

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road on Monday December 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Supervisor Savage called the Meeting to Order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken by the Town Clerk.

PRESENT: Richard Savage, Supervisor
Colleen Pautler, Councilwoman
Ralph Witt, Councilman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Debra A. Crist, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Gary Wagner, Highway Supt.
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Len Weglarski, DCO
William Rogers, Hwy. Supt. Elect
Dean Adamski, Councilman Elect
Residents

Councilwoman Pautler Moved and Supervisor Savage seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes and Synopsis of December 4, 2017. The Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on December 18, 2017 and was **CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt
Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN PAUTLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WITT, WHO MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE ALLOWED AND PAID TO WIT; VOUCHERS #1255-1314 **ALL BILLS REVIEWED BY THE TOWN BOARD.**

	ABSTRACT #1	ABSTRACT #2	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$20,591.33		\$20,591.33
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	10,517.74		10,517.74
PART-TOWN FUND "B"	6,188.61		6,188.61
COMMUNITY DEV. FUND "CD"			
CAPITAL IMPROV. "HC"			
WATER DISTRICT #1 FUND "WA"	4,234.02		4,234.02
CONSOLIDATED WATER "WR"			
SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION "SF"	128.00		128.00
SEWER DIST. #1 FUND "SI"			
SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA"	2,002.56		2,002.56
TRUST & AGENCY "T"	4,617.89		4,617.89
SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"	35,523.43		35,523.43
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"	5,647.89		5,647.89
GRANT "G"			
PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST. "SL1"	32.03		32.03
TOTALS	\$89,483.50		\$89,483.50

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON DECEMBER 18, 2017 AND **ADOPTED.**

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt
Nays 0

PUBLIC HEARING

AT 7:05 P.M. SUPERVISOR SAVAGE MOVED TO ADJOURN FROM THE REGULAR MEETING AND ENTER INTO THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CONTRACTS WITH THE TOWNLINE FIRE DEPT., INC., CRITTENDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., INC., THE VILLAGE OF ALDEN/ALDEN HOOK & LADDER FIRE CO.,

INC. AND THE MILLGROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DPET., INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF ALDEN.

COUNCILMAN WITT SECONDED THE MOTION. THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON DECEMBER 18, 2017 AND

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt

Nays 0

SUPERVISOR SAVAGE STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE CONTRACT WITH THE FOUR COMPANIES. SUPERVISOR SAVAGE GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPENED THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

Matt Herdzik/S. Woodside Drive questioned the impact of the decline in population that he read about in Sunday's paper on the Fire companies. He questioned if the budget includes the service award program? Supervisor Savage responded that it did. Mr. Herdzik questioned whether there was a separate fund for that program. Supervisor Savage said that it is a separate line item but is paid out of the special fire protection budget. He wondered if there was a reserve fund put aside to guarantee down the road that they will get a retirement award. It is administered by a company who tells the Town what they have to put into it each year. It is a 10 year certain; we are obligated that we have to pay them. Mr. Herdzik questioned the amount of the reward program received. Supervisor Savage believed it to be approximately a maximum of \$400.00. Points must be maintained. The Town gives the money to a company to manage the funds and disburse them. The management fee has gone from \$3500.00/year in 2009 to \$5300.00 this year, a 25% increase. Mr. Herdzik is concerned that with the population is dropping there will be a need for volunteer firemen. He notices signs out looking for volunteers at the fire companies. Down the road we could be in trouble for fire protection. He feels that \$400.00 is an insult to firefighters that have been in service for 20 years. Supervisor Savage said it is not meant to be a regular pension. It is a reward for being a volunteer. He feels if they could give richer rewards to people perhaps they could get more people to become volunteers. Supervisor Savage said there are four new members that will be approved for Millgrove Volunteer Fire Dept. tonight. They are a dedicated bunch of people and we are fortunate to have them. They take time away from their families to answer calls in the community. They are very much appreciated. Mr. Herdzik stated whatever we can do for those guys...do it.

AT 7:23 P.M. AFTER ALL THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD WERE HEARD, SUPERVISOR SAVAGE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ENTER BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING. COUNCILWOMAN PAUTLER MOVED AND COUNCILMAN WITT SECONDED THE MOTION. THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON DECEMBER 18, 2017 AND

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt

Nays 0

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no business from the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Strong:

The draft of the Town Code has been received and she will be reviewing it for the next 30 days. Should any question arise she will bring them to the Town Board.

Supervisor Savage:

The following have been received:

1. The Planning Board minutes from the December 12th, 2017 meeting.
2. A draft MOU to Lenny Blamowski, Teamsters Local 264 was sent. Re: temporary, seasonal, emergency Plow Truck driver.
3. An e-mail was received from Beth Garigen/Piper Court regarding snowplows pushing snow onto her lawn, ruining chunks of lawn and killing one of her trees. Copied to Hwy. Supt.
4. A resume was received from Don Hey for the Planning Board.
5. A request was received from the Alden Winterfest Committee for permission to use the Community Center and Town Park including all shelters for Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3, 2018. Place on Work Session.
6. A resume was received from Ronald Gardner for the Planning Board.
7. The Village of Alden approved Board minutes from November 21, 2017.
8. A memo was received from Judge LaDuca regarding Court Audit.
9. A letter was received from Dean Adamski resigning from the Alden Town Planning Board.

10. A letter was received from Matthew B. Herdzik, Jr. Atty. requesting reappointment for the year 2018 as Town Prosecutor.
11. A letter was received from Colleen Rogers requesting reappointment as Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor.
12. An e-mail was received from Sue Galbraith requesting reappointment as ZBA Chairwoman.
13. A copy of the Village of Alden Fire Dept. and EMS report for November 2017.
14. The Building Department's Monthly report for November 2017 was received.
15. The monthly statement from the Town Clerk's office for taxes collected was received. The school taxes collected year to date...\$8,250,324.43.
16. Article from the Buffalo News seeking to build an agribusiness park in the Southtowns.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Witt Moved and Councilwoman Pautler seconded the Motion to approve the renewal of the Junk Yard License for Alden Trucks Ltd. Of 2731 Townline Rd., Alden, N.Y. for the Year 2018. License to run 1/1/18 to 12/31/18. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on December 18, 2018 and **CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt
Nays 0

Supervisor Savage Moved and Councilman Witt seconded the Motion to approve the renewal of the Hauler's Permit for Darling Ingredients for the Year 2018. License to run 1/1/18-12/31/18. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on December 18, 2017 and

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt
Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN PAUTLER, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WITT TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board having on the 18th day of December, 2017 commencing at 7:05 P.M. duly held a public hearing for the purpose of considering new contracts for the years 2018-2020 with the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Inc./ Village of Alden; Townline Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; Crittenden Fire Department, Inc.; and the Millgrove Fire Department, Inc.; each of which said contracts shall be for fire protection to "Town of Alden Fire Protection District," and having heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter and the matter of said contracts for such fiscal years having been fully discussed and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

1. The Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said contracts, copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk, on the terms and conditions contained therein, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018; and
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on December 18, 2017 and **ADOPTED.**

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt
Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMAN WITT, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN PAUTLER TO WIT;

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law allows a municipality to approve the volunteer members of a volunteer fire department operating in said municipality;

WHEREAS, the Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection services within the Town of Alden pursuant to a contract with the Town of Alden;

WHEREAS, approval of members assists an injured volunteer firefighter in receiving worker's compensation benefits pursuant to New York State Volunteer Firefighter Benefit Law;

WHEREAS, Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department has approved Kim Offhaus, Aric J. Reichart, Aron Marranca, and Ryan Manning for Membership; and

WHEREAS, Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department has submitted to the Alden Town Clerk's Office notification of these new members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

1. The Alden Town Board hereby approves Kim Offhaus, Aric J. Reichart, Aron Marranca, and Ryan Manning for membership in the Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department, and
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on December 18, 2017 and **ADOPTED.**

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt
Nays 0

Supervisor Savage Moved and Councilman Witt seconded the Motion to permit James Szymanski to carry over his unused 10.75 hrs. vacation accruals from 2017 into 2018. Larry Zobrest to carry over his 33 hrs of unused vacation accruals, and David Retzlaff to carry over his 17 hrs. of unused vacation accruals. These vacation accrual figures are as of 12/18/2017. These accruals must be used by June 1, 2018, with time off requests submitted and at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on December 18, 2017 and

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt
Nays 0

Councilwoman Pautler Moved and Councilman Witt seconded the Motion to approve Alden Travel Baseball's request to conduct a tournament on June 8, 9, & 10th, 2018, utilizing the Town's Robert O. Smith Park fields 1 and 2 with the following provisions:

1. Liability releases for every participant must be provided to the Recreation Director at least 1 week prior to the Tournament.
2. A liability insurance certificate with the Town of Alden named as additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate must be provided to Town Attorney Strong at least 1 week in advance of the event.
3. An indemnification agreement must be signed prior to the event (Town Attorney will have it).
4. Tournament Organizers should insure that parking occurs in parking areas, not on grass.
5. Tournament Organizers should insure that there are medical EMT personnel available during the tourney.
6. Contact person will be Joe Jankowski 716-913-5271

Town Clerk to copy approved Motion with attached application to Andy Sojka, Daniel Moultrup, Town Attorney Strong and Joe Jankowski, 12313 S. Blossom Lea Dr., Alden, N.Y. 14004.

The Foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on December 18, 2017 and

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt
Nays 0

Councilman Witt Moved and Councilwoman Pautler seconded the Motion to approve the renewal of the Hauler's Permit for Modern Disposal for the Year 2018. Permit will run 1/1/2018-12/31/2018. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on December 18, 2017 and

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt
Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR SAVAGE, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WITT TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board on November 07, 2016 adopted its 2017 Budget;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden needs to transfer money to allow for payment of items as outlined below; and;

WHEREAS, these budget transfers will not render the Town of Alden insolvent;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT;

The Alden Town Board hereby authorizes the following transfers:

<u>From (Budget Code)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To (Budget Code)</u>	<u>General Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A.1910.0400	\$1,451.00	A.1355.0104	Bal. for Assessor PT Receptionist	\$1,451.00
A.1910.0400	6,006.63	A.5132.0438	Repairs to Hwy. Garage Dept /D.O.L.	6,406.63
DB.5110.0433	27,167.42	DB.5112.0433	transfer to highway materials & sup.	25,591.75
DB.5130.0225	9,144.58	DB.5112.0433	transfer to highway materials & sup.	9,144.58
DB.1930.0400	1,575.67	DB.5112.0433	transfer to highway materials & sup.	1,575.67
			TOTAL	\$44,169.63

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a Roll Call Vote at a regular meeting on December 18, 2017 and

ADOPTED.

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt

Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN PAUTLER, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WITT TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden is in need of the services of a grant administrator pertaining to the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant for Alaura Sewer District # 2.

WHEREAS, grant administration services are a professional, unique and specialized skill that will benefit the residents of the Town of Alden; and

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board given its past work relationship with Grantmakers Advantage, Inc. would like to contract with Grantmakers Advantage, Inc. for grant administration services for the Town of Alden for the above project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. The Town Board approves the attached Contract with Grantmakers Advantage, Inc. for grant administrative services for the Town of Alden for the above project at a cost not to exceed \$5,946.00;
2. The Supervisor of the Town of Alden is hereby authorized to execute all necessary paperwork to effectuate the Contract; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote at a regular meeting on December 18, 2017, and

ADOPTED.

Ayes 3 Savage, Pautler & Witt

Nays 0

UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished & tabled business.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

Attorney Strong:

The 30 days for publishing the property sale on Sandridge Rd. to Joseph and Jennifer Czechowski have passed and there were no petitions received. She has asked the Czechowski's Attorney please send us the rest of the documentation so we can get it finalized.

Town Engineer Metzger:

A call back was received from the DEC on the preliminary design for Alden S.D. #2 sewer treatment plant, they were fine with it and it is proceeding on schedule.

Supervisor Savage:

The following should be placed on the Work Session for January 8, 2018:

1. Drainage
2. Foil reimbursement
3. S.D. #2
4. Senior Center remodel update
5. Winterfest
6. Cayuga Creek Water

Supervisor Savage wished the best to Highway Supt. Gary Wagner and Councilman Ralph Witt and thanked them for their service to the Town. This is their last meeting. He welcomed the incoming Highway Supt. William Rogers and Councilman Dean Adamski. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

NEXT WORK SESSION: **December 26, 2017(CANCELLED)** **@ 7:00 P.M.**
NEXT TOWN BOARD MTG.: **January 2, 2018 (REORGANIZATION)** **@ 7:00 P.M.**

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

Supervisor Savage asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence in honor of Sigmund Liszewski and Gerald Higgins.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:49 P.M. Supervisor Savage adjourned the Meeting.

Debra A. Crist
Alden Town Clerk