

APPROVED BOARD MINUTES September 25, 2014

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, Mezydlo and Retzlaff, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Eugene Nuwer, Laura Landers, Mr. Foss from the Alden High School and the following students: Isaac Meyers, Bryce Gossel, Lyndsey Kotas and Emma Laurie Cella and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

Absent: Attorney Trapp

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated September 25, 2014. Carried

Payroll	\$42,577.04
Abstract	\$44,894.37

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the following reports: for August – Erie County Sheriff, Planning Board and DPW Addendum. For September – Planning Board and Ethics Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Request from Hearts and Hands to place freestanding sign in lobby of Village Hall, solicitation from Alden Advertiser concerning special anniversary issue, memorandum from the Planning Board concerning lot changes for Alden Village Estates, invitation to one region forward ideas summit event, request for zoning change on Elm St., request for reduction in garbage fee for a parcel on W. Main St. recently changed to a single family, reminder of Superintendent Advisory Committee meeting, notification of state aid payment, insurance cancellation notification concerning Nextel tower, Erie County Dept. of Env. and Planning community development needs survey and HUD information, archive training in Williamsville, correspondence from Keith Sitzman to NYSDEC concerning comprehensive inspection corrections, Attorney Trapp letter to FCC Concerning opposition to Time Warner/Comcast merger, meeting minutes from Alden Town Board, Association of Erie County Governments and Erie County Village Officials Association, request from Alden Substance Abuse Coalition concerning use of the Bandstand Park, meeting announcement for Erie County Council for the prevention of alcohol and substance abuse, and newsletters from Hearts and Hands, Rural Futures, and Alden Chamber of Commerce.

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

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Motion September 25, 2014

MOTION by Trustee Michael Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to set a public hearing October 9, 2014 at 7:45 pm to regarding Community Development Block Grant funds in the Village of Alden. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to accept the audit of the Village of Alden and Court as supplied by Freed Maxick CPAs C.P. for the fiscal year ending 5/31/2014. Carried.

On the question: Laura Landers will address the board at this meeting.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to allow Alden Substance Abuse Coalition use of Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park on Sunday, October 26, for a Community Halloween event from 3-7 pm. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve a sign for Alden Presbyterian Church, 13288 Broadway, as per submitted application. Carried.

On the question: Mayor Manicki explained there is a dedication ceremony at the church on Sunday at 11:30 am to dedicate the historic marker. All are invited to attend.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve a request by Alden Village Estates, 13535 Broadway, to modify the lot layout of mobile home park lots on West Drive, as per submitted documentation. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve a Temporary Business Sign for Crosby's, 13285 Broadway, as per submitted application. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to continue the maintenance agreement between the Village and Town for Sullivan Road. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the Fire/EMS calls as submitted. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve Fire Chief/ EMS Director Sitzman's recommendation to purchase one (1) Stryker Power Pro cot from Stryker EMS Equipment, demo model at a cost of \$11,993.00, to replace the damaged cot on Ambulance 865. Funding from Ambulance equipment reserve. Carried.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our nation has, for centuries, sought to protect freedom, liberty, and individual rights for all throughout this great land and the world sometimes in the face of criticism and violent opposition, and

WHEREAS, we have asked our sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, and others to place their lives at risk to protect the freedoms that we all hold so dear, and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices by some have been the greatest of all by the laying down of their lives to protect their fellow soldiers and civilians, and

WHEREAS, we must, as a united people, remember and honor those of whom much has been asked and even more has been given by them as they have paid the ultimate price for their honor, courage, and loyalty, and

WHEREAS, we mourn the loss of those brave soldiers, such as Army Spc. Brett E. Gornewicz, our native son who so proudly and humbly served our nation so far away from his loving family and friends while stationed in Paktia province in Afghanistan, and

WHEREAS, without concern for his own safety, he took on the arduous and dangerous task of clearing roadside improvised explosive devices as a member of the 444th Engineer Company during his second tour of duty in the Middle East, and

WHEREAS, Army Spc. Brett E. Gornewicz was previously awarded the Bronze Star with Valor for acts which set him apart from his comrades and demonstrated bravery and praiseworthy achievement or service in a combat zone when he selflessly saved the life of another soldier, and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has honored his memory, bravery, heroism, and ultimate sacrifice by designating the postal facility at 13127 Broadway in Alden, New York as the Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden proudly recognizes and honors Army Spc. Brett E. Gornewicz for his contributions to our community, his bravery and

dedication in the face of constant danger, and, most importantly, for the ultimate sacrifice of any soldier who quietly and humbly sought only to do his duty whenever and wherever called without question or concern for his own personal safety, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this Eleventh Day of September, 2014, we honor, remember, and recognize the achievements and loss of all those, such as Army Spc. Brett E. Gornewicz, in the Armed Forces, First Responders, Police, and Firefighters who selflessly take whatever action is necessary on a daily basis to protect and defend others in the pursuit of life, liberty, and freedom throughout the United States and the world.

Roll call vote: Trustee Retzlaff – aye
Trustee Warmus – aye
Trustee Mezydlo – aye
Trustee Daluisio – aye
Mayor Manicki – aye Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR

Laura Landers, Freed Maxick CPAs, was present at the meeting to present their findings for the audit ending May 31, 2014. The audit which assessed the financial condition and operations of the village which included the General and business funds (refuse, water, sewer and ambulance) was found in their opinion to be clean. All the business accounts ended with positive positions and the village is in a solid financial position. Laura congratulated Clerk Wachowiak for all her hard work.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Trustee Retzlaff – questioned when a decision should be reached on the new sign, since the weather should be getting cold. Mayor Manicki to work on it.

CEO Czechowski – gave an update on the situation concerning the Valu flooding on Irving St. Valu has had a plumber snake the lines. Two were successfully cleared, however the rest are plugged or collapsed and will need to be dug up.

Chief Sitzman –narcan training progressing. (Narcan™ (naloxone) is an opiate antidote. Opioids include heroin and prescription pain pills like morphine, codeine, oxycodone, methadone and Vicodin).

Superintendent Sitzman – Bulk trash is Sept. 29, Sullivan drainage nearly complete, just topsoil and seed. sidewalks for Irving, Church, Main and Emerson started, then ditching on Baxter. WWTP Engineering Study underway, Mayor has signed the agreement. Should take 3-4 months.

Mayor Manicki – confirmed the proclamation for the post office dedication, which will take place on Oct. 10, is a joint proclamation from the village and town. The Mayor and Supervisor plan on participating.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to adjourn 7:59 PM. Carried.

I respectfully submit,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Galbraith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk