

**MEETING 6/2014**

**WORK SESSION**

**MARCH 24, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Work Session of Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Rd., on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Supervisor Milligan called the Meeting to Order.

**PRESENT:** Harry Milligan, Supervisor  
Ralph Witt, Councilman  
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Sarah Hinsken, Deputy Town Clerk

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

**1. SUNSET KENNEL**- Supervisor Milligan heard from Keiffer Road residents Rhonda Kent and Susan Hake in favor of Sunset Kennel, owned by Debbie Weeikleeng at 11268 Keiffer Road. Renewal of her HOP is in question due to complaints from some neighbors. Mr. & Mrs. Gloss spoke at Mondays meeting with concerns due to loud barking dogs. Supervisor Milligan also received two letters in favor of Sunset Kennel stating they are not disturbed by the dogs and support the kennel. Owner of the kennel stated that she always tries to keep the noise level of the dogs to a minimum, with bark collars, bark sprays and putting up a fence. Debbie has had a license to own a kennel for three years and also boards dogs as her lively hood. The town has agreed to renew her HOP, however within the year of her updated renewal if there are continued complaints, the issue to revoke her HOP will be revisited. If there are more complaints she will receive a 30 day notice to rectify the situation or her HOP will be terminated. There will be an approval at the next Town Board meeting.

**2. BASEBALL DIAMOND**- Alden Central School has contacted the Town with permission for use of the baseball diamond at Robert O. Smith Park again this year. As per the agreement the town will cut the grass and the district will mark the field and maintain the infield for home contests. The school will work under Andy Sojka's guidance. This request from Alden School will be approved at the next Town Board Meeting. St. Johns requested use of our soccer fields in Robert O. Smith Park which will also be approved at the next Town Board meeting.

### **3. HOP**

**A. Gina Weiss**- Requesting a new HOP for business of engraving and selling of firearms. The basis of the Home occupation will be in the basement of Gina's home residing at 13363 North Rd. The owner stated that there will be no store front, no stock of firearms kept at the residence. The owner stated that they possess a permit from the ATF, which has already deemed the area in which the engraving and storage of the firearms is a secure location. Motion to refer to the Planning Board for review and recommendation.

**B. Ken & Susan Tomporowski-** Requesting renewal of their existing HOP at 11230 Westwood Rd. to refurbish antique furniture. Motion to approve this HOP will be at the next Town Board Meeting.

**C. Daniel Carder-** Requesting renewal of his existing HOP to service computers residing at 1220 Lambert Dr. Mr. Carder does not keep any stock. Motion to approve this HOP will be at the next Town Board meeting.

**D. Jennifer Ross-** Requesting renewal of her existing HOP residing at 1000 Boncliff Dr. to provide music lessons in her home. Motion to approve this HOP will be at the next Town Board meeting.

**E. Edward Sisson-** Requesting renewal of his existing HOP to install and sell glass block at 11323 Broadway. Motion to approve Sisson's HOP will be brought to the next Town Board meeting if Mr. Sisson removes his sign by the road which Code Enforcer Snyder has told him exceeds the size allowed.

**4.FIELD MARKING PAINT-** Andy Sojka has compiled three estimates for field marking paint. One from Sherwin Williams for \$2,355, one from Pioneer Athletics for \$3,337.50 and one from Beacon Athletics for \$4,687.50. Attorney Jennifer Strong will write a resolution to buy the paint needed for the Parks Department from Sherwin Williams.

**Jennifer Strong-** Reval contract was approved and signed, the Assessor will be meeting with the company next week to proceed.

**Mike Metzger-** Spoke with Todd Aldinger from Senator Gallivans office in reference to a 50k grant the Town of Alden can apply for. This grant can be used for the upgrade of any Town facility. Supervisor Milligan would like to see the money go towards the Alden Community Center building, and the parking lot. With the use of this grant money, the Town would have to absorb any additional cost of the project that exceeded the grant.

**Gary Wagner-** Would like to reintroduce the tabled resolution regarding the Western Plow for his new Ford pickup truck, Jennifer Strong will write the resolution, for the next Town Board Meeting on April 7, 2014. Gary would like to look into the possibility of getting caller ID at the Highway Department. Town Clerk, Debra Crist will look into it. Gary met with the Army Corp of Engineers in regards to the Cayuga Creek Flooding; he will also meet with Soil Conservation and obtain permits to remove an island/peninsula which is causing the ice damn.

**Andy Sojka-** Updated the Board in the electric work on the new park shelter, he reported he is 75% completed with the project. Andy is not taking any action this point in time in regards to purchasing a new tractor for the Parks Department. He is currently looking into bids on a tractor with enough horsepower that will allow him to run attachments he hopes to obtain in the future. Jennifer Strong will write a resolution to buy paint needed at the Parks Department in the amount of 375 gallons from Sherwin Williams.

**Leonard Weglarski-** Is asking the Boards approval to attend training in Webster NY for two days, he will let the Board know the expense.

**Councilwoman Riddoch-** Would like to touch base with the Dog Warden in keeping a set schedule to ensure a presence at The Town Park. Mary received a letter from the girls' soccer team requesting use of the soccer fields at the Alden Primary School. Mary spoke with soccer and baseball reps regarding contribution of money to help with costs. This money would go towards the expense budget. Councilwoman Riddoch inquired the Boards position on adding another member to the Planning Board; Councilman Witt stated the matter would be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting.

**Councilman Witt-**Councilman Witt questioned the amount being paid to recreation basketball referees, Mary Riddoch will touch base with Dan Moultrup in regards to said wages. Regarding Dean Adamski's HOP that was denied, Ralph wants to make sure we are moving along swiftly, Attorney Strong assured him that things were moving along as the Board intended. Councilman Witt would also like to see the Sled Shop Sign down on Westwood; Code Enforcer Chris Snyder will touch base with the owner of the Sled Shop and have it removed.

**Supervisor Milligan-** Supervisor Milligan received a letter from resident Thomas Czechowski of Henskee Road asking The Town Board to write a letter encouraging Reserve Gas company to run natural gas down Sullivan, Henskee and County Line Roads. Gary Wagner stated that Reserve Gas has a website with plans of the gas project. Supervisor Milligan would like to send his secretary Colleen Rogers to an annual Town Finance School. Bill Sivecz will also be attending a mandatory assessor training. Supervisor stated that the auditor has declared all funds and finance are good condition. Supervisor Milligan attended a meeting with Councilwoman Riddoch on the regarding the upcoming carnival in the Alden Town Park he stated that this year's rides will be smaller scale then last years and located on the north end of the practice fields. This will allow the roadway open for carnival goers. The Village has also asked the Town for a contribution of \$1,200 for the carnival; Jennifer Strong will touch base with the village attorney. The DMV has contacted the Town with a new Emergency Management license plate program; no action is being taken at this time. The town has received the first payment of a \$70,494.67 Government Efficiency grant. The Town has also received a JCAP grant for \$3,800 that will be used for upgrading air conditioners in the Town Court. Chris Snyder is to touch base with the Court to give them an estimate. Supervisor Milligan met with the Mayor of Alden in regards to Crittenden residents inquiring the possibility of being connected to Village water. Supervisor Milligan will keep in contact with the Mayor to see how many residents would benefit and like the option of being tied in to Village water. Supervisor Milligan stated that there is a vacancy on the Town of Alden Board of Assessment Review. Bill Sivecz recommends the Board appoint Susan B. Hergenroder. Ms. Hergenroder will be appointed at the next Town Board Meeting.

At 8:30 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn the Work Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with the Town Board and Town Attorney. Councilman Witt seconded the Motion.

**CARRIED**

Ayes 3- Milligan, Riddoch, and Witt

Nays 0

At 9:12 Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn for the Executive Session and adjourn the Work Session with no action taken. Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion.

**CARRIED**

Ayes 3- Milligan, Riddoch, and Witt

Nays 0

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