

The Work Session of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, September 15, 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
Chris Snyder, CEO
Andy Sojka, Parks Superintendent

1. Rural Metro Contract Renewal – Brett Broska, Chief of Townline Fire Dept.; Bob Poeller, Chief of Millgrove Fire Dept.; Al Piasecki, Chief of Crittenden Fire Dept.; and Michael Hunt, Deputy at Townline Fire Dept. were at the work session to discuss the Rural Metro Ambulance contract up for renewal. The Town will look at our call volume from last year to see if we need one or two ambulances available at all times.

2. Planning Board Vacancy - Francis Duane Conners will be appointed to the now vacant Planning Board position. His position will expire at the same time as the previous member’s position that he is replacing.

3. Alden Youth Baseball – Alden Youth Baseball has been granted permission to use the Town Hall gymnasium for baseball practice from November through June 2016.

4. Alden Junior Football Cheer- Alden Junior Football Cheer has been granted permission to use the Town Hall auditorium for cheerleading practice from September through the end of October 2015.

5. Lawnmower for Parks Dept. - The Parks Dept. would like to trade in the 2010 lawn mower for a new 61” mower. There will be a resolution prepared for the purchase at the next Town Board meeting.

6. H.O.P. Renewal for Dan Paultler – The Building Inspector said that there is no change in the HOP renewal for Dan Paultler and he will make a motion to approve at the next Town Board meeting.

7. Community Center Paving – The Town Engineer discussed the upcoming paving project at the Community Center. Some of this money will come from the left over State grant from the Community Center building repairs.

8. St. John's Request – St. John's has requested that the Town assist them in transporting 10 tons of topsoil for their baseball diamonds. The Town Attorney suggested that this would not be appropriate unless the Town uses their ball diamonds.

~ Attorney Strong proposed that we call a public hearing for the CDBG on October 5 and adopt the resolution with the ideas with what we would like to submit for the grant at a date yet to be determined. The Town would like to use this grant to update our Town Code Book. The Town Supervisor would like updates from each department head in regards to what they would like to include in the revised Town Code Book.

~ Councilwoman Riddoch discussed the request from Alden Meals on Wheels to use the Community Center for their Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on either November 8th or 9th. Councilwoman Riddoch will prepare a motion to approve at the next Town Board meeting.

~ Councilwoman Riddoch discussed the needed repairs to the entrance ramp at the Historical Building. The Building Inspector will take a look at the scope of work to be done to estimate the cost of repairs.

~ Councilwoman Riddoch received a letter regarding on site drug testing and she may put this item on the next work session.

~ Park Superintendent Sojka spoke about the letter from the DEC regarding possible Giant Hogweed at the Robert O Park.

~ Park Superintendent Sojka spoke about some plumbing work on the sewer system at the Town Park. Fisher Septic had to come in to snake the lines.

~ Park Superintendent Sojka spoke about the roof work being done on the baseball dug outs.

~ Park Superintendent Sojka spoke about the quote for the tractor which is a binding agreement.

~ Supervisor Milligan thanked Andy Sokja for cleaning up the brush around the Welcome to Alden sign on Broadway coming from Darien.

~ CEO Snyder spoke about planning a meeting with a Broadway resident regarding a site plan for his business that is needed for the Town of Alden Planning Board. Councilman Witt would like a completed site plan for this business by the first of the month of October so it can be reviewed before the next Planning Board meeting.

~ Councilman Witt questioned a recent HOP renewal that does not conform to our current Town code.

~ Highway Superintendent Wagner would like to update some items on our Town website. One of these items is, if a mailbox is in non-compliance and is accidently taken down by our Town plows in the winter then these non-compliance mailboxes will not be replaced. Another item to be placed on our website is more recycling information.

~ Highway Superintendent Wagner questioned if he can get an off road drainage district fund or what other options are available.

~ Highway Superintendent Wagner said that there will be a meeting this week regarding turning the gas service back on at the Town Hall after some repairs were made. He expects that we will have service in about two and a half weeks.

~ Highway Superintendent Wagner talked about a drainage issue on Gebhard Lane.

~ Highway Superintendent Wagner has a meeting on 9/22 with the Superintendents Association with the County addressing the County roads and drainage.

~ Councilman Witt discussed a letter received about an un-maintained property. The CEO Chris Snyder sent out a letter to the home owner regarding this issue.

~ Supervisor Milligan discussed a complaint about a blocked waterway on North Millgrove.

~ Dog Warden Leonard Weglarski thanked the Town Board for getting him a new Dog Control truck.

~ Supervisor Milligan spoke that the Emergency Coordinator Ryan Sheedy will be using the Town Hall for a Narcan training session on October 21.

~ Supervisor Milligan spoke about having a special meeting for the budget for the year 2016. A date is yet to be set for this meeting.

~ Supervisor Milligan has received a couple of quotes for a replacement door and window at the Town Hall.

~ Supervisor Milligan talked about a new snow blower for the Town Hall maintenance. The Park Superintendent Sojka will take a look at the quotes and give his recommendation.

At 8:31 P.M. Supervisor Milligan moved to adjourn from the regular work session and enter into an executive session about a contract issue with the Town Board, the Town Attorney and the Town Engineer. Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to a Roll Call vote on September 14, 2015 and it was

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

At 9:05 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 September 14, 2015 and was

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting at 9:06 P.M.

Barbara Weber - DTC

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