

WORK SESSION #18/2013 WORK SESSION SYNOPSIS SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Debra Crist, DTC

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Colleen Rogers, Supv. Ass't
Chris Snyder, CEO
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer
Len Weglarski, DCO
Andy Sojka, Park Supv.
Carl Fix, Hwy. Supt.
Thomas Massana- N.Y.S. DOT
Mike Asklar – E.C. D.O.T.
Joe Czechowski, Village CEO
Keith Sitzman, Village DPW

1. TRUCK TRAFFIC

Thomas Massana from N.Y.S. D.O.T., Mike Asklar from E.C. D.O.T. and Village representatives came to discuss the problem with large tractor trailers coming down Sandridge Rd. to West Main to Broadway to avoid the low train viaduct on Broadway. Truckers GPS units are sending them down this route. Thomas Massana/N.Y.S. D.O.T. said it is posted for 12'6" or 12'8" right lane. A trucker seeing the sign knows that you move to the center line going under the bridge as long as they are the legal height of 13'6". Per N.Y.S. law any bridge less than 14' needs to be posted 1' lower than the actual height. A trucker will put his dimensions in the GPS and it will then route him around any obstacle. Eng. Metzger questioned that the posting the way it is now, would the inside lane would actually be 14' or above? Mr. Massana said yes. An option of contacting the GPS companies and notifying them of the actual height was discussed. There is a website that can be contacted to correct or make changes to GPS. Discussion on options. The following was determined:

1. N.Y.S. D.O.T. will come out and take measurements/notify Eng. Metzger
2. Contact GPS Companies with the correct clearance
3. Possibility of dual postings

Councilwoman Riddoch advised Mike Asklar that the attorney said they were arguing the motion for the lawsuit at Crittenden/North and it has been dismissed.

2. DOG KENNEL ISSUE

Three complaints have been received regarding barking dogs at the kennel. She presently has a Special Use permit to run a kennel. DCO Weglarski has followed up each time. Attorney Strong said that the Town Law states that anyone with a kennel special use

permit has to provide enough screening to prevent dogs seeing other dogs and barking. If there is a problem, the Dog Control Officer is to send a 30 day notice to correct the situation. If the situation is not corrected, it could go to court or the Town Board could take steps to revoke her special use permit. Attorney Strong will prepare a letter for the DCO to serve the owner giving her 30-days to correct the problem.

4.AJF FOOTBALL

Bob from AJF was at the Board meeting and thanked the Board because he has nothing but rave reviews of the field. Grounds are perfect. Supervisor Milligan asked the status of the scoreboard. They will probably wait until next year to sink poles. There was a discussion on the placement of the board. They will get together with Park Supv. Sojka to consult with him on the placement. Councilwoman Riddoch brought up the lights and asked that they be conservative when using them as electric bills have doubled since their use. Robert said that he has the key and intends on taking a very conservative approach when using them.

4. METZ SITE PLAN

CEO Snyder said that he gave the Board a couple of letters, one from the Planning Board with their vote and approval, and Mr. Metzger's final review letter. There had been a couple of minor issues; otherwise everything has been taken care of. Attorney Strong said that the first thing the Town Board needs to do is to declare Lead Agency. Supervisor Milligan questioned this. Attorney Strong said that the SEQR review has not been done yet. Attorney Strong questioned who needs to be notified? County DPW & DEC should be notified. She will prepare the lead agency resolution for Monday, October 7th. Councilman Weber asked if this would be treated as a C3 Commercial operation. CEO Snyder said it would be. Everything in a C3 area has to be within a fenced area. He had gone by and there was a trailer, truck tire and a set of forks out. He does not have a confident feeling about this. He does not want to see equipment left out in front of the fence. Mark Metz said this is his Mother's equipment. Councilman Weber questioned some of the equipment being his mother's equipment. Mr. Metz will put the equipment behind the fence. Councilwoman Riddoch questioned what would happen if Mr. Metz went out of business, would it remain C3? CEO Snyder said that the Zoning Board granted that property a variance that goes with the property, not the owner. Engineer Metzger discussed the town taking responsibility for maintenance in some situations for drainage/cleaning, now would be the time to ask for an easement for this from Mr. Metz. The Town is not interested in this.

5. JOE CZECHOWSKI REQUEST

Joe has the Alden Town cemetery located behind his house and he would like to expand his barn. Joe gave the board two maps explaining his request. To the South of his property there is a right-a-way that runs back to the Town cemetery. The barn is 2' or a little less from the corner of that line. He would like to add on or a put a drive around. People have come in his drive and drove back to the cemetery. He would like to purchase that strip (124.75' x 300') of property and provide a 14' easement on the north side of his property to give access to the cemetery. Maintenance is at a minimum now at the

cemetery. Attorney Strong will prepare a motion to refer the request to the Planning Board for review and recommendation at the next Town Board meeting.

6. HIGHWAY CONTRACT

Will be discussed in Executive Session.

7. TOWN PARK/COMMUNITY CENTER

Engineer Metzger and Supervisor Milligan met at the Town Park last week and talked about ideas/needs in the Park system. There is a recreation advisory committee that will be contacted to reach out to people to get a handle of the needs for soccer, football, etc. Councilwoman Riddoch has met with them in the past and will talk to them in September. Discussion on the following:

1. Parking Needs
2. Maintenance Shop/infrastructure
3. Recreation needs/storage
4. Equipment Storage R.O. Smith/Town Park
5. New storage garage at R.O. Smith for Baseball people
6. New Shop for Park Supv./Old shop to football
7. Ice Rink – Supv. Milligan feels it lends itself to be a parking lot
8. New senior shelter with garage doors/heater
9. Road change/road from Main Street straightened out.

8. NEW SHELTER

CEO Snyder has talked to someone who would put up the shelter for \$2500.00. He is to get copies of quotes (2) to Attorney Strong. The Board was good with this. Park Supv. Sojka will order the materials.

9. PARK TRAIL

Quotes are not needed for doing black-top as it will be at the County bid price. Hwy. Supt. Fix said that they will be getting at it within the next two days. A resolution will be needed to approve the paving per Attorney Strong. She will also need copies of the quotes from the County bid person. Supervisor Milligan asked Hwy. Supt. Fix to get a copy of the bid quote from the County bid quote book to Jennifer.

10. COMMUNITY CENTER

Engineer Metzger has received a copy of proposal from a local structural Engineer to get the repairs that were discussed. It would be a proposal to prepare bid documents and overseeing construction (a couple of site visits) for repairs to the upper mason panels, the joints in the block and repairing the old reinforcement in the block. He will review the proposal and get back to the Board at another Work Session. Repairs could cost anywhere from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00

11. COMPLETE PERSONNEL SOLUTIONS

This would be a one-time use for a job fair. The Board has no problem with them using the building. DTC Crist will contact them and set it up.

12. BUDGET REVIEW

The Board just received the tentative budget that night. They will review. A Special budget meeting will be held at the Alden Town Hall on September 30, 2013 at 9:30 A.M.

Attorney Strong has several things to talk about in Executive Session including litigation and the Highway Contract.

Councilwoman Riddoch said that the Senior Van needed more repairs today. She is hoping that the seniors will show up at the CDBG meeting to request funding for a new senior van. She talked to the Senior van driver. A power steering pump and high pressure lines are now needed to be replaced.

Hwy. Supt. Carl Fix said that he hired Steve Sojka as Full Time help as a laborer. Starting immediately. The other guy will be laid off. He has a CDL license. Councilwoman Riddoch will give him a personnel policy and would like him to sign it. Questioned about Union/immediately covered? Supervisor Milligan said he cannot be represented by the Union for six months. October 31st would be his last day as seasonal. He could not be hired at full-time/permanent until November 1st. Carl has heard that the County has settled the snow-plowing/County roads contract @ 3%.

He will be paving Henske Road from Exchange to Sullivan on Oct. 1 & 2nd along with the Bike trail.

DTC Debra Crist received a request from Alden Central School to talk to the Town Board at a Town Board Meeting about Take a Veteran to School Day. The Board said she is welcome to come and speak during business from the floor. A member of the Senior Citizens approached DTC Crist about talking to AARP and having a clinic for seniors to have their taxes done at no charge. The Board had no problem with this. One time use and does not need approval.

Park Supt. Sojka said the large soccer field at R.O. was used last week and it went well.

CEO Snyder questioned the deadline for the shelter grant, Colleen said it is 12/31/13 and there is paper work that needs to be filled out. Dan Moultrup usually fills this out. Chris has a proposal from an Engineer for designing the tank/specs for installation for S.D. #2- \$3600.00. Engineer Metzger will check to see if he could find someone to recommend.

Village CEO Czechowski would like to get involved in the updating of the Town of Alden Code book. He did the Village Code Books and this alleviated the need for General Code and the expense. Updates could be done in house, with the code being also online.

Supervisor Milligan thanked Barb Ertel for stepping up and taking over the office while DTC Crist was on vacation & Town Clerk Witt went to the Doctor for a fall. A letter was received from the Town of Clarence inviting the Town to a FBI Community Relations Seminar.

SUPERVISOR MILLIGAN CALLED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE TOWN BOARD AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY REGARDING A MATTER OF LITIGATION, PERSONNEL MATTER & HWY. DEPT. NEGOTIATIONS.

SUPERVISOR MILLIGAN CALLED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE TOWN BOARD AND ATTORNEY STRONG TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, LITIGATION & PERSONNEL.

REGULAR MEETING OVER AT 8:36 P.M.

CC: TB, ATTY. & EMERG. MGT.