

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday June 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to Order. Councilman Snyder led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken by the Town Clerk.

PRESENT: Ronald Smith, Supervisor
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman
William Weber, Councilman
Ronald Snyder, Councilman
Arlene Cooke, Councilwoman
RECORDING SECRETARY: Dorothy L. Bycina, Town Clerk
Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer
John Zoratti, Planning Board
Leonard Weglarski, DCO

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes & Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2009. 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"	72,593.73		72,593.73
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	7,108.12		7,108.12
PARTTOWN FUND "B"	7,507.51		7,507.51
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
SP FIRE PROTECTION "SF"	170.35		170.35
SD#2 FUND "SA"	2,207.79		2,207.79
TRUST & AGCY FUND "T"	194.00		194.00
SP REFUSE FUND "SR"	30,983.02		30,983.02
ST LIGHTING FUND "SL"	6,279.40		6,279.40
PERIWINKLE LTG DIST "SL1"	32.20		32.20
GRANTS	13,105.58		13,105.58
TOTALS	143,920.30		143,920.30

Upon roll call vote the foregoing was unanimously adopted.

THERE WAS NO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR
COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Riddoch requested St. John's Athletic Director's request to be placed on the Work Session; received a call concerning dogs running loose in the Park and that the owners are not picking up after them – we do have a LeaSh Law and a Pooper Scooper Law; commented on the new Sign at North & Crittenden – also the mailbox in question has been inspected by the Post Master and it is in compliance.

Councilman Weber received communication from the Highway Supt re Salt Purchase – requested this be placed on the Work Session.

Attorney Strong reported that Modern has sent back the Signed Contract – effective July 1st and waiting to hear from Time Warner to set up a Meeting.

Councilwoman Cooke received the Rural Metro Quarterly Report for May 09.

Supervisor Smith reported the following: Town Planning Board recommendation of LL#2 of the Year 2009; a “Thank You” from Alternative Care Services of WNY Inc. copy of a Resolution submitted by Legislator Konst re Speed Limits; the Approved Board Minutes of the May 28th Village Board Meeting; the June 9th Town Planning Board Agenda copy of approved Planning Board Minutes of May 12th and the unapproved Planning Board Minutes of June 9th.

Councilman Weber moved and Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion to enter into a Public Hearing.

SUPERVISOR SMITH CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER re CRITTENDEN VOL FIRE DEPT TRUCK PURCHASE. THE TOWN CLERK READ THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE ALDEN ADVERTISER. THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR DISCUSSION.

Fireman Louis Casseri said this new Truck would be replacing two of their present trucks – will better serve the Community – will save the Fire Company on Maintenance and Fuel Cost. There were no other comments.

Councilwoman Riddoch moved and Councilman Weber seconded the Motion to call the Public Hearing to a close at 7:08 PM. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Weber moved and Councilwoman Riddoch seconded the Motion to approve St. John’s request to use the Town of Alden Band Shell for their annual Lawn Fete on July 17,18th and 19th. Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board has noticed the need, due to changes in circumstances within the Town of Alden due to changes in New York State Law, to update the Town of Alden Employee Handbook (“Handbook”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has spent many hours drafting and reviewing the attached Handbook dated June, 2009 and believes that the Handbook dated June, 2009, is fair to both the Town of Alden and to the Employees of the Town of Alden and is in the best interests of residents of the Town of Alden.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. The Town Board hereby adopts the attached Town of Alden Employee Handbook, dated June, 2009 as the official Town of Alden Employee Handbook, to be effective June 22, 2009 at 12:01 a.m.;
2. That as of June 22, 2009, at 12:01 a.m. all previous versions of Town of Alden Employee Handbooks are hereby revoked and rescinded in their entirety;
3. That as of June 22, 2009 at 12:01 a.m. the following policies of the Town of Alden are also revoked in their entirety, as these issues are addressed in the Handbook dated June, 2009: Town of Alden Internet Access and Computer Use Policy (adopted June 4, 2007) and the Town of Alden Cell Phone Agreements (dated January, 2007 and June, 2008).
4. The following existing Town of Alden Policies remain unchanged and in effect; Town of Alden Cyber Law Policy (adopted July 10, 2006); Town of Alden OSHA PRCS Policy (adopted December, 2004); Town of Alden Procurement Policy (adopted April 21, 2009); Town of Alden Budget Transfer Policy (adopted February 2, 2009)’ and the 1996 Fuel Agreement with the Alden Central School District.

5. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to promptly provide the Handbook dated June, 2009, to all Town of Alden employees; and
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on June 15, 2009 and was unanimously adopted.

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

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Inc. provides fire, rescue, and EMS protection throughout the Village and Town of Alden;

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women of the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Inc. have sacrificed many hours away from their families to respond to emergency call for assistance and to maintain their rescue skill through hours of training yearly,

WHEREAS, the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Inc. is celebrating its 110th Anniversary in 2009;

WHEREAS, the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association is also celebrating their 110th year of service to the Volunteer Firemen of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Steuben and Wyoming Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Inc. will be hosting the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association Annual Firemen's Convention 2009 on July 22, 23, 24 and 25th; in the Alden Town Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Alden Town Board and the residents they represent wish to thank and congratulate the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Inc. and the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, on their 110th Anniversaries of Service and wish them continued success in the future, and
2. That the Alden Town Board wishes to proclaim the week of July 19th – 25th, 2009, as Volunteer Firefighter's week to honor the service of all past and current firefighters and remember the service and dedication of all firefighters of the past who are no longer with us.
3. That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Inc. and to the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon roll call vote the foregoing was unanimously adopted.

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

WHEREAS, a request has been made by the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 147, with respect to borrowing of funds from the Alden State Bank for the purposes of acquisition and purchase of a fire rescue pumper truck to be used to provide fire protection services in the Town of Alden, and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on June 15, 2009, at the Alden Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York, on behalf of the Town; and

WHEREAS, there were no objections from the public with respect to the proposal submitted by the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., and

WHEREAS, such approval will be in the best interest of the residents of the Town, now be it therefore resolved that the Town has no objection to the borrowing of funds by the from the Alden State Bank by the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for the purposes of the acquisition and purchase of a fire rescue pumper truck to be used to provide fire protection services in the Town of Alden.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the undersigned members of the Town Board of the Town of Alden, Erie County, New York upon reading the Notice of Public Hearing published on May 22, 2009, in the Alden Advertiser; and the recommendation of Mark C. Butler, Esq. counsel for the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. hereby approve the "Approval to Borrow" attached hereto and further direct that the Alden Town Supervisor Execute such "Approval to Borrow" on behalf of the Town Board

Dated: JUNE 15, 2009

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALDEN

COUNCILPERSON RONALD SNYDER
COUNCILPERSON MARY RIDDOCH
COUNCILPERSON ARLENE COOKE
COUNCILPERSON WILLIAM WEBER
TOWN CLERK DOROTHY L. BYCINA

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote at a regular meeting on June 16, 2009 and was unanimously adopted.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden has notified the Town of Alden that the Inter-Municipal Building Inspector Agreement will expire on June 30, 2009 and that the Village would like to renew the Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden believes it is in the best interests of the residents of Alden to renew the Agreement in order to provide adequate and convenient coverage for timely building inspections in both the Town and the Village of Alden;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board approves the Inter-Municipal Building Inspector Agreement with the Village of Alden for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
2. The Supervisor of the Town of Alden is hereby authorized to sign the attached Agreement on behalf of the Town of Alden.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote at a regular meeting on June 16, 2009 and was unanimously adopted.

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board has noticed the need to adopt a new fee for the use of the Town of Alden baseball/hardball/softball diamonds for baseball/softball/hardball tournaments, due to the Town's cost of providing lighting to the diamonds and the cost (supplies and labor) of maintaining and preparing the diamonds for such tournaments;

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board is authorized under State Law and under the Alden Town Code to set fees upon resolution duly adopted by the Town Board;

WHEREAS, the proposed Diamond Fee amount is fair and reasonable and is reasonably related to the services performed by the Town of Alden for the use, maintenance, striping and upkeep of the Town ball diamonds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board hereby adopts a Diamond Use Fee of \$150.00 per day- baseball/softball/hardball Tournament;
2. The Diamond Fee is waived for all not-for-profit tournaments;
3. The Diamond Fee shall be paid to the Town Clerk prior to the Town Board approving any for profit tournament use of the Town of Alden ball diamonds; and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on June 15, 2009 and was unanimously adopted.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Riddoch had a Safety Meeting for the Parks Dept on Grounds Keeping Safety given by Lovell; received a new schedule for the Parks Dept; met with Carl Fix and Mike Guszik of Security Integrations re the Cameras in the Park – requested this be placed on the Work Session.

Councilman Weber received a call re a Drainage problem on Three Rod Rd - a date of August 1st has been set or else it will go to Court.

Attorney Strong is working with the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co re the Firemen's Convention.

Councilman Snyder reported on the Concrete to be poured at the Community Center; there will be a Hazardous Waste Drop-off this Saturday.

Councilwoman Cooke reported on the Nutrition Program – the Nutritional Aide is out due to a medical for her son – Carl Matthies will cover for her; last Friday there was an Emergency Response Drill at Green Field.

Engineer Metzger reported on the Meeting with ECWA (Marilla Line). He also gave an update on the Drainage problem at Sandridge.

Supervisor Smith reported that the 3rd Meeting of the Master Plan was held here at the Town Hall last Wednesday; "Thanked" the Crittenden Fire Co for their response to the Uebelhoer Road Fire; the Ward Family wanted to "Thank" CEO Dugan for his help when their house burned.

Supervisor Smith adjourned the Meeting at 7:30 PM with a Minute's silence in Memory of Theresa Nuwer, Andrew Sindrewicz, Lance Fertig and James Lewis.

DOROTHY L. BYCINA
TOWN CLERK