

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Rd. on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:00 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:

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney  
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer  
Gary Wagner, Highway Superintendent  
Chris Snyder, Code Enforcement Officer  
Leonard Weglarski, Dog Control Officer  
Andy Sojka, Parks Superintendent

**1.H.O.P. RENEWAL FOR SHARON JORDAN-PARKER-** Councilman Witt voiced a concern to Ms. Jordan-Parker's H.O.P. in regards to her sale of retail gifts in her store that were originally not listed on her application. The Board agreed to approve this H.O.P. but limit the sale of goods in which are only home-made crafts by Ms. Jordan-Parker, and also with changes to her sign to limit just the name of her shop and no mention as to what the shop sells. Attorney Strong will have a resolution ready for Monday's Board Meeting to approve the renewal of this H.O.P.

**2. LOCAL LAW #3-** This law deals with non-conforming houses to be rebuilt after 50% or more is lost in an accident. There was a discussion on the Public Hearing and Adoption.

**3. FIRE CONTRACTS-** Public hearing will be held on Monday during the Town Board Meeting. Attorney Strong will have the resolution ready to be signed at the Town Board Meeting. If there is a question raised, the resolution can be tabled.

**4. STORM RECEIVER BY COMMUNITY CENTER-** There are needed repairs to be made to a storm receiver by the Alden Community Center. The riser is deteriorated, needs a new grate to be set on top. Gary Wagner will get together with Andy Sojka on Tuesday and get the matter resolved.

**5.STONE FOR YELLOW BATHROOM-** Parks Department is requesting approval to put a composite stone five feet up on the park bathroom and finish the top with hardy board siding. The Parks Dept. would like to start the project this year with the goal of finishing one side of the bathroom. Supervisor Milligan added he would like a coat of yellow paint put on the one side of the bathroom before the Alden Car Show.

**6. ROOFING FOR DUGOUTS-** The baseball teams would like to get covers for the dugouts. Metal covers would be \$200 per dugout, 6 total to do. Andy would like to finish a few this year and finish the rest next year. Baseball players are willing to have a fundraiser to cover some of the costs.

**7. SNYDER SUB-DIVISION-** Chris Snyder is sub-dividing a lot off his property on Crittenden Road, 3.65 acres off of 44 acres. The Planning Board reviewed this matter and has recommended it for approval. Attorney Strong will have the Lead Agency Resolution ready for Monday's Town Board Meeting.

**8. CAYUGA CREEK-** Gary Wagner met with Soil & Conservation to go over plans to remove the island in the middle of the creek that is contributing to the ice jams. Soil & Conservation is obtaining all permits needed to complete this job.

**9. THREE ROD BRIDGE EROSION-** After speaking with Soil & Conservation, Gary feels the Town Board needs to write a letter to Erie County, stating the importance of addressing the erosion on Three Rod Rd. Gary will get a format from them in regards to what they want the letter to say.

**10. ROAD PAVING/CRACK FILLING-** Gary Wagner asked Supervisor Milligan to see if he doesn't get to some of the paving this year can funds that were allotted are carried over to next year. Also he would like to know why there is no crack filling in Alden; he feels there is a need for it. Gary Wagner said he won't get to all paving this year because there are drainage issues that need to be addressed first before he paves the road.

**11. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S PHONE-** Executive Session.

**12. PART TIME SUMMER HELP-** Executive Session.

**13. CULVERT ON SULLIVAN RD. -** The Highway Dept. is looking to refurbish it. Cost is basically the same to go with metal or to go with concrete. Gary feels metal is the better way to go because of the difference with weight. He also wants to pursue an easement on the Weber property.

**14. LOCAL LAW #4-** The Planning Board reviewed the changes to be made to the new H.O.P. Code and made some comments. Most comments were in regards to retail that would be sold and definitions to stock and trade. The Planning Board would like the Town Board to review their comments and get back to them. Supervisor Milligan suggested holding a special work session and inviting the planning board members to attend so everyone could get on the same page. Supervisor Milligan will look into it.

**Jennifer Strong-** Would like the County to mow the sides of the roads in Alden, she feels it's a safety concern. Gary Wagner stated he has seen the County out mowing.

**Mike Metzger-** Zoeller water project will break ground in the fall. Erie County Water Authority is reviewing plans after Metzger Engineering has modified them to include changes they wanted made.

**Leonard Weglarski-** Would like the Board to look into conducting a dog census in Alden. Supervisor Milligan will look into it.

**Andy Sojka-** Andy wanted to make the Town Board aware of the increase of the Parks Department work load. House soccer started July 12, 2014 which has approx. 400 kids. Right now the Parks Department takes care of 6 soccer fields and will need to make and maintain another four fields.

**Mary Riddoch-** Joyce Eastland received a call from the Sunshine Club wanting to set up a day to use the senior van once a month to take members shopping and out to lunch. Mary will keep in contact with her.

**Councilman Witt-** Would like the Town Hall Landscaping addressed. Andy will address the weed situation this week.

**Supervisor Milligan-** Attorney Strong will write a Proclamation for the Town Board Meeting on Monday in regards to Punkin the Clown, for international Clown week, August 1-7. Attorney Strong will have the Clown resolution ready for Monday's meeting.

Supervisor Milligan will get together with the Mayor of the Village of Alden to try and combine services between the Town and Village.

Sgt. Gornowicz will have the Alden Post Office named in his honor. It was passed in Congress; however, it has yet to be passed in the senate. Once passed and signed by the President, the Post Office General will have a plaque made and festivities will be planned.

At 8:16 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the regular Work Session and enter into an executive session regarding Highway Department personnel matters with the Town Board, the Town Attorney and the Highway Superintendent; Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to a roll Call vote on July 14, 2014 and it was

**CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

At 8:37 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the Executive Session, with no action taken and enter back into the Regular Work Session. Councilman Witt seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to a Roll Call vote on July 14, 2014.

**CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting at 8:37 P.m.

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Sarah Hinsken- Deputy Town Clerk

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