

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Supervisor Milligan called the Meeting to Order.

PRESENT: Harry Milligan, Supervisor
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Ralph Witt, Councilman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Weber, DTC

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Gary Wagner, Highway Superintendent
Len Weglarski, DCO
Andy Sojka, Park Superintendent

1. MODERN RECYCLING- Crittenden Fire Hall is paying for a garbage fee and they have a dumpster but they would like to recycle instead. The Town has given them a recycling bin. Modern Recycling would charge the Town of Alden a \$56.00 fee per year for each commercial account for the recycling program. Jennifer Strong said that we need a Town policy adopted by board resolution that any commercial business that doesn't get a garbage tax because they have a private dumpster is allowed to recycle if they pay the recycle fee.

2. CONTRACTS- Jennifer Strong said that normally each year in February/March we renew our contracts with:

- a. Meals On Wheels-The contract is the same as last year. Jennifer Strong is still waiting for their annual report and will follow up on that.
- b. Library- The library still needs the \$25,000 this year but next year may be different. Before we do the 2015 budget Harry Milligan will check with them to see if they still need the money to put in our budget for them.
- c. Alden Youth Baseball- Mary Riddoch said that we give them \$2,400 for uniforms and then they buy us ball mix for the fields. Andy Sojka and Mary Riddoch are to meet with them shortly.
- d. Economic Development- Harry Milligan talked to the president of the Chamber of Commerce and some other people and we will continue with the Economic Development at least for one more year as of now. Mary Riddoch said that there has been some progress over the last few years with the plaza.

3. COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIRS- Andy Sojka said that Mike Metzger was going to check with the architect on the verbiage on the contract. Mike said that the architect has been out of town with family matters and is expected to contact him by Thursday. Mike is checking with him on whether he will be doing a bid spec or putting together a plan. He will look into insurance requirements and bonding if required. He will be looking at technical specifications, a notice and instructions; bidders and the bid form itself and some general conditions. The architect will look into these things and get back to Mike Metzger with his recommendations. Andy Sojka is concerned that the architect will be too vague on his scope of services regarding materials and physical work to be done. Mike Metzger said that everything will be made clear in the documents as to what is going to be done. Mike Metzger said that \$2,500 is a

good price for the architectural planning that they are doing for us. Harry Milligan mentioned that we still have a few more weeks before the weather breaks before we can start the work.

4. CROSSING GUARD-Mary Riddoch said that the previous alternate crossing guard has left and we have an opening for that position. The regular guard is still there because they need a back-up. A person who works at St. Johns and has a relationship there is interested in the position. There is no training needed and a vest is available for her at St. Johns school. She will receive benefits and salary per the re-organizational packet.

5. LEGAL FEES- Gary Wagner asked why he needs a new expense line for legal fees and unemployment out of his budget. Jennifer Strong mentioned that state law states that it is required and has been verified with the town accountants and auditors. Jennifer stated that he should talk with Colleen the Town Chief Financial Officer and Drescher and Malecki to establish a new expense line. Harry Milligan stated that Gary Wagner's background as a business man is invaluable in the job that he is doing. Harry Milligan said that the Town will back up the Highway Budget if needed.

6. HOP- Jennifer Strong stated that there are two home occupation permits which have expired. Both the Town Clerks office and the Building Department have sent letters to these people and they are not cooperating. They are both operating in violation of the Town code by not renewing their permits. Chris Snyder has called them both as well and has gotten no response from them as well. Jennifer Strong feels that the next step would be to issue citations to bring them to court.

7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- Jennifer Strong said that the Town has 22 representatives for Economic Development and Harry Milligan will ask Ralph Witt and someone else to accompany him to the meeting.

8. SUNSET RANCH KENNEL-Len Weglarski will go to inspect the kennel for a license renewal. We are required to send a letter to all the neighbors of the kennel regarding the barking of the dogs. Chris Snyder will also visit the kennel to inspect to see if there are any additions on any building.

9. DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS- Mary Riddoch said that they are asking for the park shelter for May 30th. Mary will make a motion for them to use the shelter for their event.

10. HANDICAP BATHROOMS- Mary Riddoch has been asked if it's possible to raise the height of the handicap bathroom seats. It is already at handicap level and we don't want to raise them any higher if it would be a safety hazard. We want to make sure that they are as safe as possible.

11. ALDEN SWIM CLUB- Mary Riddoch stated that the Alden Swim Club has some assets of a laptop, printer and chalk board acquired from the U.S. Swim Association. If the Swim Club would happen to be dissolved the assets will be turned over to the Alden Recreation Department.

12. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET- Gary Wagner asked that the Hwy Dept. Budget had \$38,000 transferred for sick pay and he wanted to know what year that was from. It was from the 2013 budget.

13. SALT-Gary Wagner stated that he has about 400 tons of salt in the building right now and he just ordered 300 ton today. He said that leaves just about 200 ton left on his allowance over the contract. The contract allows up to 2925 ton at the same price and he is within 200 ton of that right now. Harry Milligan stated that he should talk to some other municipalities to see what they are doing. Gary said that he has an allowance of 25 ton from the county that he can take also.

14. DOG WARDEN- Len Weglarski said that his kennel has passed 100% from the Department of Agriculture on the kennel and the truck.

15. WATER ON CRITTENDEN & NORTH RD.- Mary Riddoch received a letter requesting water service on Crittenden and North Rds. The water is dead ended on North and goes up to Peters Corners Rd. There is no source of water there and they would have to bring the water back down North Rd. or come down Crittenden from Genesee. Mary Riddoch stated that at this time water service at Crittenden and North is not feasible.

16. LOCAL LAW #2- Jennifer Strong stated that they are waiting for the planning board to look at the Local Law#2 at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Barbara Weber
DTC

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