

Approved BOARD MINUTES July 28, 2016

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees: Mezydlo, Green and Daluisio, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski Superintendent Sitzman, Attorney Trapp, Brian Fix, Leonard Mioducki and Jeff Bono, LVAC.

Absent: Trustees Warmus

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the minutes of the July 14 2016 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated July 28, 2016. Carried

Payroll	\$43,063.02
Abstract	\$89,546.32

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the following reports: Planning Board minutes from May and June. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Daluisio to adjourn from the regular meeting and enter into the Public Hearing, 8:05 am.

Public Hearing

- Local Law #1, 2016 Village Code – Board of Ethics.
- Local Law #2, 2016 Village Code – Care and Control of Animals.
- Local Law #7, 2016 Village Code – Subdivision of Land.

CEO Czechowski gave a brief summary of the proposed changes.

Local Law #1; change in date of terms for members from Dec. 31 to March 31 to coincide with organizational meeting and meetings will be held twice a year rather than quarterly.

Local Law #2; proposed changes concerning animal noise nuisance and excrement disposal.

Local Law #7; just clarification on language

Leonard Mioducki, 12915 Broadway – what are they going to do about cats? Mayor Manicki explained that we have it on the books, but we no longer have our own animal control officer. There is a control officer for the Town that handles the village, but he only does dogs. We have kept it on the books in case we hire an animal control officer in the future.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Daluisio to adjourn from the Public Hearing and re-enter into the regular meeting, 8:07 am.

COMMUNICATIONS

Received copy of the resolution from the Town of Alden for municipal certificate of need for certificate for ambulance service, and town board minutes, information from NYCOM for Certificate of Public service award recognition and upcoming fall training school. Notification from Erie County concerning CDBG anticipated loan fund

settlements. Letter to Gordon Panek from CEO Czechowski concerning fence request, notification of unemployment status from NYS Dept. of Labor and Alden Chamber of Commerce newsletter and meeting minutes.

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

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for July 28, 2016

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Green, to complete ambulance inter-fund transfers. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to complete refuse transfers to reserves. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Green, to authorize Greco Trapp as our collecting agent for ambulance collections at a rate of \$165/hr. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Mayor Michael Manicki to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Green, to authorize Mayor Michael Manicki to sign the Supplemental Supply Agreement with the Erie County Water Authority. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to amend budget line, 1.5110.414 CHIPS to \$54,411.76 for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and the accompanying revenue line in the General Fund 1.3501. Amount reflects new available balance from NYS. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize payment of \$1,000 refundable deposit on meter and \$2,000 for installation to the Erie County Water Authority. Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Jeff Bono, LVAC – we are honored to be given the opportunity to serve you.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Superintendent Sitzman – water levels in the wells still dropping. Well #2 is back in service and working well but is at ½ normal level. Contracting with ECWA (Erie County Water Authority) working out connections. Baxter should be complete next week, except for seeding. Mayor Manicki explained that the agreement with ECWA is for 50,000 gallons a day (a little less than 25% of daily usage). The supplement is supporting our wells, because our well levels are down, have been working overtime and need a break. The rain water has to reach the wells, which are 25-30’ deep. It cost more to buy water about \$3600/month, with ECWA waiving the minimum fee. The connection is temporary until the drought alleviates or until November.

CEO Czechowski – received a request from Alden Pet Spa to change artwork on sign. Passed out inspection report of mobile home parks, both parks have been sent a list of requirements to renew license. The licenses expire the end of August, but may need to issue a conditional license. One of the code revisions being addressed at the Public Hearing on Aug. 11, concerns parking in a B-1 district that the Planning Board would like to see revised.

Attorney Trapp – worked on ECWA, LVAC agreements and garbage truck letter. Also list of updates on ambulance collections.

Clerk Wachowiak- NYS Auditor has completed his field work. He will call in a couple of months to review his findings. He has made a few good suggestions for us to implement, a checks and balances system. Erie County DOT informed us Peter's Corner's Road was closed from North Rd to 33 for RR Tracks from July 30-Aug.4. Don't forget the car show is Sunday.

Mayor Manicki – received a note from Chris Gust, President of the Alden Historical Society, looking for guidance on permits and Right of Ways, etc. The society is looking into placing a historical marker on Exchange St. near the Whistle Stop, to note where Mosses Fenno, Alden's first settler resided.

I would like to make several comments in regard to a letter in the Alden Advertiser. First, our water is safe. Per our annual report, our water meets or exceeds all federal standards. It is not septic. Sulfur odor, which is found in many wells in the town is removed at our treatment plant. The sewer plant meets NYS discharge regulations and discharges into Ellicott Creek, not into our aquifer. As to our water tank, even if we had joined the ECWA system a tank would have been required to maintain pressure. In 2007 an engineering study was performed to determine the cost benefit of buying water from ECWA or improving our system. The study found it was far less expensive to continue using the village wells. A copy of the study is available for review at the Village Clerks office. Our water rate remains in the bottom third of municipalities in Erie County. However, if a majority of village residents are willing to pay more for ECWA water the board will consider it.

Due to the current drought our well levels are down. Mandatory use restrictions are in place. To our knowledge this is the first time in the 116 year history of the village water system that such measures have been required. We are requesting an emergency connection to the ECWA system to temporarily supplement our wells. The additional cost of purchasing bulk water from the Authority will have to be covered by our users.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn 8:31 am Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk