

APPROVED BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2011

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

PRESENT: Mayor Kegler, Trustees Warmus, Manicki, Mezydlo, Sitzman, Attorney Trapp, Clerk Kegler, Supt. of Public Works Keith Sitzman, Administrator Wachowiak, CEO Czechowski, Eugene Nuwer, Sue DeWitt, Kris Rogers, Joan Marsden.

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2011 regular board meeting. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated October 13, 2011. Carried

Corrected abstract from 9/22/11 meeting	\$1,516,637.09
General Fund abstract 10/13/11	43,339.70
Payroll 9/10/-9/23/11	39,502.45
Payroll 9-24-10/7/11	31,750.61

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the following monthly reports for September: Public Works Report, Public Works Addendum, Fire Report, Treasurer's Report, Building Department, Justice Court Report. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Village Officials Association directors meeting October 20, Mayor to attend; letter from NYSDEC regarding the unannounced inspection of the wastewater treatment plant. There are a few things that need to be repaired in their report that are being addressed, and they thanked Sr. Water/Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Andy Janiszski for his cooperation and courtesy during the inspection. Thank you from Upstate New York Transplant Services for the community blood drive held October 4, 2011 at the Alden Fire Department. Association of Erie County Governments meeting October 27; receipt of 3rd quarter County revenue sales tax in the amount of \$62,258.24 about \$4,000 more than last year at this time. Letter from Senator Charles Schumer about Laura Bush's 21st Century Librarian Program, copy to be sent to the Ewell Library. Letter from the US Dept. of Commerce Census Bureau, regarding a Governments Units Survey that will be sent to all governments. Request from Troop 117 to erect a sign in Firemen's Park; request from Alden Community Church to erect a sign in Firemen's Park; thank you from Mary Jean Jakubowski, Library Director of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library to Mayor Kegler for meeting with her and Town Supervisor regarding a consolidated library system with a stable stream of funding. Letter from Bowers &

Company CPAs requesting to do an audit of our Justice Court. An audit has been done by our own auditors.

List of names and payments made to eligible firemen from the Service Award Program; Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting; Town of Alden board meeting minutes September 19, and October 3, 2011.

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

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/ REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve waiving the sewer fee and O&M sewer charge for the Alden Central School irrigation meter that was installed. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Sitzman, to approve the sign permit for Verizon Wireless Group, 13129 Broadway, as per submitted application. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve Boy Scout Troop 117 request to erect a sign in Firemen's Park November 4-November 13, advertising their Chinese Auction. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve Alden Community Church's request to erect a sign at Firemen's Park October 28,- November 7, 2011. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to hold Halloween in the Village on Monday October 31, from 6-8PM. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to direct the Village Attorney to commence legal action against CBO Glass, with respect to outstanding annual PILOT payments. Carried

Trustee Sitzman stated that he, Supervisor Smith and the Village and Town Building Inspector have met and were able to come up with an agreement for inspections to be done when either inspector is sick, on vacation or out of town.

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to authorize Mayor Kegler's signature to the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Village of Alden Code Enforcement Officer and the Town of Alden Code Enforcement Officer for building inspections and related duties. Carried

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

NONE

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Sitzman to adjourn from the regular board meeting at 7:45 PM to public hearing from the Community Development Block Grant. Carried

Mayor Kegler stated that previously we used Community Development grant money for sidewalk replacements. Last year we applied for water line replacement on Elm St. but were denied. Even though the application was submitted and rejected, we do receive points for the next year's application. Since the water line on Elm St. is one of the oldest in the village, Supt. Sitzman would like to reapply for the same project. He will be updating the figures and the application will be mailed with all of the paperwork. Trustee Manicki attended a meeting last week regarding the grant and those in attendance were informed that there would be a 20% cut in funding this year. There was no other suggestions for the grant application.

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn from the public hearing. Carried

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Village Board held on October 13, 2011:

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo seconded by Trustee Warmus, to authorize Mayor Kegler to sign, submit and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following project upon approval of ECCDBG.

1. Water line replacement on Elm St.

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

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn from regular meeting to public hearing for Mobile Home Park License Renewal. Carried

Mayor Kegler turned the meeting over to CEO Czechowski. Joe said that he and Supt. Sitzman did they inspection of the two mobile home parks, Alden Landings and Alden Village Estates and found that the issues and conditions that were brought up last year for Alden Village Estates (drainage, street lighting) had been completed. There have been some complaints from residents of that park, that are still unhappy about certain items that the village has no control over. Trustee Mezydlo feels that the residents have to take some of the responsibility for upkeep of their property and not expect the village to resolve all of their problems.

CEO Joe received an anonymous letter and photograph from a resident of Westcott St., of a property on Alden Landings that abuts their property. The picture shows all kinds of trash and garbage. The complainant feels that the village should have the owners erect a stockade fence around the park. This wouldn't solve the problem, it would just corral the problems all in! The letter was originally sent to the Justice Court and since the letter was not signed, the Mayor's personal opinion is that it holds no weight in the argument. Mrs. Kris Rogers who lived on Westcott for many years, said that some of those trailers at Alden Landings are well over 50 years old and that there are families living in their with 4-5 children. Isn't there any laws that control the amount of people living in such a small living space? Do they receive any fire inspections? CEO said that the health department would have to receive a complaint about the number of people, and there are many issues which the village can't enforce under our local codes. There have been sewage issues that have finally been resolved. Mayor Kegler said that unfortunately there are residential homes in the village that also need repair as the homeowners neglect their property. Attorney Trapp and CEO Joe have had a case in village court already for unsafe conditions. Attorney Trapp and CEO will review and see if they can come up with some type of rules and regulations that can be enforced by the village for the mobile home parks. Trustee Sitzman stated that we have an obligation to our community to clean them up. It was suggested that the board members ride through the parks before the next board meeting to see the condition of each park. Joe and Keith to draw up a proposal and get the owner of Alden Landings to a meeting to discuss the board's concerns. CEO said that the older section of Alden Village Estates is being cleaned up and coming along.

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn from the public hearing to regular session. Carried

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Supt. Sitzman-the water project bid will be opened November 3, 2011 at 10AM at the village office. Interested parties can pick up the bid packet at CRA Engineers.

Trustee Manicki-he and Trustee Sitzman and Town Board members met at the Town Hall with Senator Gallivan.

Trustee Sitzman- commended the high school football team for their successful season.

Mayor asked the board if they would approve the high school booster club putting up the signs and ribbons again this year through the village. If the football team as continues to win, they probably will end up going to Ralph Wilson stadium again this year. Since the board members have no problem, if the request comes before a board meeting the clerk will give them the okay.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

- **Codes**-nothing new
- **Policy Manual Update**-nothing new

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:12 PM. Carried

I respectfully submit,

Elizabeth A. Kegler
Village Clerk