

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

JULY 28, 2020 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Adamski
Councilwoman Pautler
Councilwoman Waiss

RECORDING SECRETARY: Alecia Barrett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Len Weglarski, DCO
Chris Snyder, CEO
Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Colleen Rogers, Deputy Town Supervisor
Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent
Representatives from YMCA
Attorney & Engineer for Walden Ave. project
Chris Gust, President of Alden Historical Society
Residents

Brenna Lupo, YMCA Program Executive & Other Representative

Brenna Lupo Reached out to Supervisor Adamski for possibility of renting space at Alden Town Hall for the YMCA before/after school program. Currently the program is operated out of the Alden Central School however, with potential restrictions on the number of occupants in the school, the YMCA is looking into other options for the program.

With so many unknown factors at this time more information will be needed in order to pursue this potential option.

Brenna provided a hand out that outlined YMCA Buffalo Niagara Child Care Program COVID Operational Plan.

Drainage - Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent

Finished projects on Boncliff & Sandridge. Started on park baseball diamonds today.

Dollar General Site Plan

Mark Romanowski, Attorney for Dollar General project & Steve, Engineer on the project set up a large drawing that displayed revised property lines, layout of parking, placement of dumpster, landscaping and much more for the Town Board to reference. Mr. Romanowski went on to state adjustments had been made based on recommendations by the Planning Board. Also a 25ft strip was added to the property in order to create the proper number of parking spaces. He also went on to touch on some of the items Mike Metzger addressed in his letter regarding the project.

Supervisor Adamski questioned Chris Snyder as to whether the only portion of the plan Mike Metzger was questioning, with regard to wetlands, is the 25ft strip that was added on. Chris Snyder stated he did not think that addition was a big deal. Supervisor Adamski noted that he had spoken with Mike Metzger earlier that day and he had inferred that the wet lands study was not completed on that parcel. Mr. Romanowski added that the wet lands study was completed on the parcel with the exception of the 25ft strip that was added on. Supervisor Adamski asked Chris Snyder again if he thought that was a concern and Chris Snyder stated in his opinion it was not.

Mr. Romanowski questioned moving this project forward. Supervisor Adamski stated thought would depend on their providing the remaining documents that are needed.

Historical Society Repairs

Christopher Gust, President, Alden Historical Society thanked Bill Rogers for acting so quickly on a list of repairs that had been submitted for the Historical Society Building & School House. He went on to revisit help with landscape & lawn care as well as repairs to the handi-cap ramp; some of the floor boards have come loose. Bill Rogers stated that he and Scott Dryer were

able to find some loose spindles but no loose floor boards. Mr. Gust stated the loose floor boards could be marked so they can be easily identified and repaired. He went on to address the front porch and its need to be re-varnished. Mr. Gust & the Board agreed that re-varnishing the porch is something that should be done by a professional. Mr. Gust will gather quotes for the job. He also stated that the gutters need to be cleaned out.

Substance Abuse Coalition Movies in the Park

Councilwoman Pautler stated there will be no more sleepovers but they would like to do movies in the park if the Town Board will approve it at this time. They will serve popcorn in accordance within the guidelines the Health Department.

Supervisor Adamski stated the Coalition will have to submit a plan that follows current guidelines for social distancing and it should also reference the approved guidelines for serving the popcorn.

Councilwoman Pautler stated a schedule for the events has not been issued yet.

Jennifer Strong also noted they will need to get us their insurance. Councilwoman Waiss questioned why they would need insurance. Supervisor Adamski stated every organization holding an event on Town property is required to have insurance.

Councilwoman Pautler noted she will see what she can get together before the next Board meeting.

Battery Storage Law

Jennifer Strong stated she was asked at the last Work Session to get more information from the Planning Board; the information received was circulated to the Town Board members. No one reviewed the information provided by the Planning Board. Deputy Supervisor Colleen Rogers noted that Bill Sivecz, Assessor, had attended a seminar on this; Jennifer Strong shared the information from the Planning Board with him as well. Supervisor Adamski asked that this be put on the next Work Session so they may have more time to read the information provided.

Parking Law

Jennifer Strong needs more information on no-parking zones so she can write everything up. Bill Rogers stated he would get Jennifer that information this week.

Hiring Policy

Supervisor Adamski stated that as it becomes harder to find employees he proposes changing the hiring policy to allow for hiring of non-residents; with preference given to Town residents. Councilwoman Pautler added she thinks that a "team" of people should do interviews. Supervisor Adamski disagreed stating that department heads do their own hiring because they know what is needed to do the job they are hiring for, Councilwoman Waiss voiced her opinion in agreement with Supervisor Adamski. Jennifer Strong went on to add that the Town Board has final say in all hiring as new employees are presented to the Town Board in a Motion for approval. Jennifer will work on the proposed changes for the residency law for further review by the Town Board.

Alaura Sewer District

Supervisor Adamski requested the Town Board, Chris Snyder & Jennifer Strong stay to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Printer

Supervisor Adamski questioned whether or not Chris Snyder needed another printer for his office. Chris stated he has a printer in his office and does not need another one.

Gina Waiss, Councilwoman

Nothing at this time.

Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent

While helping the school with striping their hard ball diamond it was brought to his attention that the Town needs a new striper. The machine that the Town has is very outdated and most of the time he borrows the schools machine. Bill submitted a proposal for the same striper the

school uses for a cost of \$3,900; all parts, hoses & nozzles will be interchangeable. He has a sole source letter and is asking to get the new striper for the Parks. Supervisor Adamski stated he was good with that purchase and Jennifer Strong will type up the resolution for approval.

Chris Snyder, CEO

Tanks at the sewer plant are ready to be pumped. Already has 1 estimate and calls out to several other companies for the job. It will be costly due to the size of the tanks. Supervisor Adamski added that a letter needs to be sent to the Alaura sewer district residents about their sump pumps. Residents should be given 60 days to correct the improper pumping to the sewer before the CEO issues violations.

Colleen Rogers, Deputy Town Supervisor

Erie County Health Dept. will be hosting free anti body testing at the Senior Center on Aug. 10 from noon-6pm. Also, Budget Meetings are on Aug. 6 beginning at 8:30 am and the Cayuga Creek Proposed Water District Informational Meeting is on Aug. 6 at 7:30pm.

Len Weglarski, DCO

Questioned if he could go to the school to get fuel in the dog truck? Bill Rogers stated he could go Monday & Thursday from 8am-noon.

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

Received revised contract for Municipal Solutions, will have resolution ready for next meeting approving the new contract. Also received an email from the Village Attorney stating it was his understanding that the Town was moving forward with the bike path in the Town Park. Supervisor Adamski stated the project had barely been discussed at the beginning of the year right before COVID hit. He went on to add there will be no monies for that project.

Alecia Barrett, Town Clerk

This is the 1st Work Session that is being recorded and minutes taken. Requested that, as it is in Regular Town Board meetings, Supervisor Adamski ask people to introduce themselves prior to speaking, so they can be added correctly to the official record. Supervisor Adamski added that is a good idea.