

## Approved BOARD MINUTES March 9, 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, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Eugene Nuwer, Bob Overhoff Sr., Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser, Deb Gates and the following students: Carly Hopcia, Anne Kosher and Madison Stercula.

Absent: CEO Czechowski

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Green, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated March 9, 2017. Carried.

Payroll	\$36,150.64
Abstract	\$80,096.02

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the following reports for February: E.C. Sheriff. CEO, Treasurer, Fire, Fire-fuel, DPW and Court Carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting minutes from: Town of Alden, Erie County Village Officials and Chamber of Commerce, RBC Wealth Management Portfolio statement, article in City & County magazine concerning LED street lamps, the Mayor would like to revisit this. Meeting notices for: Local Government Conference-May 10, NYCOM 108<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, May 7-9, Assoc of E.C. Governments-March 23, State wide press conference co AIM funding in Elma on March 2, Village Officials March 16, Federation of NY Solid Waste Associations conference May 21-24, Lake George. Thank you from the Winterfest Committee. Full page article in the Homefinder highlighting the patio homes on W. Main St. notice from EC Comptroller DiNapoli that the village is not fiscally stressed and NYS Dept. of state concerning a payroll HR Professionals of a tax scam. NYCOM legislative updates to call to action on AIM Funding and consolidation mandates. Letter from Legislators requesting Governor Cuomo to take meaningful steps to address unfunded mandates. Press release from Governor Cuomo on shared services. Requests from: ACS to place electronic pedestrian crosswalks, Town of Alden for letter of support for Municipal Certificate to Operate an Ambulance Service, Alden Garden Club to erect a sign in the bandstand park and a copy of Grants Action News.

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

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for March 9, 2017,

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Green, to approve the formal site plan submission for Imagination Station, 12835 Broadway, as per submitted application, with the following conditions:

- 1) The existing shed structure must be relocated or removed to be in compliance with applicable codes after the addition is erected.
- 2) If there are any complaints regarding exterior illumination of the site within one year of the date of issuance of the final Certificate of Occupancy for the property, the property owner must mitigate the complaints to the satisfaction of the Village of Alden. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to authorize Mayor Manicki to write a letter in support of the Town of Alden receiving their Municipal Certificate to Operate Ambulance Services in the town an village be made permanent. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to allow the Alden Garden Club permission to erect a sign in Firemen's Bandstand Park from May 8-17 to advertise their plant auction. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Green, to award RBC bid opened March 7, 2017 to the lowest bidder: Evoqua Water Technologies LTD in the contract amount of \$897,200. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Mayor Manicki's signature on the bid award letter subject to final review and approval by counsel. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo to grant Alden Central School's request to erect Rapid Flash Beacon lighted pedestrian crosswalks at the intersection of Park and Emerson. The school will install and maintain the signal. Carried.

*On the question:* Mayor Manicki-the village's lighted crosswalks have been delayed by the state pending NYS traffic study.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Green, to extend the dumpster contract for Alden Central School for two additional years at the current rate. Carried.

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

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

**Superintendent Sitzman** – due to recent wind storm, currently have power outages. Had a conference call with NYSEG, can go on their website, go to Alden and then your street for updates. It is a multi-day process to get thru. Mayor Manicki – thanked the DPW and Fire Dept. on the great job they did during this difficult time.

**Attorney Trapp** - working with town attorney concerning the agreement with the car show.

**Mayor Manicki** – recognized Keith Sitzman for achieving his 15 year certificate. The Mayor and Attorney met with Spectrum (previously Time Warner) concerning the franchise agreement. Also cable equipment can be turned in at the Apple Tree mall as opposed to going to Batavia. The water option survey is at the Alden Advertiser for printing and hope to be mailed out next week.

At this point the Mayor took a minute to address a subscriber comment by Bob Overhoff Sr, which appeared in today's Advertiser.

The Mayor asked Bob to help him understand the discrepancies, as they were at the same meeting. The information in the comments were contradictory and misleading. In his subscriber comment, Bob wrote, that when a resident asked if the people could vote on the subject, they were told NO. He eluded to the fact that a vote is not allowed by law, it is not the village's decision.

Mr. Overhoff questioned the safety of the water, as it comes from an aquifer and is effected by surrounding leach fields. The Mayor explained the water is safe and tested and held to the same standards as Erie County Water Authority (ECWA).

Mr. Overhoff referred to the corrosiveness of the village water and its effect on faucets, hot water tanks, etc. Mayor Manicki does not dispute the fact that the village water is hard, but a water softener would help alleviate these issues.

Mr. Overhoff cited an article in the Nov. 18, 2016 article of the Buffalo News, stating that according to the ECWA, 17 municipalities that purchase bulk water would pay \$2.48/1,000 gallons. Mayor Manicki explained that on top of the \$2.84 rate you have the cost of treatment to the water, maintenance of the 118 yr. old system, debt service, which would bring the rate up to \$7.08/1,000 gallons. in which this information was disclosed in the recent presentation. The village's cost is 40 cents per 1,000 gallons to produce. Our rate is all inclusive. ECWA changes for 25% system loss and hydrant charge. The town pays \$73,000/year on their fire tax for hydrant fees from ECWA.

Mr. Overhoff said he felt the article was all true the way he saw it, and it is up to the residents to decide on the survey results.

Mayor Manicki suggested that Mr. Overhoff take time to look at the engineering results more thoroughly, as his statements were not accurate and were misleading. The study has been explained many times, which is why the Mayor is so frustrated by the deception.

The results of the study are on the website, or can be viewed in the clerk's office.

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment in a moment of silence for Agnes Trippe by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Green at 7:58 pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,  
Deputy Village Clerk

