

**Approved BOARD MINUTES September 10, 2015**

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Manicki, Trustees Daluisio, Warmus, Retzlaff and Mezydlo, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Sitzman, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Laura Landers, FreedMaxick and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

**MOTION** by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2015 meeting. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated September 10, 2015. Carried

Payroll	\$33,019.84
Abstract	\$2,858,365.43

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following reports for August: CEO, Fire fuel, Treasurer, Court, DPW, E.C. Sheriff. Carried.

Laura Landers, FreedMaxick was present to give a brief summary of the audit for the year ending May 31, 2015. The auditor's rendered an unmodified opinion on the financial status of the Village, meaning there was no obvious discrepancies. The General Fund \$1,682,000. Reserve Fund for capital \$332,000. The village shows a positive fund balance position as of May31, 2015. The yearend showed a small surplus of \$210,000, due to reserves above budgeted amounts and expenditures less, due to cost containment by the board. Refuse us up \$17,000. Sewer is down \$26,000. Water decreased \$36,000. Ambulance up \$10,000. Other than the water fund the village is in good financial position. The board will have to take measures to adjust the water fund.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Two Planning Board member applications were received, PERMA reception in Buffalo Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, solicitation from: Langford testing and consulting, AARP/HomeServe water line insurance options - Supt. Sitzman explained if they are copper water lines it would not be in the resident's best interest. Meeting notices from Alden Chamber of Commerce, Town of Alden, NYS Dept. of Public Service and Association of Erie County Governments. Requests from Alden Substance Abuse Coalition, RBC Wealth portfolio statement, Correspondence: Attorney Trapp, Service Award Program, Erie County Executive Poloncarz concerning CDBG Consortium and pesticide applicator certification course. \$2,726,000 Bond Anticipation Note issuance information from Hawkins, Delafield & Wood 1.25% interest rate, State Comptroller retirement contribution and pension fund information. Memo from Senator Gallivan concerning possible funding for crosswalks, Newsletters from J.O'Connell and Assoc. and E.C. counsel for the prevention of alcohol and substance abuse. NYSIF audit results and a thank you from the Alden Historical Society on our contribution towards their 2 blue ribbons at the fair.

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

**RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:**

**Motions for September 10, 2015**

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to authorize Mayor Manicki's signature to the 2016 Justice Court Assistance Program grant application.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the revised agreement with the town with regards to the Service Award Program, to expire May 31, 2017.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve Supt. Sitzman's request to attend NYCOM Public Works Crew School with 4 DPW staff on October 25-28, in Cooperstown, N.Y. (Budgeted item).

On the question: Trustee Warmus asked if we should name who is going in the motion, Supt. Sitzman - never have in the past.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the Fire/EMS calls from August 22 – Sept. 4, 2015.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to grant Alden Substance Abuse Coalition's request for the following for their National Night Out Event on October 6<sup>th</sup>: close Church St. from 4-7:30 pm, post no parking on North side of Broadway adjacent to the park, use of the Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park on that day with access to electric.

On the question: Trustee Warmus asked, if someone is parked there already, what do you do? Supt. Sitzman, we post early, shouldn't be a problem, and should let Parkside Cupcakes know.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to grant Alden Substance Abuse Coalition's request for the following for their Halloween Spooktacular on October 24<sup>th</sup>: permission to hang a Halloween Spooktacular banner on the gazebo in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from Oct. 1-25; decorate the park from Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>; place a sign in the bandstand park from Oct. 15-25<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve a sign permit for Alden Village Estates, 13535 Broadway, as per submitted application.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Superintendent Sitzman to advertise for bids for the Elm Street Sewer Relining Project.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following resolution:

**FAMILY DAY- *September 28, 2015***

*WHEREAS,* the use of illegal and prescription drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute the greatest threats to the well-being of America's children; and

*WHEREAS,* years of surveys conducted by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University have consistently found that the more often children and teenagers eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink and use illegal drugs; and

*WHEREAS,* frequent family dining is associated with lower rates of teen smoking, drinking, illegal drug use and prescription drug abuse; and

*WHEREAS,* the correlation between frequent family dinners and

reduced risk for teen substance abuse is well documented; and

*WHEREAS*, parents who are engaged in their children's lives -through such activities as frequent family dinners – are less likely to have children who abuse substances; and

*WHEREAS*, family dinners have long constituted a substantial pillar of family life in America.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Mayor Michael Manicki, do hereby proclaim  
Monday, September 28, 2015

**FAMILY DAY -A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR FAMILY.**

Dated- Thursday, September 10, 2015

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Retzlaff – aye  
Trustee Warmus – aye  
Trustee Mezydlo – aye  
Trustee Daluisio – aye  
Mayor Manicki – aye

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Norman Taylor was born in 1922 in Buffalo, New York and graduated from Alden High School where he met his future wife Nancy;

WHEREAS, following his graduation from Alden High School, Norman Taylor joined the United States Army Air Force bravely serving our Country during World War II;

WHEREAS, On Christmas Day 1944 Norman married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Wilson, a marriage that lasted seventy-one happy years until his beloved wife passed away on April 30, 2015;

WHEREAS, Norm worked for thirty-one years as a Corrections Officer at the Erie County Penitentiary;

WHEREAS, over the years Norm and Nancy Taylor became known to all in the Alden Community for their exceptional volunteer work and community service. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor donated many hours of their talents and time at the Erie County Home, playing the piano and signing for the residents. Mrs. Taylor also volunteered for thirty years at the Home, running the gift shop and helping with patient recreation;

WHEREAS, On Sunday mornings, for over sixty years they shared their Faith with the congregation of the Alden Presbyterian Church, and by signing and playing the piano for the congregation;

WHEREAS, in his youth, Norm became a Boy Scout, joining the newly formed Boy Scout Troop 68. Norman became the Troop's very first Eagle Scout. In 1986, Norm formed Boy Scout Troup 82 and served as its Scoutmaster, along his beloved Wife Nancy, as Assistant Leader. Norm was also awarded the prestigious Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award in 1989;

WHEREAS, Norm and Nancy also volunteered for the Ewell Free Library, where Norm served on the Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, Norm was a Member of the Alden Masonic Lodge from 1949 until it the Lodge dissolved some fifty years later;

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were active in the Alden Senior Citizen Program for thirty years; Mr. Taylor serving as President for sixteen years and also serving as the Social Director;

WHEREAS, in 1998 the Alden Chamber of Commerce awarded Norman and Nancy Taylor the Chamber's Distinguished Citizen of the Year award, in recognition of the Taylor's outstanding service to the Alden Community;

WHEREAS, in August, 2015, Erie County Executive, Mark C. Polancarz, named Mr. and Mrs. Taylor as Erie County Seniors of the Month; and

WHEREAS, Norm and Nancy Taylor were an exceptional couple, whose love and devotion for each other and for their community is an inspiration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Alden Village Board hereby declares in the Village of Alden that the month of September, 2015 shall be Norman and Nancy Taylor Month, in recognition of the Taylor's longstanding commitment and dedication to the Village and Town of Alden; and
2. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately

The foregoing Proclamation was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on September, 10, 2015:

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Retzlaff- aye  
Trustee Warmus-aye  
Trustee Mezydlo-aye  
Trustee Daluisio-aye  
Mayor Manicki-aye

**BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:**

**Superintendent Sitzman** – Elm St. sewer project will go to bid 10/6 with construction this fall.

**CEO Czechowski** – requesting a work session after the meeting to discuss Birch Creek Run.

**Attorney Trapp** – looking into the cell tower options with Blue Wireless and others.

Trustee Retzlaff - we have received Planning Board applications. CEO Czechowski will talk with P.B. Chairman Metz and set up interviews. Meetings scheduled for Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve will be rescheduled for the Tuesday prior.

Mayor Manicki – Erie County government is seeing a 1.28% sales increase as of year to date, but the rate is slowly declining.

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to adjourn. 8:03 pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,  
Deputy Village Clerk

