

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, September 8, 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
Colleen Rogers, Budget Officer
Gary Wagner, Highway Superintendent
Leonard Weglarski, Dog Control Officer
Andy Sojka, Parks Superintendent
Chris Snyder, CEO

1. H.O.P. LAW- Attorney Strong asked the State for their opinion on our H.O.P. laws. She has received a booklet of recommendations regarding our H.O.P. laws. The State’s opinion on the grandfathering issue is that the permit is issued for one year. The grandfathering applies to zoning not the permits. The State reports that as the yearly permits expire they would be subject to any new H.O.P. laws. The State suggests that we should look at the zoning code in what we allow in a zoning classification in addition to any new H.O.P. laws. The planning board will be looking at Local Law #3 on Tuesday regarding the revised changes.

2. Community Center Bids- Parks Superintendent Andy Sojka said that because of the grant process that we are going through and with the stipulations that we have to follow regarding posting the bids in the minority papers and the weather turning soon that we have decided to wait till next spring. The grant will still be available next spring. We would proceed with separate bids for the project. The first one would be for the general construction and the second one would be for the paving. We have to officially withdraw the original bid that was posted in the paper.

3. Budget- We can only raise the budget by the 1.56% cap and the problem is that we have to include the Zoeller/Exchange water district in this budget. We have received a tax relief grant from the State which will help pay for the new water district this year. The bond we have received is for 30 years.

4. Zoeller/Exchange water- Mike Metzger is waiting on a couple of small permits, one being from Erie County. We are waiting to hear from the D.P.W. to see if it is ok to move the water line on Zoeller road closer to the black top rather than trim under some large trees which may damage them. Mike Metzger will be sending out letters to the water district homes in which the home owners can tie in at a special rate during a certain time period to the water line while they are running the water line in on the street.

5. Meals on Wheels- If Meals on Wheels submit their 2013 budget, then we can approve the check that the Town gives the program.

6. Crittenden Vol. Fire Members- There are two new people who are applying to be members. Only one person has all the information needed to proceed so the Town Attorney will have a motion to approve this person at the next Town Board meeting.

7. Senior van bids- The bids must be published for two weeks in four minority resource centers prior to the bid opening. The bid will also be printed in the Alden Advertiser. Attorney Strong will have a motion to authorize to go out to bid for the senior van at the next Board meeting. The van must be purchased and delivered before December 31, 2014 to be able to receive our grant for the van.

Attorney Strong asked if the County is mowing the weeds along the roads. Gary Wagner stated that he has contacted them and they only have one person to mow. He hopes that they will be mowing in our area soon. Attorney Strong said that our Lancaster Fire Dispatch contract will need to be renewed soon.

Councilwoman Riddoch said that our port a johns have been picked up that were used at the summer soccer and baseball fields. The port a johns are in use from May till August.

Colleen Rogers said that she has received all four financials and fire department contracts in so we are in compliance.

Chris Snyder reported on the progress at the Weber property on Broadway. He stated that he has received court summons for long grass, having vehicles without having a license, and the missed appointment to inspect the vehicles that are in his building to check to see if they are up to code. The H.O.P. renewal for Mr. Miller for his blinds cleaning service will brought up for a motion to approve at the next Town Board meeting.

Gary Wagner said that the Conservation hearing for the creek work was cancelled and will be rescheduled. He is about 1/3 of the way through the work on Sullivan Rd. The work on the grades and old growth is done on Townline Rd.

Supervisor Milligan asked about making a resolution to transfer the monies for the attorney fees for the Highway Dept. which needs to be done before the end of the year. He also mentioned a letter from Hearts and Hands; they are having a volunteer recognition picnic at the Alden Town Park.

At 7:40 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 and the Town Attorney. Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to a Roll Call vote on September 8, 2014 and it was

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt
Nays 0

At 7:58 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 September 8, 2014 and was

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt
Nays 0

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting at 7:58 P.M.

Barbara Weber - DTC

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