

APPROVED VILLAGE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2012

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Kegler who led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Kegler, Trustees Warmus, Manicki, Mezydlo, Sitzman, Attorney Trapp, Village Clerk Kegler, CEO Czechowski, Supt. Keith Sitzman, Sue DeWitt, Eugene Nuwer, Dan Czelusta, Patrick Cavanaugh.

ABSENT: Administrator Wachowiak

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the regular board minutes of December 22, 2011 as corrected. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated January 12, 2012. Carried

General Fund- \$104,824.19
Payroll- \$32,167.96

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following monthly reports for December: Public Works Report, Fire Company Report, Justice Court Report, Planning Board minutes of October 19, and December 21.
Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Village Officials Association general meeting January 19, 2012; Association of Erie County Government's meeting January 26, 2012; letter from Laura Landers of Freed Maxick & Battaglia regarding the consolidation of McGladrey & Pullen, LLP's into their company; letter from Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co. Inc., regarding names of new member and change of status. FEMA seminar January 19, 2012 in New Paltz, NY, webcast will also be available. Letter from Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co., Inc., regarding their upcoming fund raisers for the year 2012; sign permit request from Alden Youth Baseball Inc., County sales tax check in the amount of \$85,405.91 which is \$8,097.77 higher than last year at this time, thanks to the Canadian shoppers and higher gas prices. Letter from County of Erie Office for the Disabled regarding an electronic copy of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Rehabilitation Act that will be sent to our office to keep on file. We presently have an outdated version. RBC account statement for month of December; letter from Wm. Schutt Associates regarding professional municipal engineering services; Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting minutes of December 15, 2011, Town Board minutes of December 19, 2011 and January 3, 2012; letter from Nicholas, Perot, Smith, Bernhardt & Zosh regarding a situation on Maple Ridge regarding a tree and possible liability with the owner of Maple

Ridge; Copy of Grannytown Gazette. Letter of Intent from Elizabeth Kegler, Village Clerk, notifying the board of her retirement from her position in July 2012.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to file as received all correspondence. Carried

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Sitzman, to set public hearings for Local Laws Number 1-2012 through 6-2012 to be held at 7:45PM on Thursday, January 26, 2012. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to authorize the following agencies to perform electrical inspections within the Village of Alden, as per submitted application and supporting documentation:

- Commonwealth Electrical Inspection Agency
- Middle Department Inspection Agency Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve Temporary Business Signs for the following businesses as per submitted applications, to expire on December 31, 2012:

- LaPaloma Restaurant, 13350 Broadway
- Alden Pools & Play, 12890 Broadway
- Alden Automotive, 13151 Broadway
- John & Mary's, 13485 Broadway
- Henry's Candy & Gifts, 13237 Broadway Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve Brandon Joseph Zelak as Jr. Firefighter status as voted in by membership. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve the change of status for Albert Boucher from Jr. Firefighter to Active Restricted, as approved by membership. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company fund raisers for 2012 as follows:

- Winterfest Snowball Dance & Washer Tournament- Feb. 3&4, 2012
- Spring Sportsmen Raffle – March 10, 2012
- Dollars for Scholars 5k race & Post Party-June 8, 2012
- Summer Carnival-June 21-23, 2012
- Summer Steak-Outing-August 16, 2012 Carried

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve Mayor Kegler's pre-authorization of the request to erect a sign in Firemen's Park January 8-14, for Alden Youth Baseball, Inc. (meeting scheduled after requested date). Carried

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adopt the Work Place Violence Policy as amended by Village Board and approved by OSHA. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve Mayor Kegler's appointment of the following members to the Village of Alden Ethics Committee for the following terms of office.

Joseph Czechowski-term to expire 12/31/2012
Susan Schumacher- term to expire 12/31/2013
Charles Airey term to expire 12/31/2014 Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to award the following contracts for the Water Improvements Project, upon the recommendations of the Village Project Engineer-Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, and the Superintendent of Public Works Keith Sitzman.

General Contract awarded to : Kandey Company, Inc.
19 Ransier Drive
West Seneca, NY 14224

Awarded base and alternate bids for the sum of \$1,383,367.60

Electrical Contract awarded to: O'Connell Electric Co.
929B Ransom Road
Lancaster, NY 14086

Awarded base and alternate bids for the sum of \$203,800.00

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

Superintendent Keith Sitzman as Treasurer of the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co., Inc., presented to the village board the last payment for the snorkel in the amount of \$25,000, which concludes their \$250,000 payment to the village for this vehicle. Mayor Kegler thanked Supt. Sitzman on behalf of the village board.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Nothing

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Supt. Sitzman-stated that the last scheduled Christmas tree pickup is January 23, 2012.

Trustee Manicki-will get together with Sue DeWitt to have an article written for the Alden Advertiser regarding the crossing guards complaints about the traffic when

they are crossing children at the corners. People are impatient and disrespectful of the guards. There have been near misses when they are crossing the kids. They are looking for help in having people slow down and be more mindful of the safety of the kids and the guards.

Trustee Sitzman-requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Congratulated those members of the football team for making the All State Football Team.

Mayor Kegler-requested an executive session to discuss negotiations. The work session scheduled for January 19, will be to discuss a water rate increase and the public hearing for the 2% tax cap law. Mayor reviewed articles in the paper regarding state mandates for road signs in municipalities and the cost. With additional mandates the state is making it hard to stay within the 2% tax cap.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

- **Codes**-public hearing January 26, 2012
- **Policy Manual Update**-nothing
- **Public Hearing/Local Law Property Tax Cap**-work session

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to adjourn from regular session to executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss negotiations and personnel. Carried

Personnel and negotiations were discussed.

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn from executive session at 8:20 PM to regular session. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to accept the revised Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Alden and the Employee's Association covering the period of June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2015. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 PM. Carried

I respectfully submit,

Elizabeth A. Kegler
Village Clerk

