

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, December 14, 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  
Mike Fleming, Planning Board  
Chris Snyder, CEO  
Richard Savage, Supervisor Elect  
Colleen Paulter, Councilwoman Elect

**1. Mayfield Drive- Collapsed garage and house damage-** Attorney Strong sent a letter regarding cleaning up of the damage of the buildings at the property. The property owner has until January 3 to comply with the clean-up or the Town will begin the public hearing process to have the Town of Alden tear down and clean up.

**2. 2016 contracts-** Attorney Strong spoke about the 2016 contracts and said that they are almost complete. These contract numbers are for the budget and will be good for the re-org package. Highway Superintendent Wagner spoke about not accepting the truck from Viking yet until after the first of the year. There seems to be many repair problems with the truck that needs to be worked out yet. Supervisor Elect Savage questioned the Town Engineer on the wording on his contract about who owns the engineering plans, the Town or the engineer. Attorney spoke about the highway funds for the 2016 budget. Supervisor Elect Savage and Highway Superintendent had discussions about the budget fund balances and a possible amendment to the budget.

**3. Snyder subdivision-** Attorney Strong said that the Planning Board recommended that the Town Board approve the sub-division. Councilman Witt questioned how many subdivision lots have been sold. Chris Snyder said it could be done the way the Planning Board said and to use the waiver. Councilman Witt said a waiver could be used if there is a hardship and asked what the hardship is. Chris Snyder was not aware that the lot, land locked by two roads needed subdivision approval. Chris Snyder is questioning why that particular lot was not given its own SBL number years ago when the other lots were split up with it. Councilman Witt said that in 2004 the Town put a subdivision put in there. Councilman Witt said that he could go for a major sub-division instead. Supervisor Elect Savage asked why this lot was not given its own SBL number. Attorney Strong said sometimes the County doesn't need a deed to assign a

SBL they just assign it. Town Engineer Metzger asked the Town Attorney if the potential buyer could link this lot with their existing lot for a joined SBL without the County assigning a SBL. Attorney Strong said that it could be conveyed on the same deed even if the parcels were not continuous. Highway Superintendent Wagner questioned where the driveway and drainage would go on to either the County or Town road. Planning Board member Mike Fleming spoke about the Planning Board approval of this sub-division. Town Engineer Metzger spoke of talks of a waiver in that special circumstances of this particular lot and possibly of how it came to be then that's enough justification to take action to approve and that there doesn't necessarily have to be a hardship. Attorney Strong concurred. Attorney Strong will prepare a resolution for the next Town Board meeting.

**4. The Sled Shop site plan-** The CEO Snyder spoke about the needed documents for the Planning Board regarding the site plan for The Sled Shop. The owner will have the required documents for the next Planning Board meeting.

**5. Alden Hook and Ladder request-** Attorney Strong said that the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Dept. have requested the use of the Town Park for Dollars of Scholars and the Car Show. She asked if the Town should request an indemnification agreement for the Dollars for Scholars. Attorney Strong will work on this and report back. Supervisor Milligan said that the Fire Dept. will not be having a carnival in 2016.

**6. Training hours for ZBA/Planning Board members-** Attorney Strong said that members have until the end of this month to complete their training hours.

**7. Ted Morgan contract for 2016-** Attorney Strong will have Ted Morgan's new contract ready to approve at the re-org meeting.

**8. Annual procurement policy review-** Attorney Strong said that the Town Board is required to review its procurement policy every year. She will update Schedule A with the new people. This is part of the re-org.

**9. Highway garage-** Highway Superintendent Wagner spoke about the ongoing insurance information regarding the repairs to the Town Highway garage that was damaged during the snow storm of November 2014.

**10. Alden Winterfest-** Supervisor Milligan said that the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest will be scheduled for February 12 and 13. Attorney Strong asked if we need to have the Winterfest committee sign an indemnification agreement.

**11. H.O.P. renewal for Marie Paone-** CEO Snyder said that have been no changes and there will be a motion for approval prepared for the next Town Board meeting.

**12. Powers House lead agency-** CEO Snyder said that this is a new site plan that came into the Planning Board. Power House will be a large truck and auto repair facility. Attorney Strong will prepare a lead agency resolution for the next Town Board meeting.

~ Councilwoman Riddoch asked CEO Snyder if he received anything from the State stating that he could inspect his own properties. Attorney Strong said that since he is the only Building inspector in the Town the intermunicipal agreement with the village does not allow the village inspector the authority to inspect in the Town. Supervisor Elect Savage has contacted a State Code Enforcement personnel stating that the Building inspector can inspect his own properties and work in Town. He also asked the Town Attorney if it was in violation of any Town Codes or ethics and she said that it wasn't.

~ Planning Board member Mike Fleming said that he hopes the site plan for The Sled Shop will be straighten out and the new Power House business will be good for the Town.

~ Town engineer Mike Metzger spoke about the Community Center. He talked to the structural engineer and he has approved the invoices for payment subject to one correction. Mike said that he spoke with the Parks Superintendent Sojka about a question of the color of the upper panels which are not quite right.

~ Councilman Witt asked if there will be a work session at the end of this year? Supervisor Elect Savage mentioned we may need a special meeting for the approval for payment for Tredo.

~ Town Dog Warden Weglarski mentioned one dog that he picked up this morning.

~ Supervisor Milligan spoke about a resolution he received from the Town of Elma regarding the banning of immigrants into Erie County. No action was taken at this time. He received a letter from another village about exceeding the tax cap.

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Barbara Weber - DTC

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