

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Rd., on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. Supervisor Milligan called the Meeting to Order.

PRESENT: Harry Milligan, Supervisor
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman
Ralph Witt, Councilman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sarah Hinsken, Deputy Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Wagner, Highway Superintendent
Debra Crist, Town Clerk
Cindy Baire, GAR Associates Inc.
Brian Pavlock, ORPS
Daniel Warmus, Village Trustee
Mike Manicki, Mayor of Alden
Joe Czechowski, CEO Alden Village
Ted Mezydlo, Village Trustee
Sandy Conrad, Alden Central School
William Sivec, Assessor
Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Chris Snyder, Code Enforcement Officer
Andy Sojka, Parks Supervisor

Cindy Baire, Vice President of GAR Associates Inc., spoke at Monday's meeting to inform the Town Board, members of the Alden Village Board and Alden Central School about the upcoming Reassessment Project. Cindy informed everyone that the new assessments will take effect for School taxes in 2015, County/Town and Village taxes in 2016. GAR's goal for the project is to bring all homes and land from 50% market value to 100% market value. GAR also hopes to reach out to citizens and educate them about the process. There will be a letter going out to all Alden residents on Friday May 2, informing the public of upcoming workshops. These workshops serve the purpose of informational meetings as to how the reassessment process works. There will be a phone number that residents can call anytime they have questions or concerns. Cindy stated the project will be completed in March of 2015.

THE REGULAR WORK SESSION BEGAN AT 7:00 P.M.

1. LOCAL LAW #2- This law is intended to increase the number of Planning Board members. Attorney Strong will call to have a public hearing on May 5. The meeting will take place on May 19, 2014. Attorney Strong will have a Resolution to call a public hearing ready for the Town Board meeting on May 5, 2014.

2. LOCAL LAW #3- This law does not allow non- conforming houses to rebuild after a 50% loss Code 20-37. Attorney Strong suggests sending this matter back to the Planning Board along with a list from CEO Chris Snyder of all the non-conforming houses. Attorney Strong will also touch base with Mike DeWitt from the Planning Board.

3. H.O.P. FOR GINA WAISS- On May 5, 2014 there will be a public hearing for the new H.O.P. Permit for Gina Waiss. The Planning board reviewed it and gave their approval. Jennifer Strong will have a resolution ready on May 5 to approve it. No conditions will be placed on this application permit.

4. BIPPERT SUBDIVISION- Attorney Strong said that no further action will be taken with this subdivision until the legal description and survey is amended.

5. INSURANCE RENEWAL- Councilwoman Riddoch stated that the Town's insurance will need to be renewed by May 1, 2014; therefor she has obtained quotes for insurance. Haylor, Freyer &Coon/ Trident gave us the best quote. Attorney Strong will write a resolution for Mondays Town Board Meeting.

6. H.O.P. RENEWALS- Paulette Morris is requesting renewal of her existing H.O.P. to operate a craft store in which she sells crafts out of her garage residing at 260 Sullivan Rd. in Alden. Attorney Strong went over all criteria for renewal of her H.O.P with CEO Chris Snyder, and was found to be compliant with the Town code. Motion to approve this H.O.P will be at the next Town Board meeting. Edwin Knoblauch residing at 3499 Townline is requesting renewal of his existing H.O.P. in Alden, where he makes dental crowns/caps. Attorney Strong went over all criteria for the renewal process and his H.O.P was found to be in compliance. Motion to approve this H.O.P will be at the next Town Board meeting.

7. HIGHWAY DEPT. PART-TIME SUMMER HELP -Gary Wagner requested permission from the Town Board to run an ad in The Alden Advertiser requesting any persons interested in working for the Highway Department part-time, seasonal. The Town Board agreed and an ad will be run.

8. LASER LEVEL- Gary Wagner is in need of a laser level. He got three quotes for levels; Supervisor Milligan stated he does not have funds in his budget to buy it. Gary Wagner will look into his budget and get back to the Board. At this time no further action will be taken.

9. SHARED SERVICES- Gary Wagner inquired specifics regarding the Shared Agreement Policy between outside towns and sharing equipment/operators. Gary wants to make sure there is insurance coverage when outside operators use our equipment/vice versa. Attorney Strong said that we are covered in all aspects but she will double check the agreement and get back to Gary Wagner.

Jennifer Strong- Two matters of litigation will be taken to exc. Session. Small business resolution will be ready for next Town Board meeting.

Councilwoman Riddoch- Andy will take truck in to Twin Village; they will take care of it. Councilwoman Riddoch will have a motion for Municipal Clerk Week for the next Town Board meeting. St. John's Youth request for use of band shell on Sunday, June 8, 2014, Councilwoman Riddoch will make the motion for the next Town Board meeting. Councilwoman Riddoch received an invitation from the Sunshine Club opening, Councilwoman Riddoch said she will attend. Councilwoman gave the Board members two quotes for port-a- johns for the parks. We will be going with Creekside because their bid was the lowest. DOT contacted Councilwoman Riddoch and has agreed to lower speed limit on North Rd. Councilwoman Riddoch was approached by resident Michael Zosh who would like use of the town baseball diamonds; Andy Sojka stated that there are no days available.

Andy Sojka- Andy is looking for any information on the playground that was vandalized for insurance purposes. Councilwoman Riddoch suggested getting in touch with Alden Pools; maybe they have records or could give us a replacement value. Andy said it may be a possibility to use some parts of the playground that are still in good shape to fix parts that were vandalized, thus eliminating one side of the playground but keeping the slide. Andy would like permission to buy a metal detector; they are used to find markers in the fields.

Mike Metzger- Regarding Exchange/ Zoeller Rd water project will be out to bid by August, starting construction by October and the project will be finished by the the end of the year as planned.

Supervisor Milligan- Inquired about Court Clerks day, Attorney Strong will research and get back to him.

At 8:20 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn the Work Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with the Town Board and Town Attorney. Councilman Witt seconded the Motion.

CARRIED

Ayes 3- Milligan, Riddoch, Witt
Nays 0

At 9:15 Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn for the Executive Session and adjourn the Work Session with no action taken. Councilwoman Riddoch Seconded the Motion.

CARRIED

Ayes 3- Milligan, Riddoch, Witt
Nays 0

CC: TB, ATTY. PARK SUPV. & EMERG. MGT.