

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Supervisor Milligan called the Meeting to Order.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Weber, Deputy Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Leonard Weglarski, Dog Warden
Gary Wagner, Highway Superintendent
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Debra Crist, Town Clerk
Chris Snyder, CEO
Richard Savage, Supervisor Elect
Colleen Paulter, Councilwoman Elect

1. H.O.P. renewal for Joseph Bove - Chris Snyder, CEO said that there is no change in the H.O.P. and there will be a motion to approve the renewal at the next Town Board meeting.

2. H.O.P. renewal for Deneda Gasiiecki - Chris Snyder, CEO said that there is no change in the H.O.P. and there will be a motion to approve the renewal at the next Town Board meeting.

3. Alden Soccer tournament - Attorney Strong will check with Andy Sojka, Parks Superintendent to see if the dates requested for the Alden Soccer Tournament in May 2016 are available. If the dates are approved with Andy then Attorney Strong will have a motion to approve at the next Town Board meeting.

4. Code Book update – Attorney Strong said that there will be no grant monies available for updating the Town Code Book this year. The Town will go ahead with updating the Town Code Book and the payments will be spread out within three years. Attorney Strong will prepare a resolution to approve the updating of the Code Book at the next Town Board meeting.

5. Sewer Plant contract- Attorney Strong said that our current Sewer Plant contract will be expiring at the end of this year. Attorney Strong will reach out to the current Sewer Plant operator to see if he is interested in renewing his contract.

6. Three Rod Road Quit Claim Deed- Attorney Strong received the updated survey from the attorney of the homeowner on Old Three Rod Rd. The abandonment of the road has already been approved and we have had the public hearing. Supervisor Milligan will sign the deed.

7. Community Center signage- Attorney Strong and Councilwoman Riddoch spoke about the new signage on the Community Center outside walls. Attorney Strong will prepare a resolution to approve lettering on the Community Center at the next Town Board meeting.

8. Personnel policy- Councilwoman Riddoch spoke about the personnel policy and the Town Board made several changes to it. Councilman Witt spoke about the Building Department hours. Attorney Strong said that the Town Assessor is still salary as per our intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Newstead. Councilwoman Riddoch asked the Board members if next year we could look into increasing benefits of the part-time employees regarding more sick time, personnel days and holiday pay. The Town Board changed the wording regarding medical insurance to read that newly eligible, new hire and/or new insurance applicants would pay 25% of their medical insurance.

9. Feral Cats- Supervisor Milligan and Attorney Strong spoke about the feral cat programs in which there are a few services that will live trap feral cats and spay/neuter them for a small fee then return the cats to the area that they were trapped.

~ Attorney Strong spoke about the members of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board needing to complete their training before the end of the year. She also mentioned about the vacancies that need to be filled in both the Planning and Zoning Boards.

~ Councilwoman Riddoch spoke about the senior van needing an oil and filter change.

~ Councilwoman Riddoch received a nice phone call from a woman about the newly remodeled bathrooms at the Community Center and the lovely Town Park and trails.

~ Councilman Witt asked CEO Chris Snyder about the scope of his Code Enforcement Officer work.

~ Town Clerk Debra Crist spoke about getting a quote on a folder, stuffer and sealer for the Town Assessor's office.

~ Highway Superintendent Gary Wagner spoke about the ongoing process of getting the damaged Town Highway garage repaired or replaced after the damage to it from the previous years' November snow storm. Gary Wagner would like to set up a meeting with the Town Attorney, himself and the insurance representative.

~ Mike Metzger, the Town Engineer said that he has not yet received the change order from the contractor for the waterline contract.

~ Leonard Weglarski, the Town Dog Warden said that he turned over two dogs to the SPCA today.

~ Supervisor Milligan said there will be a special meeting for the Parks Department union contract at 6:00 P.M. on December 7 before the Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Barbara Weber - DTC

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