

MEETING NO. 10
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MAY 19, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday May 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to Order. Councilman Weber led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Loehr gave the Invocation. The roll call was taken by the Deputy Town Clerk.

PRESENT: Ronald L. Smith, Supervisor
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman
William Weber, Councilman
Ronald Snyder, Councilman
Arlene Cooke, Councilwoman
RECORDING SECRETARY: Debra Crist, Deputy Town Clerk
OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Harry Milligan, Highway Supt
Martin Dugan, CEO
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer
Ralph P. Witt, Planning Chair.

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Weber seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes & Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2008. 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"	6,044.48		6,044.48
HGHWY FUND "DA/DB"	6,712.94		6,712.94
PARATTOWN FUND "B"	4,561.74		4,561.74
WD#2 FUND "WB"	375.20		375.20
WD#3 FUND "WC"	2,063.60		2,063.60
WD#4 FUND "WD"	1,299.80		1,299.80
SPECIAL FIRE PROT. "SF"	159.18		159.18
SD DIST #2 FUND "SA"	2,212.69		2,212.69
TRUST/AGCY FUND "T"	190.00		190.00
SP REFUSE FUND "SR"	28,754.55		28,754.55
ST LIGHTING FUND "SL"	4,348.11		4,348.11
TOTAL	56,722.29		56,722.29

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE THE FOREGOING WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ralph Monde, 933 Bonnie Lake Drive, questioned why the Town is responsible for the drainage problem on Bonnie Lake (Symanski property). Town Atty. Strong reported that this is a Town owned drainage ditch.

Keith Stone, 3806 Crittenden Rd., also questioned whether it should be the Town responsibility for the ditch on Bonnie Lake. Keith questioned why the LL #4 did not have to go before the Planning Board again before approval because changes were made at the Work Session. Atty Strong said that these were minor changes and did not require Planning Board recommendation.

Brandon Cole, 1669 Willow Woods, from Boy Scout Troop #117 would like to get approval for his Eagle Scout project. He would like to repaint sign on Sandridge Rd. Town Cemetery, clean up downed limbs, trim trees. He also would like to build benches and plant flowers. A request in writing will be turned in and put on the next Work Session.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Riddoch reported speaking with Dan Moultrup re the kiddie pool/repair, estimates came in high, Dan will look into another repair option that is not as costly. Received a letter from Jerry Sentz (EC Hwy Supt.) re Buckwheat Rd. traffic study/resolution of 9/4/07, a 45 mph speed limit will be established on Buckwheat from North Millgrove to the Newstead Town line. Received a copy of a letter sent to Assemblyman Cole re our resolution 9/4/07 speed study on Townline Rd. from DOT regional Director Alan Taylor. He said that after data was collected, they felt 45 MPH is appropriate for Townline from Bullis to NYS RTE 33. Copies of the full report are available. Councilwoman Riddoch spoke with Mike Asklar, EC Traffic Engineer re Crittenden/North Rd. and Crittenden/Countyline, he apologized for the length of time it has taken to address, agrees building on the corner is an issue, but a four way stop would not alleviate this. This will be put on front burner to be done this summer.

Councilman Weber reported being contacted by another Henskee Rd. resident re drainage problem, discussed with Hwy . Supt. Milligan, who will look at this.

Councilman Snyder received a letter from the Assoc. of Towns of Erie County re meeting in Holland this Thurs., he will attend. Received three bids on repairing ceiling in the storeroom that we will act on tonight. Received one bid on repair to the roof to Town Park building, will get two more and move forward with this.

Councilwoman Cooke reported she is invited to a disaster drill this Sunday at Greatbatch. Contacted by a Manitou resident re drainage problem.

Supervisor Smith received approved Village of Alden Board minutes for April 17, 2008 and April 30, 2008 minutes from special meeting/budget adoption. Received from Village Fire Department their April 2008 monthly report and yearly report 5-1-07-4-30-08, 532 alarms were responded to in the Village and Town. Received a letter from Assemblyman Mike Cole re securing a grant of \$12,500.00 for the Town of Alden for a new inter-seasonal roller/ice skating rink in the Town Park. Supervisor Smith thanked Assemblyman Cole for his efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

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

A hearing before the Town Board of the Town of Alden in the County of Erie shall be held at the Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York at 7:05 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2008, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed Local Law No.3 of the Year 2008; and

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is directed to (a) publish a notice of public hearing in the Alden Advertiser, designated as the official newspaper for this publication, such publication to be not less than five (5) days before the date of the public hearing; (b) and post as required by law one copy of the Notice of Public Hearing no later than the day such Notice is published; and

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is to make copies of the proposed Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2008, entitled "Amendment of the signs Law for the Alden Town Code", available at her office for inspection and distribution to any interested person during business hours.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote on roll call, at a regular meeting on May 19, 2008 and was unanimously adopted.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

A hearing before the Town Board of the Town of Alden, in the County of Erie shall be held at the Town Hall, 3311 Wende, Alden, New York at 7:10 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2008, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2008; and

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is directed to (a) publish a notice of public hearing in the Alden Advertiser, designated as the official newspaper for this publication, such publication to be not less than ten (10) days before the date of the public hearing; and (b) post as required by law one copy of the Notice of Public Hearing no later than the day such Notice is published; and

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is to make copies of the proposed "Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2008, entitled "Windmill Law of the town of Alden", available at her office for inspection and distribution to any interested person during business hours.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote on roll call on May 19, 2008 and was unanimously adopted.

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board; on November 19, 2007, adopted its Fiscal Year 2008 Budget;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden Court Justices have requested that the Town Board increase the Court budget for 2008 to allow the purchase of a paper shredder.

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden is a recipient of Grant monies from the State of New York, said Grant monies will be used to reimburse the Town for the cost of the paper shredder; and

WHEREAS, increasing the court Budget will not render the Town of Alden insolvent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Alden Town Board hereby increased revenues by \$650.00 Line A.3089;
2. That the Alden Town Board hereby increases expenditures by \$650.00 Line A.III0.0401; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2008 and was unanimously adopted.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board has received notice from Councilman Snyder that the store-room in the Town Hall is in need of repairs to the ceiling and walls, the estimated cost of the repairs are less than \$10,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines of the Town of Alden states that the Town must obtain written quotes from at least three (3) vendors;

WHEREAS, said Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines have been followed and quotes have been properly received; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the request finds that it is in the public interest and safety to authorize said repairs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT;

1. The Town Board approves the repairs to the Town Hall store-room at a cost of \$1,000.000, to be performed by R&D Contracting Services, Inc. as per the attached estimate
2. The Supervisor of the Town of Alden is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate these repairs, provided that all contractors have supplied proper proof of insurance naming the Town of Alden as insured and; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on May 19, 2008 and was unanimously adopted.

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

WHEREAS, the County of Erie applied for and received a grant through the New York State Office of Real Property Services to look at ways to improve the delivery of assessment administration services, and

WHEREAS, Erie County currently has 30 assessing units which include 25 towns, 3 cities and 2 villages with a total of 39 Assessors, and

WHEREAS, The County Office of Real Property Tax Services has established a committee comprised of representatives from not only from within county government but the state and local assessment community as well as one of Erie County's largest taxpayers to carry out the study, and

WHEREAS, the committee immediately identified that the ultimate success and accuracy of the study will depend in part on participation from each of the assessing units in Erie County and the elected municipal boards governing them, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the study group to identify the best approach to delivering real property tax and assessment services in Erie County and therefore, will explore options that are most appropriate to each individual municipality so that a greater level of efficiency, transparency and equity can be provided to our taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this governing body recognizes the importance of delivering the best possible assessment administration services to our taxpayers,

AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, adoption of this resolution signifies a desire and willingness to have our assessing unit participate in the County Office of Real Property Tax Services study on improving the efficiency, transparency and equity of assessment administration services,

AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the assessor(s) serving this municipality, Erie County Director of Real Property Tax Services Joseph L. Maciejewski, Erie County Executive Chris Collins, Erie County Comptroller Mark Poloncarz, and NYS Office of Real Property Services Customer Relations Manager Patricia A. Valvo.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on May 19, 2008 and was unanimously adopted.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS

REPORTS FORM COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Riddoch reported that starting this week there is a full staff of summer help in the Park. Councilwoman Riddoch thanked Rich Przywara for all his hard work keeping up the Park while we were understaffed. Checked with Mike Hardie re insurance for the Historical Society and schoolhouse, Mike said it would be costly and appraisals would need to be done, she put him in touch with Karen Muchow.

Atty. Strong researched the Court Security as requested at last Work Session, she would like this, W.D. #5 and the Bike Path put on the next Work Session.

Councilman Snyder reported working with Ted Morgan and Marty Dugan getting prices for backup equipment for S.D. #2/re grant.

Eng. Metzger reported that he and Councilman Snyder met with an Electrical Consultant at the Town Hall and received a proposal; it was not in the right form and will be redone. Mike would like this put on the next Work Session.

Supervisor Smith referred to Matt Herdzik's question about Time Warner. The franchise is non exclusive with an eleven year term, effective until the year 2011. Supv. Smith would like to remind everyone about the Memorial Day services taking place, Townline in the morning and the Village in the afternoon. Numerous applications have been received to serve on the Masterplan Committee, selections will be made soon. The Work Session will be held Tuesday, May 27, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M. and the next Board Meeting will be June 2, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Smith adjourned the Meeting at 7:27 PM with a Minute's silence in Memory of Madeleine Jones, Cecelia Wolski

DEBRA CRIST
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK