

APPROVED BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 22, 2011

The Village Board meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Kegler who led the pledge to the flag at 7:40 PM. A work session with the village auditor regarding the financial statement was the reason for the late start.

PRESENT: Mayor Kegler, Trustees Warmus, Mezydlo, Sitzman, Clerk Kegler, CEO Czechowski, Supt. Keith Sitzman, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Chuck Airey, Tom and Christine Rimbeck-Emerson St.

ABSENT: Attorney Trapp, Administrator Wachowiak, Trustee Manicki

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Sitzman, to approve the minutes of the December 8, regular board meeting. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated December 22, 2011. Carried

Payroll 11/19-12/2/11	\$30,765.97
Payroll 12/3/-12/16/11	\$39,488.41
Operating	\$27,163.36

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the addendum for the Public Works Report for November. Carried

At the work session held prior to the board meeting, Laura Landers, auditor for Freed Maxick & Battaglia gave the Financial Statement for the year ending May 31, 2011 along with her Report to the Village Board. It was noted that the general fund is in good shape at \$108,000 in revenue over expenditures, resulting in conservative budgeting and an adequate fund balance. There also is an adequate reserve in the general fund DPW equipment and Emergency equipment reserves. A portion of the Mechanic St. project has been bonded with the remaining balance in BANS.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors minutes for November 17, 2011; New York Planning Federation conference notice April 15-April 17 in Saratoga Springs. request from the Winterfest Committee to erect their sign in Firemen's Park; request from Community Education to erect a sign in Firemen's Park.

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

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to authorize Elizabeth A. Kegler, Village Clerk/Records Management Officer, to destroy all outdated records following NYS Sara regulations. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to authorize Mayor Kegler to sign the Alden Fire Protection District Contract for Fire Protection and First Aid Service between the Village Fire Dept. and the Town of Alden, for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Trustee Sitzman asked if the contract was negotiated by the fire company and the Mayor. Mayor said they were invited to only one meeting. There isn't any increase for 2012. Bruce also feels that since the Alden Fire Dept. answers the majority of calls their portion of the contract should be higher than the other fire companies. Bruce feels that in the future the village fire department should negotiate separately with out the other companies. The village is the only company that doesn't receive any contribution toward their workers compensation. Trustee Warmus agrees with Trustee Sitzman that the contract isn't equal between the three companies. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Sitzman, to approve Alden Central School's Community Education request to erect a sign in Firemen's Park January 23-February 3, 2012. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment Fire/EMS calls for payroll period December 3-December 16, 2011. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following transfer of vehicles from Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co. Inc., to the Village of Alden as voted by membership. 2011 John Deer Gator Utility Vehicle (ATV)
2012 ATV Utility trailer
2011 Utility trailer Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve Mobile Home Park License renewals for Alden Landings, LLC, 13391 Broadway and Alden Village Estates LLC, 13535 Broadway, with conditions as per letters dated December 9, 2011.

Trustee Sitzman wasn't here for the last meeting when the board decided that they would give the mobile home parks until May 2012 to make all corrections to the park. Bruce feels that the village board should shorten that time period as the weather has been nice for the past 6 weeks and they haven't done anything substantial to improve the property during that time. He feels that the tenants and neighbors need to have improvements done much sooner. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Sitzman to declare the following Fire/DPW equipment surplus per Supt. Keith Sitzman as follows:

DPW:

- 1997 Ford Flatbed/stake body (DPW #1)
- 1993 Ford Garbage Packer (DPW #23)
- 1979 Aquatech sewer flusher (DPW #4A)
- 2002 Ford F350 4x4 pickup truck (DPW #16)
- 1987 Chevrolet 3500 dump truck (DPW #18)

FIRE DEPT.

- 1993 Ford F350 4x4 Crew Cab Utility truck (Fire#5)
- 1990 Ford Heavy Rescue Truck (Fire #7)
- 987 Ford/Pierce Pumper (Fire #4) Carried

Supt. Sitzman will place all of these vehicles on the internet to see if they can be sold quickly.

The following resolution was moved by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo:

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden has acquired ownership to an ATV & ATV Trailer for use by the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co., Inc., and

WHEREAS, due to the mileage and physical condition of such vehicle, same needs to be replaced in order to adequately protect the residents of Alden, and

WHEREAS, the vehicles were originally purchased solely by the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co., Inc., and

WHEREAS, any proceeds from the disposition of such vehicles will be used to offset the cost of the acquisition of new vehicles thereby saving the taxpayers of the Village additional acquisition costs,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden hereby declare the ATV and Trailer to be excess and of no further value to the Village for purposes of fire protection, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents to return the vehicle to the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co., Inc. with the specific understanding that any proceeds from the further disposition of the vehicle will be used to offset the purchase of any replacement vehicle which will thereafter be transferred to the Village.

Roll call vote: Trustee Warmus	Aye	
Trustee Mezydlo	Aye	
Trustee Sitzman	Aye	
Mayor Kegler	Aye	Carried

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Charles Airey of Alden Pools & Play would like the village board to help him obtain from the new Tim Hortons owner a fence along the easterly side of his property, so that in the summer kids from Tim Hortons won't come over to his property and use his yard equipment (swings, slides) for their personal use. He is afraid someone will fall on his property. He did ask the project manager of Tim Hortons and they refused his request. Mayor Kegler stated that since the site plan has been approved by the planning board and the building is just about complete, his request to the board is to late. Mayor also stated that there is ample parking in the parking lot and that most of the business is drive thru, and that Tim Hortons doesn't cater to young children as their regular customers. Mr. Airey is worried about the liability if they venture on to his property.

After discussion, the board was in agreement that it wasn't an issue the village should be involved with regarding Mr. Airey's request for a fence from Tim Hortons, and that if Mr. Airey wanted a fence he should erect it himself. Trustee Sitzman said that we would check with our attorney regarding this matter.

Christine and Tom Rimbeck of 1531 Emerson St. were here to complain about the kids on their street causing havoc with the residents and their Christmas decorations. They had two rocks thrown toward their house which damaged their Christmas display. They did call the sheriff's and they did respond. Mrs. Rimbeck said that it's the kids from the neighborhood that are causing most of the problems as they run through the yards to their homes. She feels that the village should start a police department again or have a foot patrol available. Mayor stated that the best thing to do is to contact the Sheriff's or State Police as soon as something like this happens. Unfortunately, we and other communities are having trouble with the kids no matter how much protection there is, that was the reason for the curfew law. As long as it is reported immediately and a report is taken, they should be aware of where the trouble is and if it's after 11PM they can write them up and contact their parents.. Mayor asked Clerk to send a letter to see if they could step up patrol in that area. Mayor Kegler stated that he doesn't know what the answer is to stop this vandalism.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Trustee Warmus- wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Trustee Sitzman-saw the 8th grade Chorus from Alden Middle School on television as they were singing at Greenfield Rehabilitation. He said that they did a real nice job and congratulated them.

Mayor Kegler- has scheduled work sessions for January 5th & 19th to work on issues before the board starts budget (health insurance renewal, codes, water rates, policy manual, public hearing for the property tax cap).

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Codes-work session

Policy Manual update-nothing

Public hearing/local law property tax cap-January

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:28 PM. Carried

I respectfully submit,

Elizabeth A. Kegler
Village Clerk