

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF 2020 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL (PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 506 AND 526 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Assessor for the Town of Alden, County of Erie, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy will be on file on May 1st at the **Assessor's Office, Alden Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York 14004.**

Due to the present COVID-19 crisis and necessary, ongoing *social distancing protocols* to protect the public and town staff, the Tentative Assessment Roll cannot be examined in person. However, it will be available online for viewing on the Town of Alden website, www.alden.erie.gov. If a person does not have access to the Internet, they may call the Assessor's Office at the number below for information concerning the Tentative Assessment Roll or answers to other inquiries.

Although the Assessor is typically in attendance with the Tentative Assessment Roll for certain periods for the public to review it and ask questions, this will not be possible this year due to *social distancing*. All inquiries must be made by mail, email, phone, fax, or the Drop Box located at the front of the Alden Town Hall.

HEARING OF ASSESSMENT COMPLAINTS

The Board of Assessment Review is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 via *telephone conference* between hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., to hear and examine all formal complaints in relation to assessments upon the application of any person believing that they have been aggrieved. Since in-person hearings will not be held while *social distancing protocols* are in effect, it is imperative that a fully completed RP-524 complaint form with all supporting documentation be submitted via mail, email, fax, or Drop Box to the Assessor's Office before June 2nd. Once a properly completed complaint form is received, a complainant will be contacted to schedule an appointment for their telephone conference hearing with the Board of Assessment Review. While complaints may be filed until 8:00 P.M. on June 2nd the Board will not hear them until a future date and time. The BAR would appreciate all complaints to be filed by Thursday, May 28, 2020, so that copies of complaints can be distributed to Board members as they social distance. Complainants will be contacted to schedule this appointment.

Persons who file a complaint have the option to have the Board review their complaint form without having a telephone conference. The Board will inform them in writing of its decision. Complainants will have opportunity to choose this option when contacted to schedule an appointment.

Complaint forms cannot be filed until after May 1st. The complaint form and the publication "Contesting Your Assessment in New York State" are available online at Town of Alden website www.alden.erie.gov

Since this a public meeting that the public is allowed to listen to, dial-in instructions for a telephone connection to the meeting will be made available after June 1st on the town's website or by contacting the Assessor's Office.

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Dated this 1st day of May 2020