

APPROVED BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Kegler, Trustee Sitzman 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, Judge Woods, Eugene Nuwer, Wallace Munn, Sue DeWitt, students from American Government Class.

ABSENT: CEO Czechowski

Before the meeting started, Mayor Kegler read the following letter of appreciation for the crews of the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company that have been dispatched by the Office of Emergency Services, to help during the hurricane and flooding in the eastern portion of New York State. He thanked them for their dedication to helping others in time of need. They reciprocated as we had help from other fire companies during the October storm that came and helped us. (letter attached to original minutes)

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2011 regular board meeting. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated September 8, 2011. Carried

Prepaid	\$78.94
Payroll	\$31,460.26
General	\$28,412.81

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve the following monthly reports for August: Fire Dept., Public Works, Building Dept., Justice Court. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Copy of letter from Attorney Trapp to Attorney General's Office regarding an opinion with regard to legal authority to repair the American Legions roof located in the Village of Alden, if the property doesn't belong to the village. Copy of letter to Judge Woods from the Town of Alden Justices; letter from Unified Court System regarding a copy of the court audit for the fiscal year May 31, 2011 that was conducted by Freed Maxick Battaglia at our annual audit. Memo from Dept. of Environment & Planning regarding upcoming Community Development Block Grant; letter from the Board of Elections requesting use of the building for Primary Day September 13, and General Election November 8, 2011. Request from Alden Central School regarding a

sign to be posted in Firemen's Park September 23-September 30 (date changed to September 24, as there is a sign posted until September 23. Request from Alden Art Club to erect their sign in Firemen's Park for their annual Art Show and to have help from the DPW to put up their snow fence. Letter from Chief Rimbeck dated August 29, 2011, stating that fire personnel and equipment was deployed to the Cobleskill, NY area for the hurricane that hit that area. Letter from Chief Rimbeck dated September 8, 2011, stating that the Alden Swift Water Rescue Team and equipment was deployed to the eastern part of New York for the recent flooding in that area. Both deployments are part of the Erie County and New York State Emergency Declaration and Mitigation. Letter from Steve L. Muro of the Department of Veterans Affairs in response to the Mayor's letter regarding possible sites in the village and town of Alden for a national veterans cemetery in our area. He will take in to consideration the suggestions that the board recommend that they look elsewhere then within our business district: RBC portfolio account statement; Chamber board of directors meeting minutes.

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

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve Trustee Sitzman's request to attend Public Works School October 24-26, at reasonable expense to the village (this is a budgeted item). Carried-Trustee Sitzman abstained for voting

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment Fire/EMS calls for payroll period dated August 13-26, 2011. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve Alden Central Schools request to erect one sign in Firemen's Park September 24-30, advertising their Community Education. (original request was for September 23-30, but reserved sign up until September 23). Carried

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to accept the audit of the Village of Alden Court as supplied by Freed Maxick Battaglia for the fiscal year end 5/31/2011. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve the bid of September 7, 2011, for the Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,073,000 from Roosevelt & Cross as prepared by Municipal Solutions. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the bid of September 7, 2011 for the Serial Bond in the amount of \$250,000 from Roosevelt & Cross as prepared by Municipal Solutions. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to authorize Mayor Kegler's signature to the 2011 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant application for a security system for the court office and rooms within the Municipal Building. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve Alden Art Club's request to hold their annual Art Show in conjunction with Firemen's Chicken Barbeque September 11, 2011 to erect a sign in Firemen's Park September 1, and to erect snow fencing September 9, 2011 with the help of the DPW. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve Board of Elections request to hold Primary Election September 13, 2011 from 6am-9pm, and to hold General Election November 8, 2011 from 6am-9pm. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Manicki, to close out the capital well site #1 project and return remaining funds to water fund in the amount of \$203,973.20. Carried

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Wallace Munn of the American Legion asked if the board had found out any information regarding the repair of the roof for the building. Attorney has written a letter to the Attorney General requesting an opinion as the village doesn't own the building but there is a reverter clause returning the property to the Village in the event the structure was no longer used by the American Legion. They will keep Wallace informed if we hear anything.

Students from American Government Class asked questions to the Mayor.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Supt. Sitzman-reported that bulk pickup will be September 26. The sidewalk project by the viaduct on the south side of Broadway is almost completed. They won't be getting the north side done this year. Still waiting for a written approval from the State Department of Health for our water project. As soon as he receives that we can put the project out to bid.

Administrator Wachowiak-the Bond and BAN sale has been completed and paperwork will be signed next week. Alden State Bank has been awarded the sale through Roosevelt and Cross. All work was done by Municipal Solutions.

Judge Woods-just wanted the board to know that the video picture circulated that shows three people running through the area of Dr. Will's property on Broadway have been identified. Since there wasn't any proof that they personally caused any damage the

night that some vandalism occurred, no charges were filed. Judge said that the State Police did an excellent job working on this.

Trustee Warmus-asked Supt. Sitzman to explain why the use of asphalt instead of concrete on the sidewalk by the viaduct. Keith said that this is the first time he's trying it and will see how it works as this area receives a lot of salt in the winter.

Trustee Mezydlo-reported that the crossing guards first day of school with the new arrival and dismissal times worked out fine, no problems.

Trustee Sitzman-attended a seminar regarding the 2% tax cap. The law is very vague and is anticipating that there will be a lot of confusion and many law suits and court actions. Bruce also asked Supt. Sitzman why the town chipped and sealed only their portion of Sullivan Road. Keith said that the village did the village's portion about a couple of years ago.

Mayor Kegler- talked to the Supt. of Schools regarding the parking situation in front of the school. Since the original intention of that parking area is not being followed properly, the mayor would like the police to start writing tickets for illegal parking. The village originally put the signs up and they aren't being enforced.

Mayor asked Supt. Sitzman if his clerk could come up with a cost the village incurs for each service organizations event that the village has to be involved with (set up, lighting, etc). Not that he is going to do away with these events, but with the 2% tax cap all of these costs need to be added into our budget.

Judge Woods mentioned that he now has to hire a person to sign for a deaf mute defendant that will be appearing in court for the third time, at a cost of \$200 per session. By law, he must notify a certain organization that will supply a person to attend court, he just can't find someone local that knows how to sign and hire them. He will need to include this cost in his upcoming budget also.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

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

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Sitzman, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:12 PM to executive session to discuss personnel. Carried

Personnel was discussed.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to adjourn at 8:25 PM to regular session. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 PM. Carried

I respectfully submit,

Elizabeth A. Kegler
Village Clerk

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