

**PRESENT:**

Harry Milligan, Supervisor  
William Weber, Councilman  
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney  
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer  
Chris Snyder, Building Inspector  
Andy Sojka, Parks Supt.  
Carl Fix, Highway Supt.  
Len Weglarski, Dog Control Officer  
Ralph Witt, Planning Board Chairman  
Mike Fleming, Planning Board Member

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Barbara Ertel, Deputy Town Clerk

**1. ALDEN/MARILLA CAR SHOW:**

Two organizers of the car show were in attendance to thank the board for allowing them to hold the show in Alden, to request holding the show in Alden again next summer on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and to report that proceeds from this year's show, in the amount of \$10,000, would be presented to Mercy Flight this Saturday. Discussion was held regarding the original list of conditions used in our agreement, in particular Health Dept. permits, alcohol and insurance. It was agreed that the car show committee could start their plans for next year and the town board would review the conditions at a work session in January.

**4. 1963 DEED ON WELL:**

Attorney Strong and Engineer Metzger have been meeting with Mayor Manicki and Village Attorney Chris Trapp. Progress is being made and they will report back to the board.

**5. MARK MOORE/SITE PLAN:**

To be discussed in Executive Session.

**6. PAVING PARK TRAIL:**

Supervisor Milligan obtained pricing for re-paving the ½ mile walking trail in the park. Materials and equipment bring the cost over \$10,000. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the necessity for this work, exactly what would need to be done, who would be doing the work, and what budget lines the funds would be taken out of. Supervisor Milligan's plan is to re-pave the roadway and add an additional parking lot next year; therefore, sealing would not be necessary this year. He would also like to see a blacktop walkway added from the restrooms to Shelter #1, for handicap accessibility. It was agreed that Supervisor Milligan and Engineer Metzger will meet at the park on Thursday; Councilwoman Riddoch, Hgwy. Supt. Fix and Parks Supt. Sojka will meet at the park on Wednesday to review the situation.

**7. QUOTES FOR BLACKTOP SEALING COMMUNITY CNTR:**

Holding up for now.

**8. TOPSOIL QUOTES FOR R.O. PARK SOCCER REHAB:**

Regarding rehab of the Robert O. soccer field, Andy Sojka has obtained quotes for topsoil and seed, and has worked out schedule details and borrowing of equipment with the school. Best price for 50 yds. of topsoil was from Zoladz - \$1,075, delivered. Presented information on quote received from Professional

Turf Services for seed, which is specifically for sports turf fields. Discussion was held, and at Councilman Weber's request, Andy will still check with another seed supplier.

- Supervisor Milligan inquired about any progress regarding construction of the park shelter. Chris Snyder has located a contractor who has time to do the work – he is getting a price.

### **9. JOHN DEERE 3 BAG MATERIAL COLLECTION SYSTEM:**

Parks Supt. Sojka reported on a state bid price for the leaf bagger made specifically for the John Deere mower, being \$2,432.69, delivered.

### **10. JOHN DEERE GATOR W/INFIELD BALL GROOMER:**

Tabled – for next work session

\*while on the subject of the parks, Councilwoman Riddoch raised questions regarding the fence. Discussion was held as to whether certain areas should be left open, whether we should wait and see what will happen next year, and what budget lines the money will now come from. Quotes have been obtained but it was decided to wait on ordering now.

### **2. ALDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL:**

Interim School Supt. Adam Stoltman, School Board President Paul Hutschenreuter, and School Board Member James Yoerg appeared before the board to present information on school budget/finances and the need for the usage fee they are imposing for use of school facilities. Due to budget cuts, the school board is looking for ways to increase revenue this year, as opposed to making more drastic expenditure cuts. They have determined the 2012-13 town usage figure to be 483; at \$5.00 per use this equates to a \$2400. user fee. Lengthy discussion ensued, which resulted in a negotiated compromise fee of probably \$1,200 or \$1,300, and the agreed need for an intermunicipal usage agreement. Attorney Strong will work on this for next work session.

\*When queried about the car show, the school board members were positive in their feedback and offered to attend the work session in January when planning for the next show is discussed.

### **3. STEVE DEPAOLIS/TOWN HALL USE BY AYB:**

Alden Youth Baseball has requested use of the town hall gym for batting practices throughout the fall and winter. AYB President Steve DePaolis and Joe Jankowski were in attendance to expound on their request and to answer many questions. Their goal is to offer a travel baseball team, starting with 12U and perhaps to add to that next year. In order to stay competitive, they feel the players need to practice all year round. Councilwoman Riddoch relayed the issues the town was concerned with, and lengthy discussion resulted, which included cost of insurance, time commitment for the players, and the use of town fields/park facilities without communication/approval from the town. Also discussed was exactly how many practice days this would involve, the need for heat in the gym over the weekend, who would be responsible for opening and closing the building, and the concern that other organizations would be precluded from using the gym over the winter months. The board was in agreement that we have the space and it should be utilized, as long as there is no problem with precluding others and no problems with the town stipulations. Mary will check with St. John's. Attorney Strong will work on a stipulation agreement/contract for next board meeting.

### **11. FRONT END LOADER:**

Hgwy. Supt. Fix has turned all paperwork over to Attorney Strong. Details were discussed which included trading in the 1999 Hyundai and the need to purchase a new vehicle before October 1<sup>st</sup> (utilizing a three month rental-to-own payment agreement). Attorney Strong still needs a rental agreement document and will work on the resolution.

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\*Attorney Strong reported that she has scheduled the first highway contract negotiations meeting for next Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM here at the town hall

\*Councilwoman Riddoch:

- reported on information she obtained from Modern regarding welding of the dumpster. Andy is going to try to do the welding.
- reported on another problem with maintenance of the Senior Bus. She feels that having some of the seniors at a board meeting before holding the public hearing would be beneficial.
- reported on a request received from AJF to have the lights on the field for football practices. Discussion was held questioning the necessity for this, the extra cost of electricity to light the field, problems with park staffing and who would be held responsible for turning off the lights. Andy suggested limiting them to three nights for practice. Also had question about the need to paint the practice field. Mary is going to look up the lighting bills for the park. Nothing was decided.

\* Supt. Carl Fix reported that Sullivan Road would be shut down Tuesday and Wednesday of this week for tile replacement. Also reported on the county snow plowing contract that he received. As of right now, we will not be plowing county roads.

\*Parks Supt. Andy Sojka reported that he is going to try to re-use the drained kiddie pool water to water the lawns.

\*Town Engineer Mike Metzger:

- regarding truck traffic on W. Main and Sandridge – he is working on getting a meeting of the DOT and county traffic engineer for the next work session on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Village Mayor Manicki and Keith Sitzman have agreed to attend as well.
- reported that with regard to the waste storage tank issue in Marilla, he is still trying to obtain specific information.
- still has not received the proposal from the structural engineer regarding the Community Center. Hopes to have it in time for the next work session.
- met with the Village Mayor regarding the park connector trail. Mayor Manicki has offered his consent if the town wants to get started with the work from Robert O. park to Meadow Drive, until the one questionable easement is resolved.

\* Councilman Weber questioned Carl Fix about a Creekside Drive residents' concern regarding work that the highway department did that is causing some drainage issues. Carl will follow up.

\* Supervisor Milligan:

- reported on information that Ralph Witt and Mike Flemming received when they attended the Marilla waste storage meeting last week. He has concerns and questions regarding the safety of the end product/fertilizer, and wondered if the town should go on record as opposing this issue. Discussion was held which raised more questions and concerns. Board was in agreement that we should work on something, as the public comment period has been extended to the 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - with regard to the CDBG grant, Attorney Strong reported that the public hearing would be October 7<sup>th</sup>, discussion would be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> and approved on October 21<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested that grant applications could include the senior van and an update of the town code book.
  - reported that the Chamber of Commerce has recommended Fred Heinle's reappointment as Economic Developer for another year.
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- received a check from Town of Marilla in the amount of \$2500.00 for court case legal fees.
- questioned Engineer Metzger with regard to an old invoice for \$700.00, claiming we never got a bill. Discussion was held. Supervisor Milligan will check into this invoice/bill matter further and requested Mike adhere to the three-month time frame originally stipulated for submitting bills.

Meeting ended: 9:00

Board entered into Executive Session, including Town Attorney Strong, CEO Chris Snyder, Planning Board Chairman Ralph Witt, Planning Board Member Mike Flemming regarding matters of personnel and litigation.

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