

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Rd. on Monday, February 24, 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: Sarah Hinsken, Deputy Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Gary Wagner, Highway Superintendent
Leonard Weglarski, Dog Control Officer
Chris Snyder, Code Enforcement Officer
Andy Sojka, Parks Supervisor
Debra Crist, Town Clerk

1. ST. JOHN'S REQUEST – St. John the Baptist School will be holding their annual Lawn Fete on July 18th, 19th, and 20th. St. John's is requesting once again use of the Band Shelter for this event. Motion to approve St. John's request to use the Town of Alden's Band Shell for their annual Lawn Fete on July 18th thru 20th 2014 will be at the Town Board Meeting March 3, 2014. Jennifer Strong inquired if there is insurance on file for this. Councilwoman Riddoch will follow up.

2. ALDEN HOOK AND LADDER REQUEST - Annual Hook and Ladder is once again requesting use of the Town Park for their Heritage and Reunion. Supervisor Milligan mentioned that the Town Board has been invited to walk in this year's parade on June 21, 2014. Jennifer Strong will write a resolution to be signed at the next Town Board Meeting on March 3, 2014.

3. TOWN COMMERCIAL GARBAGE AND RECYCLING - Supervisor Milligan spoke on the new community garbage and recycling policy. Community businesses that utilize a dumpster will be offered the option of recycling at a rate set by the Town Board and billed annually on the Town Tax bill.

4. SUBSTITUTE SENIOR VAN DRIVER - Councilwoman Riddoch inquired running a two week ad in The Alden Advertiser looking for any interested Alden residents wanting to apply for the position of Senior Van Driver. Candidates must possess a CDL with passenger endorsement license. If there is no interest, Mary will reach out to residents outside of Alden. The substitute driver for the van now is Joyce Eastland. Supervisor Milligan brought up talking with Alden School Transportation Superintendent, Donald Hutchinson, to find substitute drivers that may be interested in driving the van.

5. NYSEG DAMAGED POLE/LIGHT - Electric pole by the fire hall was damaged and replaced. Upon replacement, NYSEG discovered that the pole was not on our current bill; therefore, our monthly bill will be increased \$9.24. Attorney Strong will prepare a resolution for Monday approving replacement.

6. ADAMSKI HOP – In the question regarding renewal of Adamski’s HOP permit, Chris Snyder stated that in 2007 It was approved by the Town Board and Planning Board to award Mark Adamski an HOP, since then he has moved base of his operations, from selling sporting goods and fire arms to a garage with appears to be a store front. Chris stated that Adamski has complied with all of the Towns regulations by only occupying 25% floor space with intent to sell. Ralph Witt brought in question if his business is still considered an HOP or has he outgrown HOP and needs to go commercial, due to having ads on television and ads on the internet. Harry Milligan said he was approved by the Board when he had the business in his basement and never got approval to move to another dwelling. Supervisor Milligan said Adamski’s HOP will not be renewed. Chris would like this matter to be brought to attention of the planning board.

7. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - Supervisor Milligan brought attention to part time employee benefits. Councilwoman Riddoch said all part time employees are entitled to benefits including sick leave, personal leave and holidays. Supervisor Milligan had the breakdown of the hours and days from his office.

8. IDA’S - Senator Gallivan would like Alden to join with Clarence in local community support regarding Home Rule. Alden would have a seat on the board. Jennifer Strong will draw up a resolution for submittal of a Home Rule Request to the New York State Legislature in support of bill S.6123.

9. WIDE AREA MOWER - Andy Sojka found after researching that a wide area mower is too costly solely for the use of cutting grass. He found the Parks Dept. would highly benefit from a multi-function tractor; a tractor that would have attachments to cut grass and plow snow in the winter. Andy would like to bring back more information to the next work session on March 10, 2014 after further research.

Attorney Strong - Inquired if Sunset Ranch Kennel on Kieffer Rd has passed Leonard Weglarski’s & Chris Snyder’s inspection. It did pass both inspections. Letters will be mailed to all neighbors informing them that it will be brought up at the next Town Board meeting on March 17, 2014. They are encouraged to send a letter regarding the matter or speak in front of the board at the meeting.

Councilwoman Riddoch - Would like a resolution to approve Ryan Adair for membership into the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Dept. Attorney Strong will have it ready for the next Town Board Meeting on March 3, 2014. Councilwoman Riddoch was approached by a resident requesting to have a dog park at property on West Main St. that the Town does not yet own. CW Riddoch is questioning liability and cost of building and running the park. There will be no further action taken at this time. CW Riddoch needs square footage of buildings the Town owns. Attorney Strong said the answers she needs are in the Town’s assessment records.

Councilwoman Riddoch - As per Saturday, February 22, 2014 meeting with soccer, baseball and football, members are willing to pay for some items. Supervisor Milligan said once a check is received, it needs to go into a general fund and cannot go toward the budget.

Town Clerk Crist – Requested that the light outside the side door needs repair. Will consult with Chris Snyder.

Parks Supervisor Sojka - The Nutrition Program would like to purchase a new serving cart. Sojka said that the current cart is corroded. He will get back to the Board with a price.

Councilman Witt – Would like to see a MapQuest attachment to all travel reimbursements. Attorney Strong will look into adopting this policy.

Supervisor Milligan – All vouchers need to have two signatures before they are being entered & paid. Chamber president said the village will no longer be contributing to Fred Heinle’s salary. The town will not send the check at this time. Attorney Strong reached out to Mayor Manicki to possibly address lowering Mr. Heinle’s salary. Attorney Strong has not heard back yet.

On Tuesday morning 8 a.m., 2/25/14, Supervisor Milligan & Gary Wagner will be meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers to decide what the next step will be with the flooding problem. Jeff Telecky will also be in attendance.

On Wednesday, 2/26/14, Supervisor Milligan will be attending a meeting with certain legislators and will be giving them Erie County Home ornaments with a note thanking them for their help with the Erie County Home.

The Town Board was approached on buying a piece of property on Alaura that is land locked. There is no interest at this time.

Supervisor Milligan attended a meeting on February 20, 2014, regarding child molesters living in the prison and our town. The State laws override town laws in regards to where they can be placed.

Asked Eng. Metzger how the water system on Exchange St. & Zoeller is coming along. Metzger said he’s in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Erie County Water Authority.

At 8:20 p.m. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn the work session and enter into Executive Session regarding Highway contract negotiations with the Town Board and Town Attorney. Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion.

CARRIED

Ayes 3- Milligan, Riddoch, and Witt

Nays 0

At 8:50 Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the Executive Session and adjourn the Work Session. Councilman Witt seconded the Motion.

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Nays 0

CC: TB, TA, PS & EMERG. MGT.