

Approved BOARD MINUTES November 8, 2018

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: Overhoff, Casell, Daluisio. and Warmus, Superintendent Sitzman, , Clerk Galbraith, Richard Kegler, Loren Prucnal, Joel McAlpine, Eugene Nuwer, Keith Landers, Ralph Airey, Carie Przesiek, Sam Romanowski, Kaylee Eckert, Dylan Krzylowski, Cayleee Witmer, Matthew Bihkowski and, Sue DeWitt – Alden Advertiser

Absent – Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Warmus to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff, seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated November 8, 2018. Carried.

Payroll	\$43023.45
Abstract	\$40924.97

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following monthly reports: for October – CEO, Fire fuel, E.C. Sheriff, DPW and Fire. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

.letter from: Alden resident supporting keeping village wells and Alden Central School bring a Veteran to school program. E.C. sales tax, minutes from Town of Alden. RBC Wealth Management portfolio and governing magazine.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for November 8, 2018,

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the fire/EMS callas from October 13-26, 2018. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to re-levy to the County of Erie for collection of delinquent 2018-2019 village taxes in the amount of \$14422.79. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, approve CEO Czechowski to attend the annual New York State Building Officials Conference in Cheektowaga, NY January 28-30, 2019. This is a budgeted item. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to allow Attorney Trapp to amend the non-union policy to match the union contract with respect to vacation time over 20 years. Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Several students were at the meeting, asking health related questions, asked about the water issues. Mayor Manicki explained we were in the process of conducting a survey of our water customers. Stay with village water for \$6/1,000 gallons or ECWA for \$8.50/1,000 gallons. He reminded those in attendance, that this is a survey, not a vote. The board will make what they feel is the best decision for the residents. Manicki also reminded them the bill they receive is only 40% water and 60% sewer. Our rates are competitive with other local municipalities.

Trustee Daluisio – citing a Buffalo News article from 10/31, ECWA rates water will be increasing for the 6th consecutive year. An average resident will see their bill grow by \$5 next year, \$91 more than 5 years ago, an increase of 50%. If we go to ECWA we have no control, if we stay with village wells, we keep control. ECWA maintains 3,600 miles of aging water lines, with over 1,000 leaks last year, which every user pays for the water loss.

Richard Kegler -2 questions – 1.) Does the bulk rate of \$8.50 include updates of infrastructures to other towns or just bulk water? Mayor Manicki - \$2.53 goes to ECWA general budget. Need to remember paying for 25% water loss. Question 2 – if we close the wells, what will need to be done to re-open them if we decide? Superintendent Sitzman – just re-test every well.

Joel McAlpine – directed his questions to Trustee Overhoff concerning recent mailer he did. Which well is near a pasture? Trustee Overhoff – in water quality report. McAlpine – as water commissioner don't you make sure your information is accurate? Trustee Overhoff – no.

McAlpine – list of things were wrong on your mailer. It was misleading and makes the village water look bad/unsafe. Trustee Overhoff – it is from the quality report, read it.

McAlpine – 3 discharges, Overhoff – quality report.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Superintendent Sitzman – Parking ban starts Nov. 1, no on street parking 2-6 am.

Clerk Galbraith – water/sewer bills and surveys are due by Nov. 28. Mayor Manicki – bills look different, looking into different software updates.

Trustee Casell– community Thanksgiving gathering Fri., Nov. 16, Presbyterian Church, all welcome.

Mayor Manicki wwtp bids phase II, bids for street scape – Crittenden to bandstand Park.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Sesquicentennial –, all welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn, the regular meeting at 8:02 pm with a moment of silence for village residents George Porter and Sharon Klaczyk.

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk