# **Approved BOARD MINUTES May 10 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, Daluisio, Warmus and Casell, Superintendent Sitzman, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski Eugene Nuwer, Dan Czelusta, Mike Karpie, Richard Karalus, Mike Galbraith and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus seconded by Trustee Casell to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated May 10, 2018. Carried.

Payroll \$43,815.08 Abstract \$215,931.51

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following monthly reports: for March – Treasurer's report, for April: CEO, Court, Fire/EMS, DPW, Fire fuel and EC Sheriff. Carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Erie County – Affirmative Action meeting notice, sales tax numbers for May, Crittenden Rd. drainage issue repair notification, From NYS – CFA workshop schedule, NYCOM legislative update, notice Smart Growth Community Fund submission is Friday June 1, Smart Street lighting NY meeting. Minutes – Assoc. of EC Governments meeting minutes, Town of Alden. Newsletters from GFOA, NYSIF, Grant Action News and J. O'Connell. Correspondence-from Keith Sitzman to NYS Dept. of Env. Cons. Co comprehensive inspection. Requests from – Alden Lancaster Art Club and Alden Car show. Annual drinking water quality report. RBC Wealth Management fund statement,

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Casell, to authorize Mayor Manicki's signature to the renewal application to Emerling Insurance for the Village's 2018-2019 fiscal year liability insurance coverage. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to authorize Mayor Manicki's signature to the renewal application for the Floss Insurance Agency for the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Dept. for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the Alden Lancaster Art Club and Alden Fire Dept. requests to place two signs in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from Aug. 31 - Sept. 9 to advertise the annual art show and chicken BBQ Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Casell, to grant permission to the Alden Lancaster Art Club to use the Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park, on Sunday, September 9 from 7:30 am – 4 pm for their 61st annual Fall Art Show and to have the bandstand open at 7:30 am. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve the change in the time for the following summer meetings to be held at 8 am. June 8, July 26, and August 23. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Warmus to allow the Alden Car, Truck and Cycle Show Committee the following: use of Alden Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park July 29, provide electricity to park, close Church St., close Park and W. Main St.—local traffic only, post W. Main St. no parking from Broadway to Town Park, post no parking signs on West side of Emerson and 3 handicapped parking spaces on Broadway and provide a dumpster. This motion is approved pending all insurance information is obtained. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to set a Public Hearing for Mobile Home Park License renewals on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:35PM. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve funding of repairs to sewer main at 1370 Exchange St. from the Sewer Fund Balance, cost \$8,732.00 Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Overhoff,, to approve correspondence to close two ambulance collection cases as recommended by our Village Attorney, Chris Trapp,, dated May 8&9, 2018.. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Zoladz Construction Company, Inc. has over twenty-five years of experience in construction and trucking with offices in Alden and several satellite facilities east of the Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, Zoladz Construction has received commendations for promoting a safe workplace with a commitment to safety from the United States Department of the Army along with a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers in recognition of their dedication to promoting a safe work environment, and

WHEREAS, throughout their growth, Zoladz Construction has maintained a reputation for consistency in their professional conduct and quality workmanship while still completing projects on schedule and within budget to their customers' satisfaction, and

WHEREAS, Zoladz Construction strives to encourage its workers to provide input and engage in a true sense of teamwork recognizing that working in unison toward a final goal not only provides a quality product for the customer, but also a safe place to work, and

WHEREAS, Zoladz Construction Company, Inc. was founded in 1985 by two nineteen year-old entrepreneurs, John Zoladz and Tom Dougherty, with nothing more than a tractor, backhoe, courage, and a vision to be the very best, and

WHEREAS, they have seen their company grow from performing pipeline construction and residential grade septic system installations to all avenues of earthwork, construction, utility installations, demolitions, material processing/mixing, and equipment and transportation services, and

WHEREAS, Zoladz Construction has been recognized by the Alden Chamber of Commerce as the 2018 Business of the Year, and

WHEREAS, Zoladz Construction has been a valuable piece of the Alden community always stepping forward and supporting the community in which it began, and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees in the Village of Alden, in honor of the designation by the Alden Chamber of Commerce hereby declares that May 12, 2018 shall forever be known as Zoladz Construction Company, Inc. day in the Village of Alden.

Roll call vote- Trustee Casell – aye

Trustee Warmus - aye Trustee Overhoff – aye Trustee Daluisio – aye Mayor Manicki – aye Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following Proclamation:

## PROCLAMATION

Too often they go almost unnoticed until the devastation begins whether it be an all-consuming blaze, a serious motor vehicle accident requiring the Jaws of Life, or something more benign as simply lending a hand to a neighbor,

Whatever the need, volunteer firefighters throughout the nation, and definitely within Alden, place their own safety and health at risk regularly to protect the people and property around them.

No one exemplifies the selfless and brave traits more than our own Citizen of the Year, Mark Pruitt who began his journey as a member of the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Inc. on August 7, 1984 rising through the ranks to chief not once, but twice, in 2007-2008 and again in 2017-2018. During those travels through life, he has attended countless training sessions as a Certified First Responder, EMT Basic training, American Heart Association Healthcare Provider in CPR, Emergency Management Institute, Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders, and Mercy Flight Ground Crew Safety, to name but six of the over forty different forms of training over his thirty years of service to the residents of Alden.

The hours that he as devoted at the expense of his family and friends, during all forms of weather, at all times of the day and evening, are a testament to his dedication, hard work, and commitment to all that makes Alden strong. He is what many would hope their sons and daughters strive to emulate with respect to his service to his fellow men and women.

Possessed with a quick smile and an even quicker wit, Mark as easily brings joy and laughter to those around him as he does to his fellow employees with the Village of Alden Department of Public Works as a General Foreman.

Reliving the simple times, Mark adds to the lives of all those around him.

Unending dedication to the Fire Company and his family, he embodies those qualities that mark the value of a person.

In these more difficult times, it is important to honor those individuals who give of themselves on a daily basis.

The rewards sought by Mark cannot be measured in gold and silver, but rather by the smiles and thanks of those whose life he has so generously touched.

Time will remember those such as Mark who devote themselves in service to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the entire Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden hereby with pride and thanks take this opportunity to recognize the life and accomplishments of the Citizen of the Year, Mark Pruitt, and it is further

RESOLVED, that May 15, 2018 shall forever be recognized as Mark Pruitt Day in the Village of Alden.

Roll call vote- Trustee Casell – aye

Trustee Warmus - aye Trustee Overhoff – aye Trustee Daluisio – aye

Mayor Manicki - aye Carried.

#### **BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-**,

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

<u>Superintendent Sitzman</u> – WWTP progressing phase one completion 6/28. Phase 2, 40% design complete. Smart Growth kicked off – survey crews, DPW paving Railroad, Heisler and Austin, 14 re-trees planned for the spring and more in the fall.

<u>Trustee Warmus</u> – questioned code for inflatable pools, CEO Czechowski explained the need for barriers according to NYS Building codes.

<u>Trustee Overhoff</u> – would like to meet with the crossing guards. Wants them to wear uniforms. The board and DPW have attire requirements, so should they, look official and wear uniforms or quit. Mayor Manicki they have never worn uniforms, and it will be optional. We supply them with all their other equipment. Will discuss it with the crossing guards. Overhoff – have called the Sheriff concerning parked cars on Crittenden causing kids to jet out into the street with no vision, causing dangerous situations. Two school board members in attendance will talk to Superintendent Stoltman about the issues.

<u>Mayor Manicki</u> – On May 31 I wrote a subscriber letter in the Advertiser which was also posted on Facebook and the village website offering to review the engineering report on the village water system. So far, no one has contacted me. However, it does seem to have inspired some uninformed debate on facebook concerning water rates. There also were assertions of lying and malfeasance by me as well as suggestion that the board should take a pay cut. This board has not taken a raise since 1998 and receive no benefits. The Mayor is paid \$7000 and the Trustees \$4599, so it's obvious we aren't here for the money. We are here to make decisions that serve village residents even though those decisions are not always popular with everyone.

I have researched several villages of our size and compared rates with them as well as a water district in the Town of Alden. I will be happy to share the information with any resident who is interested.

### **UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn the Regular meeting 8:17 pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith, Deputy Village Clerk