

MEETING NO. 5
REGULAR NO 4

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEB. 20, 2007
7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 7:30 PM. Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to Order. Councilman Weber led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken by the Deputy Town Clerk.

PRESENT: Ronald L. Smith, Supervisor
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman
William Weber, Councilman
Ronald L. Snyder, Councilman
Arlene A. Cooke, Councilwoman
RECORDING SECRETARY: Debra Crist, Deputy Town Clerk
OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Harry F. Milligan, Highway Supt
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes & Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2007. Unanimously carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN COOKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SNYDER TO WIT;

ACCOUNT	ABST #1	ABST #2	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A"	32,956.33		32,956.33
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	196,772.28		196,772.28
PARTTOWN FUND "B"	9,004.64		9,004.64
WD#2FUND "WB"	375.20		375.20
WD#3FUND "WC"	1,983.20		1,983.20
WD#4FUND "WD"	50,799.17		50,799.17
SPEC. FIRE PROT. "SF"	490,504.00		490,504.00
SD#2FUND "SA"	1,969.75		1,969.75
TRUST/AGCY FUND "T"	185.00		185.00
SP REFUSE FUND "SR"	28,038.11		28,038.11
ST LIGHTING FUND "SL"	5,668.39		5,668.39
TOTAL	818,256.07		818,256.07

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE THE FOREGOING WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Brian Holmes from 1331 Two Rod Road addressed the Board regarding the letter he received from Michael Metzger, Town Engineer. Mr. Holmes feels he complied with all requested of him, except the fencing, which will be done in the spring. Mr. Metzger would like a final site plan and drainage report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Riddoch reported that she spoke with Mark Zee at Tops re the residents in the area concern over tractor trailers parking in the parking lot over night. He is making signs stating no parking over night. The Sheriff's have been notified of this situation. Councilwoman Riddoch will keep the residents informed. She asked this to be put on the joint work session with the Village.

Town Attorney, Jennifer Strong, reported on working on the service award program. She also has been in touch with Glen Miller re highway grievance. She sent the rewording of peace officer status letter to Senator Volker's office.

Councilman Snyder reported speaking with Kathy Cragmile re a motor for the test meter she purchased for sewer plant. He issued a voucher for reimbursement.

Councilwoman Cooke spoke with Sue Barnes regarding Homeland Defense money for a generator/ it is not available for this. Councilwoman Cooke contacted Sheriff Howard regarding the Sheriff's Dept. helping out with the generator, she has not heard back yet.

Supervisor Smith received minutes from the Planning Board meeting of Feb. 13th, monthly report from Rural Metro and a request from Alden Hook and Ladder for the Heritage weekend 6/25-7/2/07, Supervisor Smith would like the request put on the Work Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Riddoch moved and Councilman Weber seconded the Motion to renew the HOP for Charles Smith/3231 Crittenden Rd. Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden Supervisor's Office and Clerk's Office have advised the Town Board that their Departments are in need of a new computer workstation and server in order to properly operate the Town's accounting and bookkeeping software, the estimated cost of which is more than \$1,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines of the Town of Alden requires that all estimated purchases over \$1,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00 require a written request for a proposal and written/fax quotes from at least three vendors;

WHEREAS, said Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines have been followed and three quotes have been obtained;

WHEREAS, the Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the request finds said request in the public interest to authorize said purchase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board approves the purchase of a Inwin case 7 bay 300 watt atx 2.0 server and a Rosewell case 350 watt atx 2.0 workstation (as further described on the attached quote) from DC Computers for \$3,212.49 as being consistent with its policies and in the interests of the residents of the Town of Alden;
2. That the 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.
4. The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on February 20, 2007 and was unanimously adopted.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMAN SNYDER WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WEBER TO WIT;

WHEREAS, many sex offenders utilize computers and the internet to anonymously communicate with children using fictitious identities in order to entice children to meet with them with the ultimate goal of engaging in sex with children, and

WHEREAS, the incidence of this illegal and immoral crime against our children has increased dramatically, and

WHEREAS, State Assemblyman Mark Schroeder, D-Buffalo, has sponsored a bill in the State Assembly (A.12114) which would enact a new law (Article 495-Computer Sex Crimes Against Children) to make it a separate crime to use the internet to commit a sex crime against a child and to deem such crime to be subject to a more severe criminal penalty, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Alden feels that this proposed legislation is worthwhile and would add an additional deterrent to sex offenders in New York State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. THAT this Town Board hereby memorializes the New York State Legislature and Governor to enact Assembly Bill No. 12114 to mandate stricter penalties upon those who use the internet to commit sex crimes against children,
2. THAT, the Town Clerk be and hereby is further directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to all municipalities in Erie County.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on February 20, 2007 and was unanimously adopted.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden is a Member of the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Urban County Consortium (“the Consortium”) and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie Department of Environment and Planning has requested that all Consortium Members appoint an Affirmative Action Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Supervisor Ronald L. Smith is hereby appointed as the Affirmative Action Officer for the Town of Alden;
2. The Town Clerk shall notify the County of Erie Department of Environment and Planning of this appointment.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote on February 20, 2007 and was unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman Riddoch moved and Councilman Weber seconded the Motion to approve St. John the Baptist School’s request to use the Town of Alden Band Shelter for their annual Lawn Fete on July 20th- 22nd, 2007. Unanimously carried.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Riddoch reported that she, Bud and Ron Smith met with Father Jim from St. John’s re the heritage trail bike path, they will be meeting with the Parish Council on March 15. She also spoke with Mike Hardie re bid out for insurance for the Town. Renewal date is May 1st. Supervisor Smith suggested we also check with other insurance companies for quotes.

Councilman Weber reported contacting Sen. Volker's office re proposed Water District #5, spoke to Craig Miller/no money available. Also stopped at Assemblyman Cole's office to see if could get information on available money/Cole will contact Councilman Weber. Suggestion was made to contact E.F. Corp. who use to link up with Rural Development.

Councilwoman Cooke reported she will send out forms to Town Employees for a yearly updated phone list.

Supervisor Smith asked Mike Metzger to check into rerouting the bike path. There is a joint Work Session between the Town and the Village on February 27th at 6:30 at the Town Hall.

At 8:00 P.M. Councilman Weber moved and Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a Personnel matter. Unanimously carried.

At 8:45 P.M. Councilman Weber moved and Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the motion to reenter into the regular meeting. No action was taken. Unanimously carried.

Supervisor Smith adjourned the Meeting at 8:46 PM.

Debra A. Crist
Deputy Town Clerk