

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Debra Crist, Town Clerk
Chris Snyder, Building Inspector
Gary Wagner, Highway Supt.
Dan Moultrup, Recreation Director

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Ertel

1. ALDEN SOCCER CLUB USE OF ROBERT O. SMITH PARK FIELDS:

Councilwoman Riddoch received a written request for use of Robert O. Smith Park for a soccer tournament supported by the Alden Soccer Club, to be held Memorial Weekend 2015. Megan Yoerg was in attendance to make the presentation and answer questions. Many issues were discussed including scheduling with baseball league, insurance, medical waivers, use of concession stands, lining of fields, color and cost of striping paint and manpower (labor) to do the striping. Board tentatively approved pending receipt of additional details which are needed before making a motion or resolution at Monday's board meeting.

2. H.O.P. RENEWAL MARY WOJNAR:

C.E.O. Snyder reported that he has conducted his inspection of florist business and nothing has changed from the original approved Home Occupation Permit. Councilman Witt also visited the site. The Board had no objections to renewing the H.O.P. for another year and directed Attorney Strong to prepare a motion to approve for next Board Meeting.

(Councilman Witt spoke with Mike Boling regarding proper accountability in the soccer program. He will meet with Mike next week to go over their budget/bookkeeping.)

3. ALTERNATIVE CARE SERVICES USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER:

7. DRUG FREE COALITION REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY CENTER:

There was a scheduling conflict between Alternative Care Services and the Drug Free Coalition for use of the Community Center for single-use events. Councilwoman Riddoch worked with both agencies and arranged satisfactory dates for use of the Center. The Board had no issues with approval of this new schedule.

6. FLOWER POTS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER:

Councilwoman Riddoch informed the Board of Betty Kegler's request to place large flower pots near the doors of the Community Center and voiced her concern regarding what impact this might have on our senior citizens and safe walking. She will contact Betty Kegler to get more information and work something out.

4. PERSONNEL POLICY:

Councilwoman Riddoch asked the board to consider a possible change to the personnel policy with regard to implementing a waiting period of 90 days before new employees are eligible for health insurance.

5. TIME CLOCK:

Councilwoman Riddoch asked the board to consider a possible change to using a time clock to replace the use of written time sheets.

8. VILLAGE OF ALDEN / DOGS:

Village Mayor Manicki has suggested that the Town and Village Code provisions regarding dog nuisances/barking be amended to be identical, making enforcement by the Animal Control Officer easier. Attorney Strong stated that D.C.O. Weglarski is only responsible for enforcing the state provisions regarding licensing and stray/loose dogs in the Village. He is not a Village employee and is not responsible for enforcing any noise/barking village ordinance. Supervisor Milligan will talk with Mayor Manicki.

9. JENNIFER & COLLEEN SCHOOL REQUEST:

Attorney Strong and Colleen Rogers have requested permission to attend the 2014 Personnel School to be held at the Buffalo Marriott Niagara on Friday, November 14, 2014. No objections were noted.

10. LOCAL LAW #4 / H.O.P.:

Supervisor Milligan voiced his opinion that he would like to see the regulations regarding H.O.P.'s be less restrictive. Each board member mentioned various items that should be important when allowing a H.O.P. Attorney Strong initiated discussion regarding clarification on the size regulations. It was decided that it should be 25% of one floor of the house, or up to 800 square feet of an accessory building. Discussion also covered such items as a sunset provision (how much time allowed to come into compliance with new regulations), penalty for non-renewal, stock in trade and sign regulations. Jennifer will prepare another draft for Monday.

11. SUN KING CONTRACT:

SunKing cancelled our contract as of November 7th, 2014. There will be one more final pickup.

12. GUARD RAIL / POHL AND SULLIVAN ROAD:

Hgwy. Supt. Gary Wagner presented information and requested clarification regarding the difference between state or county bid and the need to obtain multiple quotes for a job. Discussion attempted to clarify the process and Attorney Strong took this opportunity to remind the board members that any paperwork regarding pricing quotes or bids needs to be submitted to the Town Clerk by noon on Thursday, for posting on the town website. Gary will need to obtain more information.

13. PARK SPEED LIMIT SIGNS:

Signs have been installed in the park and Sheriff has been notified.

14. LEAF COLLECTION:

Hgwy. Supt. Wagner asked for clarification of town policy regarding leaf pickup. Bagged leaves are picked up with regular garbage collection and by the highway department as a courtesy when time permits.

15. PARK DRAIN FROM HIGHWAY YARD:

Hgwy. Supt. Wagner informed the board that there is an accumulation of water in the highway yard due to a plugged drain that involves the park ball diamonds. He feels it needs to be dug up and fixed now so that the ball diamonds will be ready for the spring.

16. CARY ROAD SHOULDER ISSUE:

Hgwy. Supt. Wagner is not happy with the gas line repair on Cary Road and explained his reasons and observations. He feels the town should go on record with National Fuel regarding this situation in case of problems in the future. Supt. Milligan will not sign release until he speaks with National Fuel.

17. OLD WENDE TURN AROUND:

Hgwy. Supt. Wagner is still waiting for information on approval of the turnaround at the end of Old Wende Road. They need at least a three point turn for the plows and school buses.

18. SNOW PLOW PARTS:

Hgwy. Supt. Wagner presented pricing quotes for various snow plow parts that are needed. Discussion resulted clarifying the process of purchasing the package as opposed to the separate items

* Attorney Strong: -informed the board that Halloween Trick or Treat hours need to be set. A motion will be made on Monday setting October 31st, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
-bids were opened Friday for Senior Van. Only Gorman Enterprises submitted a bid. Discussion was had regarding the process of obtaining the van and the grant moneys. Attorney Strong will prepare a resolution for Monday.
- reported that Mike Metzger is still waiting on the water district for Erie County D.P.W. to approve the plans. He suggested that we authorize the bids at Monday’s meeting.

*Councilwoman Riddoch reported that - school artwork will be delivered around the 1st of the month.
- received a request from Highland Glens for use of the Community Center. Request will be denied as they are not county residents.
- inquired about status of search for a new ZBA Chairman. Was informed that Richard Savage will fill the remainder of Chairman Alessi’s term (to the end of this year).

*Town Clerk Crist asked if the budget was set as is. If any changes, she needs information before the Public Hearing.

*Supervisor Milligan:
-questioned and initiated discussion regarding filling the next Planning Board seat in 2015. He would like to see the Chamber of Commerce involved. An agricultural member must also be on the board.
-questioned and initiated discussion regarding zoning on Broadway. Consensus was it would make sense that all of Broadway should be zoned “ Residential/Commercial”. Discussion regarding the confusing zoning designations led to realizing again the necessity of updating our code book.

*Chris Snyder reported that he has obtained one price for the south door replacement.

At 9:05 PM Councilman Witt moved to adjourn from the regular work session and enter into an executive session regarding a matter of personnel, with the Town Board, Town Attorney, and Highway Superintendent.
Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the motion. The motion was put to a roll call vote and it was

CARRIED
Ayes 3 – Milligan, Riddoch & Witt
Nays 0

At 9:24 PM 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 and it was

CARRIED
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Nays 0

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM


