

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, October 27, 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  
Chris Snyder, CEO

- 1. Cooker Dan's Liquor License** - The Town Board will have a waiver of the thirty days waiting period for his liquor license ready to be approved at the next Town Board meeting on Monday.
- 2. Weber Property- Chris Snyder** has informed Jennifer Strong that the building is more than fifty percent damaged, and not able to be corrected. He would like the Board to start taking steps to tear down the building. Chris Snyder will be sending the building owner a new notice that he has thirty days to repair or we start the demolition.
- 3. Local Law #3-** We will be having a public hearing this coming Monday. We will be waiting until Nov. 17 to have a resolution ready to approve.
- 4. Local Law #4-** Jennifer Strong said the revised changes to the H.O.P. law would give Chris Snyder more judgment and enforcing ability. Jennifer suggested that a new subdivision may go quicker if Chris Snyder could process the application and send it right to the Planning Board first to expedite the process. The new language for the H.O.P. law would state that it not take effect until 2016 for current H.O.P.'s. The law would take effect on January 1, 2015 for new H.O.P.'s. The Town Board will make a motion to refer the latest revised H.O.P. law to the Planning Board, which will meet on November 11.
- 5. Beyer/Hinsken H.O.P.** - We had the public hearing for the new H.O.P.'s and the Town Board will make a motion to approve these new H.O.P.'s at the next Town Board meeting.
- 6. Budget-** Colleen Rogers reported to Jennifer that we have been certified under the cap. Jennifer Strong said that we are ready to adopt our regular and special groups' budget. She will have a motion to approve at the Town Board meeting.
- 7. CDBG Grant-** There was a discussion regarding the grant and no action was taken.

**8. Proposed Subdivision Uebelhoer Rd.** - Chris Snyder said that an owner wants to split a parcel into two lots.

**9. Zoning/Walden between Townline & Zoeller Rd.** - Ralph Witt is concerned with the zoning on Walden Ave. between Zoeller Rd. and L&M Stone and how unsightly it looks. He wants everything put behind fences and out of sight. Supervisor Milligan asked Chris Snyder to take a look and see what he thinks about the properties.

**10. Dog Law-** Mary Riddoch asked why we have to change our law? Why can't the village change their law to go with ours on the books? Jennifer Strong said that the village would have to hire their own dog control officer, enter into an inter municipality agreement with the Town or hire Lenny Weglarski independently to enforce the dog barking law. It was brought up that why can't the village CEO enforce the dog barking. Supervisor Milligan is still waiting on the village to get back to him on their thoughts on the matter.

**11. CSX Agreement/ Old Wende Rd.** - Gary Wagner said that there is no room for a turn around to plow or for the buses to turn around. Gary would like a one year lease on the end of Old Wende Rd. to allow him to put a couple loads of stone there to allow room for a turn around. This would be for just for this winter until we can come up with a better proposal. Jennifer Strong asked if there is a highway appropriation file for this turn around. Supervisor Milligan asked Gary if he could get ahold of someone from the railroad and see if we can get a turnaround for just this winter and Jennifer will look into the legal long term solution.

**12. Guard Rails/ Sullivan & Pohl Rds.** - Gary Wagner said that he has some pricing regarding guard rails on Sullivan road and the first crossing on Pohl road.

**13. Leaf Pick Up-** Gary Wagner will be putting an ad in the Alden Advertiser this week regarding the Highway Department picking up the bags of leaves. His crew will be making one round to pick up bagged leaves which will need to be in clear plastic bags. Any bagged leaves at the street after his crew picks them up will be the responsibility of Modern Disposal.

**14. Plow Parts-** Gary has numerous prices regarding plow parts that he needs.

**15. Gas Company/Cary Rd.** - Gary Wagner is concerned about the position of the gas line that was put within close to one foot of the blacktop. He does not know how much of the undermining of the road was done. If there becomes a problem of a loose shoulder, is the Gas Company responsible for repairing it? Attorney Strong questioned if there is a right of way with a public utility.

**16. Street Lights/Kristoria & Lavendar Lane-** Gary Wagner mentioned that there are two light bulbs out on Kristoria and Lavendar Lane. The Town owns the poles but Mary Riddoch will look into who is responsible for the light bulbs. Gary will make a list of all the bulbs that are out in the Town and will notify NYSEG.

**17. County Email Issues-** Gary Wagner said that his email is too full and he cannot send out emails because of it. Attorney Strong mentioned that the County only gives all of us only so much space in our

emails. It was suggested to Gary that to make more room on his email, he should move some of his pictures and files on his email onto his hard drive.

**18. Property Tax Exceptions-** With the Town implementing a full value revaluation in 2015, our assessment level is going to increase from 47.5% to 100%. The Town Board will consider adjusting the limits of Senior Citizen and Alternate Veterans property tax exemptions. To increase the income scale base for property tax exemptions Attorney Strong will look into whether a local law needs to be made or if it can be done by resolution. This would need to be done before March 2015 to take effect for the property taxes in 2016.

Attorney Strong said that Sinking has given us a new proposal regarding e-waste. We will wait a few weeks to see if we have a better option of e-waste. She discussed the easement on Exchange Street. She will have a motion to renew the H.O.P. for Dennis Davern for Monday's Town Board meeting.

Mary Riddoch said that the land that was given to the Town near the Town Park is wanted for a dog park by some residents. The Town is not ready to proceed with this at this time.

Mike Metzger discussed the Exchange Street water district progress. He will adapt a Lateral Restrictions Policy and Hardship Exception Policy after the water line is put in.

Ralph Witt said that the Republican Committee would like to use the Community Center on the first Wednesday of the month for the 2015 year. There will be a motion to approve at the next Town Board meeting. A resident asked Ralph if the Town can take down the "no turn on red" sign at Broadway and Townline road, now that the bar/restaurant that was on the corner has been taken down.

Supervisor Milligan said that Christmas in the Park will be on December 6, 2014.

At 8:43 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the regular work session and enter into an executive session about a personnel matter with the Town Board, Highway Superintendent and the Town Attorney. Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to a Roll Call vote on October 27, 2014 and it was

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

At 8:59 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 October 27, 2014 and was

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting at 8:59 P.M.

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Barbara Weber - DTC

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