

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Tuesday, June 9, 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: Barbara Weber, Deputy Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Gary Wagner, Highway Superintendent
Leonard Weglarski, Dog Control Officer
Andy Sojka, Parks Superintendent

1. HOP/Law Changes- Attorney Strong is working on drafting a new HOP law. She is looking for some comments and input from the Town Board in regards to revising the law. These new changes will be given to the Town Planning Board for their review.

2. Dave Kocher & Mark Kerl/ Baseball- Mr. Kocher and Mr. Kerl are concerned about the conditions of number one and two baseball fields at the Robert O Smith Park. Parks Supervisor Andy Sojka said that the time to work on the baseball fields would be in the fall but he doesn't have the man power to do it in the fall. The hard ball diamond is in great shape and the next field to be worked on would be the number one diamond field. Mary Riddoch has put an ad in the Alden Advertiser for part time summer help for the Parks Department but has not received any responses yet. Mr. Kocher and Mr. Kerl asked if we could utilize volunteers for field maintenance.

3. Men's Softball Request- Mr. Zosh asked if his request for the use of the baseball diamonds for a baseball tournament was approved. Mary Riddoch said that it will get approved at the next Town Board meeting.

4. Driveway Permits- Highway Superintendent Gary Wagner said that he would like to handle the driveway permits. Gary would give them a list of what they need and the application permits. The property owner would then fill out the application permit and bring a check and the application to the Code Enforcement Officer Chris Snyder.

5. Policy Review-Attorney Strong said that the Governor of New York State said that the Town of Alden has to renew our ethics policy, investment policy, work place violence prevention policy and sexual harassment policy, which is in our personnel handbook. Attorney Strong pulled the current State Laws and went over our policy. Attorney Strong has reviewed all the policies and we are in compliance.

6. Time Warner Takeover-Supervisor Milligan said that he has received a letter from New York State Department of Public Service stating that Time Warner is transferring all its subsidiaries and assets in New York to Comcast. Attorney Strong said that we just renewed our franchise contract with Time Warner which will be transferred to Comcast.

7. Water District- Town Engineer Mike Metzger reported on the progress of the Exchange St. water district. He said that the soil boring data looks good and he has received the D.E.C. approval. He is still waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers, the Water Authority and the Health Department's approval. Mike sent a letter out to an Exchange St. property owner regarding an easement that is needed to proceed with the project.

8. Fireworks for Alden Hook & Ladder Carnival- Councilwoman Mary Riddoch asked about the status of approving a voucher before the event to help pay for the purchase of the fireworks for the Alden Fire Company's Carnival. Attorney Strong mentioned that we have a resolution regarding approval of the purchase of the fireworks for the carnival. Attorney Strong has all the insurance papers for the Fireman's Carnival.

9. Men's Softball Request- Councilwoman Riddoch will make motion for approval for the request of the baseball diamonds for the Men's Softball Tournament on August 2 and August 23, 2014.

10. Art Club Request- Councilwoman Riddoch had a request from the Alden Art Club for the use of the Community Center for their monthly meetings during the 2015 season. She will put a motion of approval on the next meeting.

11. Playground Equipment for R.O.S. Park- Councilwoman Riddoch received a check from the damaged playground at the Park. Alden Pools and Play will be removing and replacing the vandalized playground.

12. Seasonal Part-Time Help/ Highway- Highway Superintendent Wagner said that are issues that are in the contract that need refining regarding clarification of hours and vacation time with how they can use them.

Attorney Strong is still waiting on a copy of the agenda and a copy of insurance for the Marilla Car Show in Alden.

Attorney Strong is waiting for a copy of the amended survey for the Bippert subdivision. Attorney Strong has the legal description and has the Planning Board approval. It will now be referred to the Town Board for approval.

Highway Superintendent Wagner has the camera coming in for the project on Boncliff. There is a sign on North Millgrove that needs replacing because of wear.

Supervisor Milligan discussed a property owners concerns regarding being denied a pond permit because it is too close to property lines. At this time the pond would need to be 150 feet from a property line.

Town Engineer Mike Metzger has drafted a letter to Senator Gallivan regarding the drainage problem behind the Wende Correctional facility.

Councilman Witt went to see a drainage situation on Exchange St. and he went after the heavy rains and the property was dry. Councilman Witt questioned Gary Wagner what he does with the crushed glass that was ordered. Gary Wagner stated that they use it for sandblasting.

Supervisor Milligan and Attorney Strong are meeting with the Fire Companies on June 17th regarding the next contract with them.

The concrete structure on the bridge on Pohl road is deteriorating and Gary Wagner will take a look at it.

Supervisor Milligan stated that Erie County Prison has planted flowers at our Town Hall.

Supervisor Milligan said that he has discussed the status of the Erie County Home and Infirmary with the Erie County Legislator and they appear to want to take it down.

At 8:21 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the regular work session and enter into an executive session about Highway employees contract negotiations and a personnel matter 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 June 9, 2014 and it was

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

At 8:36 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 June 9, 2014 and was

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Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Barbara Weber - DTC

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