

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Supervisor Milligan called the Meeting to Order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken by the Town Clerk.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Debra A. Crist, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney  
Gary Wagner, Highway Supt.  
Chris Snyder, CEO  
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer  
Don Stoffel, Planning Board  
Len Weglarski  
Residents

Supervisor Milligan Moved and Councilman Witt seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2014 and Special Meeting of December 8, 2014. The Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on December 15, 2014 and was

**CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN RIDDOCH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WITT TO WIT;

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>ABST. #1</u>	<u>ABST. #2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$9,520.40		\$9,520.40
HWY FUND "DA/DB"	39,234.22		39,234.22
PART-TOWN FUND "B"	3,101.23		3,101.23
CAPITAL IMPROV. "HC"			
CONSOLIDATED WATER "WR"	5,307.02		5,307.02
SP FIRE PROT. "SF"			
SD#1 FUND "SI"			
SD#2 FUND "SA"	2,692.30		2,692.30
TRUST/AGCY FUND "T"	2,031.46		2,031.46
SP REFUSE FUND "SR"	35,329.69		35,329.69
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"	6,713.07		6,713.07
PERIWINKLE LTG. "SL1"	46.52		46.52
GRANTS			
TOTALS	\$103,975.91		\$103,975.91

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON DECEMBER 15, 2014 AND WAS

**ADOPTED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Ed Earsing from South Woodside would like the Town to look into having the "no right on red" sign removed from Townline & Broadway. Supervisor Milligan will look into this. If the sign is still there, he will call the State.

Mr. Earsing also questioned the condition of his street during the storm. Highway Supt. Wagner explained the road was cleaned by a high lift loader initially to open the road up enough for the blowers to get down.

Matt Herdzik from South Woodside wanted to thank the Town Board, Town government and all those involved with the storm issue in November. He felt that the Town did a good job.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Supervisor Milligan:**

Reappointment letters were received from the following:

Town Attorney Jennifer Strong

Town Engineer Michael Metzger

Len Weglarski, Dog Warden

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board has received a request from the Parks Supervisor to purchase a new snow blower the estimated cost of which is less than \$2,000.00 but greater than \$500.00;

WHEREAS, the Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines ("Guidelines") of the Town of Alden state that the Town must obtain written quotes from at least two (2) vendors;

WHEREAS, requests for proposals were made to two (2) vendors and quotes were received as follows:

The highest bidder is Ken's Sales and Service at \$1,206.15 and,

The lowest bidder is Woodcutters Headquarters Inc. at \$885.97;

WHEREAS, Woodcutters Headquarters Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the request finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the purchase of the above described snow blower;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

1. The Town Board approves the purchase of a snow blower from Woodcutters Headquarters, Inc. for \$885.97;
2. The Parks Supervisor of the Town of Alden is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this purchase; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**On the Question: Supervisor Milligan believed it was discussed at the last Work Session that we were not going to order this until next year. Councilwoman Riddoch said the price and availability could not be guaranteed for next year. If a storm should occur between now and the next couple of meetings, they would not have the equipment for cleanup. Supervisor Milligan also questioned why quotes were not received from local dealers. He feels that the Town should buy local whenever possible. Councilwoman Riddoch will check with Park Supt. Sojka to see why quotes were not done locally.**

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on December 15, 2014 and **ADOPTED.**

Ayes 2 Riddoch & Witt

Nays 1 Milligan

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

WHEREAS, The Town of Alden Building Inspector on October 27, 2014 made a report to the Alden Town Board that the building located at 11133 Broadway (on the Alaura Street Side) is so dangerous and unsafe as defined by Chapter 7A of the Alden Town Code; the building is so dilapidated, decayed, unsafe and unsanitary, that it utterly fails to provide the amenities essential to decent living so that they are unfit for human habitation.

WHEREAS, The Building Inspector has determined that the building: cannot be reasonably

repaired; is dangerous to the health, morals, safety and general welfare; and is more than 50% damaged, decayed and deteriorated from its original structure; and that said building is a public nuisance.

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector has properly notified the owner and the owner's attorney, and all other persons having an interest in said building (none) that the building has been found to be dangerous, unsafe, and a public nuisance and has given notice that the building must be repaired or demolished within thirty (30) days.

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector has posted notice of the Building being dangerous, unsafe, and a public nuisance on the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. That a Hearing be held before the Alden Town Board on January 5, 2015 at 7:20 PM at the Alden Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York on the report made by the Building Inspector and to determine if the building is dangerous, unsafe and a public nuisance;

2. That the necessary Notice of Hearing, as required by Section 7A-6(B) of the Alden Town Code be published in the Alden Advertiser, the official newspaper of the Town of Alden, and be posted on the Town Bulletin Board, and mailed to the property owner and other parties having an interest in the property, which Notice shall be in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on December 15, 2014 and

**Adopted.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

Councilwoman Riddoch Moved and Councilman Witt seconded the Motion to approve the Winterfest Committee's request to use the Town Facilities for their 11<sup>th</sup> annual Winterfest on January 30-31<sup>st</sup> 2015. The Town will supply (2) portable toilets for use in the Park. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on December 15, 2014 and

**CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

**SUPERVISOR MILLIGAN POLLED THE BOARD AND WITH NO OBJECTIONS THE FOLLOWING WERE ADDED:**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR MILLIGAN, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN RIDDOCH TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board on November 4, 2013 adopted its 2014 Budget;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden requires an increase in appropriations and expenditures in the amount of \$67,000 in Account Code A.1950.0400. Said expenditures are a result of reassessment for the Town of Alden. The charge will close to General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance A.0909 at fiscal year-end;

WHEREAS, this increase will not render the Town of Alden insolvent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

The Alden Town Board hereby increases by \$67,000 the expenditure line A.1950.0400 of the 2014 Budget and that said expenditures will be charged to General Unreserved Fund Balance A.0909 at fiscal year end.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Foregoing Resolution was duly put to a Roll Call Vote at a regular meeting on December 15, 2014 and

**ADOPTED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt  
Nays 0

Supervisor Milligan Moved and Councilman Witt seconded the Motion to refer Local Law #5/2014 Tax Exemptions to the Planning Board for Review and recommendation. The Foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on December 15, 2014 and

**CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt  
Nays 0

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board on November 4, 2013 adopted its 2014 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:

From (Budget Code)	Amount	To (Budget Code)	General Explanation	Amount
A.5132.0438	\$98.69	A.5132.0406	Hwy. Phone Shortage	\$98.69
A.5132.0438	\$384.17	A.5132.0407	Hwy. Light Shortage	\$384.17
A.6772.0440	\$39.96	A.6510.0419	Veterans Organization	\$39.96
A.9030.0800	\$1,411.00	A.9050.0800	Unemployment Ins.	\$1,411.00
A.1620.0409	\$352.09	A.1620.0406	Buildings Phone	\$352.09
DB.5142.0449	\$369.25	DB.5142.0431	Snow Removal/Fuel	\$369.25
DB.5112.0433	\$19,543.97	DB.1930.0400	Hwy. Contract	\$19,543.97
SL1.5182.0410	\$14.44	SL1.5182.0413	Periwinkle Lighting	\$14.44
A.1990.0400	\$39,558.90	A.1440.0415	Zoeller & Exchange	\$39,558.90
A.7110.0470	\$5,000.00	A.1440.0415	Zoeller & Exchange	\$5,000.00
A.1620.0444	\$65.16	A.1440.0415	Zoeller & Exchange	<u>\$65.16</u>
			TOTAL	\$66,837.63

NOTE: A FUND WILL BE PAID BACK FROM NEW WDS.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Foregoing Resolution was duly put to a Roll Call vote at a regular meeting on December 15, 2014 and

**ADOPTED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt  
Nays 0

**UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished & tabled business.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL**

**Councilwoman Riddoch:**

Councilwoman Riddoch spoke with Mark Kerl regarding roofing (steel) on the dugouts. The price would be approximately \$300.00 per dugout. Baseball will look into whether they can help out. Councilwoman Riddoch questioned whether we could accept it. Attorney Strong said we can. Councilwoman Riddoch talked to the Parks regarding the 2004 Chevy. There was a lot of work that they had done in Town to repair the truck. There will have to be a transfer from the equipment fund. Councilwoman Riddoch spoke with Tom Wojek from Gorman, who advised her that the Senior Van will be delivered Friday. Insurance cards and new plates will have to be obtained. Supervisor Milligan advised the registration will have to be to Alden Town of. They will not accept the Town of Alden.

Pictures will need to be taken and sent to the County.

**Highway Supt. Wagner:**

Highway Supt. Gary Wagner has been notified that a 60'-70' tree has come down in Cayuga Creek. He will contact the County as this could cause problems.

**Eng. Michael Metzger:**

Update on Zoeller/Exchange Waterlines:

Award letter was sent to the contractor.

Notice was received from Richard Ball, Commissioner of NYS Dept. of Ag & Mkts. with their final signoff on the project.

The second resident's letter is being prepared that will be sent along with the Water Authority's requested information. Mike is still working out details.

Engineer Metzger will schedule a meeting with the Supervisor and the contractor to get the contract signed.

A lateral restriction resolution will need to be adopted. Engineer Metzger said this will be discussed at the next Work Session.

Highway Dept. Building:

We have to get the structural Engineer comfortable with what has been done to secure the building before he will issue an unconditional letter. Hwy. Supt. Wagner is providing information from the contractor that provided the towers. Supervisor Milligan receives calls every day from the State Police questioning when they will be able to go back to their barracks.

**Don Stoffel, Planning Board:**

The Planning Board recommended approval of the Hoffman H.O.P. on Buckwheat Rd.

There was a draft letter composed by the Planning Board Chairman regarding the Mark Moore property on Broadway.

**Supervisor Milligan:**

The Town Hall will be closed on December 26, 2014.

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

**NEXT WORK SESSION:**

**December 22, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MTG.:**

**January 5, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE**

Supervisor Milligan asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence in Memory of Harold Frey & Eleanor Koziarski.

**AT 7:26 P.M. COUNCILMAN WITT MOVED TO ADJOURN FROM THE REGULAR MEETING AND ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING A PERSONNEL MATTER WITH THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN ATTORNEY AND HWY. SUPT. WAGNER. COUNCILWOMAN RIDDOCH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON DECEMBER 15, 2014 AND CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

**AT 7:33 P.M. COUNCILWOMAN RIDDOCH MOVED AND COUNCILMAN WITT SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION BEING TAKEN, AND ENTER BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING. THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE AND CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Milligan, Riddoch & Witt

Nays 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:34 P.M. Supervisor Milligan adjourned the Meeting.

Debra A. Crist  
Town Clerk

