

MEETING NO. 5
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MARCH 7, 2005
7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Richard A. Savage, Supervisor
Michael W. Cole, Councilman
James M. Lorenzi, Councilman
Ronald L. Snyder, Councilman
Arlene A. Cooke, Councilwoman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Dorothy L. Bycina, Town Clerk
Harry F. Milligan, Highway Supt.
Frank Trybuskiewicz, Building Inspector
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer
Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

Supervisor Savage called the meeting to order. Councilwoman Cooke led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken by the Town Clerk.

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2005. Unanimously carried.

COUNCILWOMAN COOKE MOVED AND COUNCILMAN COLE SECONDED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE ALLOWED AND PAID:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT		
	ABST #1	ABST #2	TOTAL
General Fund "A"	26,906.91	28,335.03	55,241.94
Highway Fund "DA/DB"	15,503.52	14,355.97	29,859.49
Part-Town Fund "B"	2,654.13	1,675.95	4,330.08
WD#1 Fund "WA"	1,811.59	3,291.30	5,102.89
WD#2 Fund "WB"	362.32	388.08	750.40
D#3 Fund "WC"	1,915.12	2,051.28	3,966.40
WD#4 Fund "WD"	52,168.60	1,344.12	53,512.72
Sp. Fire Prot "SF"	466,872.76	26,278.76	493,151.52
SD#1 FUND "SI"	20,845.58		20,845.58
SD#2 Fund "SA"	670.73	2,123.90	2,794.63
Trust & Agcy Fund "T"	2,620.18	14,362.14	16,982.32
Sp. Refuse Fund "SR"	26,789.61	7,301.68	34,091.29
St. Lighting Fund "SL"	7,162.63	7,164.70	14,327.33
TOTAL	626,283.68	108,672.91	734,956.59

Upon roll call vote the foregoing was unanimously adopted.

Supervisor Savage "Welcomed" Students from Alden Central's Good Government Class.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Eleanor White/Meals on Wheels "Thanked" the Board for their previous contribution and requested the same for this year. Supervisor Savage advised that a contract will have to be drawn up – Eleanor is to get the information needed to Attorney Strong and she asked if anyone had any ideas on how to reach out to the Seniors in need – one of the ACS Students offered to help her.

Matt Herdzyk/287 S Woodside had questions re Rural Metro- rates that the Supervisor presented at the previous Meeting was for Medicare reimbursement rates charged to people who do not have insurance. Mr. Herdzyk's area is serviced by Townline who uses

LVAC and then Rural Metro as backup. He also wanted to know if he should be taken to the hospital would his wife be able to ride in the Ambulance since she does not drive. The Supervisor said he was not sure and that he should contact Rural Metro since this may cause a liability problem.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Cole reported on the following: a letter from Michael Ehrhardt re the speed limit on Exchange St; copy of letter sent to Kevin Wypij dated 10/21/98 from Mayor Retzlaff re the speed limit on Exchange St; a copy of a letter from HOME – a meeting to be held on 4/13/05 at the Buffalo Convention Center and an Invitation to a Traffic Safety Breakfast meeting.

Councilman Lorenzi gave an up date on the Bridgecom – a savings will be coming through shortly.

Attorney Strong advised that the Baseball Claim is very weak; she has worked out the Sign issue for the Town of Alden with the Highway Supt; is working on the Carl Fix property and the Virginia Drive property.

Councilman Snyder reported will be attending the Economic Development Meeting on Tuesday; letter from NEST re Meeting this week.

Councilwoman Cooke received a call from Dick O'Dell re Summer Concert and is trying to reach Jeff Patterson re AJF.

Supervisor Savage reported the following: letter from Highway Supt re Gradall purchase; copy of Planning Board Agenda; Notice of Ass'n of Erie County Governments Meeting – March 24th; copy of the Health Department Permit for Outdoor Swimming Pool; notice of the American Legion Memorial Day Parade; request from Alden Memorial Post #7967 to sell the Buddy Poppy; request from Crittenden Vol Fire Co re a Car Show – to be placed on the Work Session; letter from NYS Office of Real Property Services re Assessment Ratio; letter from Alden Central School – asking for suggestions and ideas for presenters at the graduation ceremonies; copy of two (2) Public Hearing for the ZBA Buckwheat Rd and Exchange St.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Cooke moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the Motion to approve ECDS Lt. Pliszka's request to use the Town Hall Boardroom from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM on the dates listed per his 2/22/05 letter for classroom training – Town Clerk to notify Lt. Pliszka of approval. Unanimously carried.

Councilman Snyder moved and Supervisor Savage seconded the Motion to allow Adecco use of the Boardroom for one or two days, at the discretion of the Town Clerk during regular business hours for the purpose of conducting employment interviews. Unanimously carried.

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the Motion to allow Snelling Personnel use of the meeting room to conduct interviews on one or two days during regular business hours at the discretion of the Town Clerk. Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alden is considering an application, by Warren Hofmeier for the minor subdivision of two (2) lots (the first being 300 feet by 1,067 feet consisting of 7.24 acres and the seconded being 300 feet by 1,067 feet consisting of 7.19 acres) on Walden Avenue in the Town of Alden, further identified by SBL #96.00-6-37 9 (The "Proposed Action") and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alden has determined that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA but has determined that it is in the public interest to conduct a coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alden believes that the Town of Alden is: the agency primarily responsible for undertaking decisions as to a minor subdivision; is the agency with the broadest governmental powers for investigating the impact of the Proposed Action; and has the greatest capacity for providing the most thorough environmental assessment of the Proposed Action; and is the most local agent with permitting authority; and

WHEREAS, the Town Building Inspector provided notice to the Erie County Division of Planning on August 24, 2004, for this proposed minor subdivision, as required under Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law and no comments have been received from the Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board has determined that the proposed minor subdivision is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA but that a coordinated review should be conducted.
2. The Town Board has determined that it should be the Lead Agency for all environmental review for the minor subdivision application.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The above resolution was duly put to a roll call vote on March 7, 2005 and was unanimously adopted.

Supervisor Savage moved and Councilman Cole seconded the Motion to allow Alden Memorial Post 7967 VFW to solicit Buddy Poppy Donations on May 5, 6 and d 7, 2005. Unanimously carried.

Supervisor polled the Board and with no objection the following was added to the Agenda.

Supervisor Savage moved and Councilman Cole seconded the Motion to amend the 2005 Highway Fund Budget by increasing Line DB5142.449 Snow Removal Material (Salt) by \$20,000. Source of Funding for this increase will be undesignated Fund Balance. Unanimously carried.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & PERSONNEL.

Councilman Lorenzi requested that an emergency water shut off be installed in the Historical Building – Councilman Snyder will check on this.

Councilman Snyder reported he has checked on a Motor on the Town Hall roof; worked on a Pump on the Furnace and will be checking on the Back Flow.

Councilwoman Cooke had a request from the Seniors re their Microphone System; spoke to Carl re the wiring.

Engineer Metzger reported that he and Frank Trybuskiewicz are working on the Flood Plan Maps.

Supervisor Savage requested the following be added to the Work Session of March 14th – WD#5; Financing for the Excavator; Hofmeier Sub Division; Crittenden Vol Fire Co's Car Show and the Zoning Map Up-date.

Supervisor Savage adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 PM with a Minute's silence in Memory of Paulette Pfitzinger and Mary Shields.

DOROTHY L. BYCINA
TOWN CLERK