, especially on the corner of Park and Emerson. Superintendent Sitzman will look into the situation.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Attorney Trapp – has not heard anything from Time Warner Cable.

Superintendent Sitzman – Bulk trash is April 28.

Clerk Wachowiak – congratulated the recently re-elected officials. Informed the audience of a call from Don Hutchinson, Alden Central School of a suspicious character, lurking around the school. The police and crossing guards are monitoring the situation. The clerk then gave a description of the van and occupant and warned those in attendance to proceed with caution, and contact the police immediately if anything should arise.

CEO Czechowski – will be out of town, March 30, 31 and April 1 for a conference.

Mayor Manicki – the Workplace Violence Committee met this morning. There were not recommendations for changes to the policy.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

None

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer

