

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, April 14, 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, Deputy Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Gary Wagner, Highway Superintendent
Chris Snyder, Code Enforcement Officer
Andy Sojka, Parks Superintendent
Dan Moultrup, Recreation Director
Leonard Weglarski, Dog Control Officer

- 1. Recreation Program**- Dan Moultrup said that the summer recreation program will once again be offering the Drama Theater program. Dan received a \$10,000 grant from the East Hill Foundation, which he used to purchase an overhead projector, three large screen televisions, a wall projector, a DVD player, and a sound system. Dan mentioned that Andy and Dave helped him to install the TV's and he is grateful for their help. The \$200 of remaining money from the foundation grant was used to buy movies for the seniors. The seniors will be establishing a movie committee to choose which movies will be shown on Wednesday movie day, either before or after the lunch meal. He is offering this enhanced program for the seniors to increase the afternoon meal program at the Community Center. Mary Riddoch mentioned that they need a minimum of 14 seniors for the meal program. Supervisor Milligan asked Dan if he can have Saturday matinees for the kids at the Community Center and Dan said that yes he could do that also.
- 2. First Annual Alden Basketball Tournament**- Dan Moultrup questioned if the basketball tournament should be run through the Town of Alden or through Alden Central School because the event would benefit the school athletic program. He questioned where the tournament would be held. Joe Blahowicz, the person who wants to run the event, has the portable basketball nets so the event could be held outside possibly in the park parking lot. Dan Moultrup mentioned that he would speak to this person and more information is to come.
- 3. Dog Law**- Mary would like more presence at the Town Park to monitor the dog walkers who are letting their dogs run off the leash on the Joe Panza Trail. Leonard Weglarski, the Dog Control Officer, could issue citations to these people. Andy Sojka mentioned that they have increased the signage at the park and they have two stations for dog waste. Len will increase his presence

at the park after the dinner hour when most people walk their dogs and he will be using the Towns Gator utility vehicle to monitor.

4. **Tractor**- Andy Sojka is looking into purchasing a tractor with enough horsepower for a tow behind mower. With the trade in for the old one it would cost about \$8,000. The new tractor would have four-wheel drive to be able to move snow and would be able use the implements for field maintenance, aerators, seeders, rollers, rake, and be able to have an attachable mower deck. It would come with a 72" bucket and would be a multi use vehicle for all Parks maintenance.
5. **Tow behind mower**- Andy Sojka would like to purchase an 11' tow behind mower for the cost of about \$12,000. He would be short about \$1,000 on his equipment line but would take this money out of another line. There is an old pick up truck at the Parks department that is surplus and the scrapping of this would help supplement the cost of the mower.
6. **Salt building repairs**- Gary Wagner said that he has purchased the lumber for the repairs of the deteriorating salt building. He will be using a stain that will match the main building.
7. **HOP renewal for Ronald Blakeslee**- Chris Snyder doesn't foresee any problems with the HOP renewal, as this is just a tax prep business.
8. **Bippert Subdivision**- Chris Snyder said that Warren Bippert would like to subdivide two lots from their main parcel on Four Rod Road.
9. **Gina Waiss HOP**- Jennifer Strong said that this is a brand new HOP and that the Planning Board has recommended it for approval so the next step would be to call a public hearing and notify the neighbors. They would hold the public hearing on May 5.
10. **Fire Department Carnival**- The fire department was given \$1,200 towards the fire works for the carnival. The fire department gave Jennifer Strong a copy of their fireworks agreement. Jennifer will have a resolution ready for that for Mondays Board meeting.
11. **Cornell School**- Gary Wagner will be attending a three day class on June 2-4 at Cornell. Supervisor Milligan would like to see an agenda regarding these classes.
12. **Laser level**- Gary Wagner said that the laser level that he had is broken so he would like to purchase a new one. He is looking at getting quotes for a new one that would cost about \$1,500 to \$2,500.
13. **Highway inventory list**- Gary Wagner has items on his inventory list that are unaccountable for. So as he goes through everything he will check off what he has and what he doesn't have. He will get a better up to date list.

Dan Moultrup said that about 45-50 kids interested in competition swimming have created the Bull Sharks swim program. They have a swim club registration fee and nobody pays for the pool. It will be part of the regular recreation program until it is fully functional.

Jennifer Strong said that the Planning Board has reviewed the Local Law #2 and has recommended that they increase the number of members up from 5 people to 7 people. It will go up by one person per year. We will have a public hearing to get approved or if it is rejected they could revise the Local Law #2 as needed.

Jennifer Strong said the Planning Board has made a recommendation to change the local law regarding a damaged private residence on commercial property. This would include if the home were damaged by more than 50% by accident or any intentional demolition by the homeowner. Supervisor Milligan said that we should not discriminate against a homeowner just because their house is on a commercial property. We need to stay in compliance with the Master Plan that was started 15 years ago to protect commercial land and the Planning Board has asked to change the wording regarding damage to a home on commercial property. Jennifer Strong will come up with some new wording regarding this matter.

Jennifer Strong stated that our e-waste contract is expiring and we can renew now and cancel with a 30-day notice if we choose to go with another company. Our current company is reducing what they are taking and will take TV's but we will not be getting any money for them. We will be getting 5 cents a pound now, down from 7 cents we got before.

Mary Riddoch said that the Alden Chamber of Commerce wants to use the Community Center on Thursday, May 1 and that it is ok for them to use it then. Mary stated that there will be a special meeting on April 21 at 6:30 before the regular meeting to discuss the Alden Towns liability insurance.

Mary Riddoch stated that the Playground at the Town Park was vandalized and she will be turning in the claim to the insurance company. The small one is ok but the big one is damaged and is also rotting. To replace just the small one would cost over \$25,000. Andy mentioned the brick drinking fountain top was ripped off and more stuff has been spray painted on. Andy is looking into putting up some more lighting also. The question was brought up if we could have some part time security at the park to deter the vandals. This would be a large expense and possibly we could find some volunteers who would be willing to watch the area.

Mary Riddoch asked if we can sell the Town owned land on Gebhard and Two Rod Rd. Jennifer Strong said that we don't have to pay the full market value for land any more. She will get a tax map and contact the homeowners adjoining the property to see if anyone is interested in acquiring the property.

Gary Wagner said that the 48" culvert on Sullivan Rd is deteriorated and there is no shoulder at that point on the road any more, which has happened within this past week. He will be fixing the problem and it could turn up to be an emergency repair with a short-term road closure.

Andy Sojka said that he has received 15 tons of baseball mix for the hardball diamond and another 15 tons will be coming in for the other 2 diamonds. Andy met with the engineer and the architect regarding the Community Center. They took some measurements and looked at some old building plans. They will do some drawings and work up the scope of work.

Lenonard Weglarski said that he has received a call about people trapping cats in the village. A person called and asked if there is a law regarding box traps for cats in the village. Jennifer Strong suggested finding out about the village code regarding this matter. Town engineer Mike Metzger said that the water district project is coming along.

Supervisor Milligan said that Colleen Rogers would be going to school.

Supervisor Milligan mentioned that Dolores Miller tripped on carpeting at the Community Center and she has a sprained ankle. We want to make sure that this doesn't happen again if possible.

Supervisor Milligan stated that on June 1 at 2pm the Millgrove Fire Hall will be anointing a new fire truck.

Supervisor Milligan said that Jennifer will be making a proclamation that the week of May 5 will be small business week.

Supervisor Milligan said that there was an informative meeting on April 10 for the employees of the town for the reval. On April 28 at 6:00pm will be the meeting that will be held at the Town Hall for the village and school. The informational letters will be sent out to all residents on May 1. From May 10 to the 24 there will be public meetings at the Town Hall. Supervisor Milligan and Bill Sivecz will be meeting with the seniors and the Chamber members and anybody else that they can talk to about the reval.

Supervisor Milligan asked if anybody looked at the drainage with Ralph Witt on Walden Ave.

Supervisor Milligan said the Town of Marilla sent over some paper work to prohibit any solicitation of vendors at the Marilla Car Show who are not licensed by the Car Show.

Supervisor Milligan said that we will have a proclamation for the Wounded Warriors for July 19th. The Post Office will change its name but this takes some time.

Supervisor Milligan is still working on the plans for the new shelter.

At 8:26 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the regular work session and enter into an executive session with the Town Board and the Town Attorney regarding litigation issues; Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to a Roll Call vote on April 14, 2014 and it was

CARRIED.

Ayes 2 Milligan & Riddoch

Nays 0

At 8:44 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the Executive Session, with no action taken and enter back into the Regular Work Session. Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to a Roll Call vote on April 14, 2014 and was

CARRIED.

Ayes 2 Milligan & Riddoch

Nays 0

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Barbara Weber - DTC

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