

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Supervisor Milligan called the Meeting to Order.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Weber, Deputy Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Gary Wagner, Highway Superintendent
Leonard Weglarski, Dog Control Officer
Chris Snyder, CEO
Andy Sojka, Parks Superintendent
Ronald Snyder, NEST Coordinator

1. Alden Hook & Ladder Liquor Permits-Jennifer Strong will prepare a motion to approve the dates for the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co.'s temporary beer and wine permits for the Dollars for Scholars, Summer Carnival and the Alden Car Show. Debra Crist will be sending a formal letter to the State to approve it.

2. Alden Youth Baseball- Supervisor Milligan talked about Alden Youth Baseball's request to use the Alden Community Center for the second Monday of each month. He is waiting to hear if the dates are available first. The Baseball League would like to use the Town of Alden baseball fields for a tournament for dates that will conflict with the Alden Car Show.

3. Signage for Skating Rink- Mary Riddoch talked about updating the "assumption of risk" sign for the Town skating rink. Gary Wagner will have a sign made up.

4. Secretary for Building Inspector- Chris Snyder talked about the new part time secretary position for his department. The Town Board members would like the scheduling for the new part time clerks to cover the hours of the day and to overlap the time when the building inspector is out of the building. Supervisor Milligan would like everybody informed of when an employee will not be into work or coming in late. The Town Clerk will be the coordinator of whether an employee will be late for work or absent for the day.

5. Jennifer Ross H.O.P.-Chris Snyder said that there is no problem in renewing the H.O.P.. Attorney Strong will prepare a motion to approve at the next Board meeting.

6. H.O.P. Draft- Attorney Strong discussed the latest revisions to the H.O.P. law. This latest copy will go to the Planning Board and if they don't have any objections the next step would be to call a public hearing. This new law will now be called Local Law #1 of 2015. Attorney Strong will have a resolution calling a public hearing, ready for Tuesday's Town Board meeting.

7. Sale of old Senior Van- Attorney Strong discussed the options for the sale of the old Senior Van. We will be posting the van for sale on Auction International for 2 weeks, if not sold then it will go to Erie County auction in the spring.

8. Tax Exemption Law- Attorney Strong mentioned that the Planning Board will be reviewing the Tax Exempt law. Providing that the Planning Board is ok with the Tax Law, Attorney Strong will have a resolution calling a public hearing, ready for Tuesday's Town Board meeting.

9. Old Three Rod Rd. Sale- Attorney Strong discussed the matter of a residents' interest in purchasing land including the Old Three Rod Rd.

10. Pay Equity Certification- The Erie County executive requires all Town and Villages in Erie County to certify that they do not pay their female employees less than they pay the male employees.

11. SPCA Contract- Attorney Strong talked about the SPCA contract renewal. This contract will automatically renew every year but both parties have the option of a 30 day notice to cancel the contract. Attorney Strong will prepare a resolution for the Town Board meeting.

12. Broadway Demolition- Attorney Strong said that we have had our public hearing already and the Town now has the legal right to demolish the building. The cost of demolishing will be over \$20,000 and because it is not a true emergency we need to get bids to do that. Chris Snyder will put together bid specs ready for the next Town Board meeting.

13. Alden Historical Society Request- The Historical Society would like to use the Community Center one day a month for the 2015 year. Mary Riddoch will prepare a motion to approve at the Town Board meeting.

Ronald Snyder, the NEST coordinator made a presentation regarding electronic recycling and reuse.

Attorney Strong mentioned that she will prepare a resolution to approve the new Hoffman H.O.P. at Tuesday's Town Board meeting.

Mary Riddoch discussed the minimum wage increase and how this affects the Towns minimum wage workers. She also discussed the street light outage with Gary Wagner; she will call NYSEG again and see why they haven't been replaced yet.

Andy Sojka mentioned that the ice rink light timer needs to be replaced. Supervisor Milligan would like a set of keys to the Parks shop. Attorney Strong asked if we have a list of people who have keys to the Community Center. Andy discussed the Town Park speed limit. Anybody who gets a ticket in the Town Park needs to come to the Town Court not the Village Court. Attorney Strong will send a letter to the

local police departments in regards to this matter. Andy will be doing some work on the outside bathrooms at the back of the Community Center including paint and hot water in the bathrooms. The bids for the work on the Community Center will be going out soon so we will be able to get the work done as soon as the weather allows.

Mary Riddoch discussed the upcoming Alden Winter Fest.

Mike Metzger discussed the Exchange/Zoeller Rd. water district. He also discussed the Highway department building and the repairs that are needed following the snow storm damage to the roof.

Gary Wagner mentioned the problems connecting to the internet on the Town Highway Building computer. He also talked about removing the fallen trees in Cayuga Creek near the Four Rod Rd. Bridge.

Ralph Witt- "I got a call from a Planning Board member today asking me to remind you (Chris Snyder- CEO to bring all the permits and licenses and everything that has to do with Mark Moore's place, bring it to the Planning Board meeting tomorrow."

Chris Snyder- "Why does the Planning Board need to see those?"

Ralph-"They asked me to bring it..."

Chris- "Well they'll get it... when I get it. Until then....."

Ralph Witt discussed the Assessor clerks' desk position and why it is not in the Assessors' office.

Supervisor Milligan discussed the need for a new phone line for the Assessors' clerk and one for the court clerks' office. He asked Gary Wagner to contact Sue Barnes regarding help with FEMA. He discussed late fees for the Water Authority and the possibility that they will send us a yearly bill instead. The State Police has asked him if the Town would paint the walls of the new State Police office but Attorney Strong mentioned that we cannot do this for a building that we don't own.

At 8:28 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the regular work session and enter into an executive session about a matter of litigation with the Town Board and the Town Attorney. Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to a Roll Call vote on January 12, 2015 and it was

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

At 8:33 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the Executive Session, with no action taken and enter back into the Regular Work Session. Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to a Roll Call vote on January 12, 2015 and was

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting at 8:34 P.M.

Barbara Weber - DTC

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