

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Supervisor Adamski called the Meeting to Order and Councilwoman Pautler led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken by the Town Clerk.

PRESENT: Dean Adamski, Supervisor  
Gina Waiss, Councilwoman  
Colleen Pautler, Councilwoman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Alecia Barrett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney  
Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent  
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer  
Lenny Weglarski, DCO  
Chris Snyder, CEO  
Mike DeWitt, Planning Board  
Residents

Councilwoman Pautler Moved and Councilwoman Waiss seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2021.

**CARRIED**

Ayes 3 Adamski, Waiss & Pautler  
Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN PAUTLER, SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN WAISS, WHO MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE ALLOWED AND PAID TO WIT; VOUCHERS #958 - 994 **ALL BILLS REVIEWED BY THE TOWN BOARD.**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		
	ABSTRACT #1	ABSTRACT #2	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$7,304.87	\$25,227.86	\$32,532.73
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	\$6,517.87	\$81,999.80	\$88,517.67
PART-TOWN FUND "B"	\$3,880.44	\$2,160.68	\$6,041.12
CONSOLIDATED WATER "WR"			
SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION "SF"	\$43,832.90		\$43,832.90
WATER DIST. #1 FUND "WA"		\$6,644.99	\$6,644.99
WATER DIST.EXCHANGE ST. "WX"			
SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA"	\$571.44	\$184.00	\$755.44
TRUST & AGENCY "T"	\$8,633.06	\$7,778.03	\$16,411.09
SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"	\$36,038.31	\$8,814.00	\$44,852.31
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"	\$4,215.16		\$4,215.16
PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1"	\$72.22		\$72.22
ZOELLER RD. WATER DIST. "WZ"			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,066.27</b>	<b>\$6,644.99</b>	<b>\$243,875.63</b>

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 AND

ADOPTED

Ayes 3 Adamski, Waiss & Pautler

Nays 0

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Melissa Goff, Lavender Ln. – Stated per NYS Law public hearing on 2022 Preliminary Budget cannot be held tonight as the preliminary budget was only made available this afternoon. NYS Law allows for the public to have a minimum of five (5) days prior to the public hearing for residents to review the budget. Supervisor/Budget Officer Adamski asked Tom Malecki of Drescher & Malecki to comment on Ms. Goff’s statement. Mr. Malecki stated he doesn’t know the law perfectly, but the tentative budget had been submitted on time. He went on to add that the tentative budget became the preliminary with only a few minor changes. Ms. Goff stated the point was that the preliminary budget should have been on file once it was adopted so the public could review it. It was not made available and per NYS Law it should have been. She requested the public hearing be postponed so residents can have time to review the budget. Jennifer Strong noted that with publication deadline for the Alden Advertiser that ample notification. Councilwoman Waiss asked Ms. Goff is she had specific questions on the budget? Ms. Goff stated she did however, she was not given ample time to review the information.

\*\*\*\*\*

7:05 PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 Preliminary Budget

Councilwoman Pautler motioned and Councilwoman Waiss seconded the motion to enter into Public Hearing; all were in favor.

Notice of Public Hearing was read by the Town Clerk

Supervisor/Budget Officer Adamski stated as the Budget Officer he believes he has put together a fiscally prudent budget that is conservative and will maintain the Town’s fiscal security while still investing in community projects. Had to take into consideration the Town’s latest census results which show a decrease in population which lessens the amount of sales tax revenue the Town receives. Supervisor Adamski invited Town Accountant, Tom Malecki, to address the audience before opening up to the floor. He gave an overall summary of the preliminary budget. Questioned response time on outstanding FOILS

Laura Loehr, Henskee Rd. – questioned the following areas of the tentative budget: Appropriated fund balance, fire protection, personal services, pg. 15 Veteran’s Celebration, budget transfers, pg. 19 Historical Museum, pg.21 taxation amount, pg. 24 ambulance/rescue squad, PAB billing, pg. 29 \$82,500 personal services combination of employees. Questioned to what end the divide will continue with the Village with regard to Alden Hook & Ladder, as someone who is a town resident in the Hook and Ladder district she would like a resolution.

Jason Barrett, Peters Corners Rd. – Stated Town Clerk as FOIL Officer is not responsible for answering FOILS but distributes them to the departments responsible for the answer.

Councilwoman Pautler motioned and Councilwoman Waiss seconded the motion to leave the public hearing; all were in favor.

\*\*\*\*\*

7:45 PUBLIC HEARING FOR Proposed Local Law #3 of 2021, Local Law to Opt-Out of Allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites as Authorized Under Cannabis Law §131

Councilwoman Pautler motioned and Councilwoman Waiss seconded the motion to enter into Public Hearing; all were in favor.

Notice of Public Hearing was read by the Town Clerk

Supervisor Adamski explained it is the Board's position to opt out. He went on to state that NYS has not released any guidelines/guidance on how it will all work.

Laura Loehr, Henskee Rd. – agreed opting out is the best option as there are too many unknowns.

Melissa Goff, Lavender Ln. – agreed opting out is best option. Does not like the idea of on-site consumption sites.

Councilwoman Pautler motioned and Councilwoman Waiss seconded the motion to leave the public hearing; all were in favor.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Colleen Pautler, Councilwoman**

1. Memo regarding annual sexual harassment/discrimination training

#### **Alecia Barrett, Town Clerk**

1. Office has prepared and distributed updated draft policy manuals as required by NYS Retention Policy LGS-01
2. New laws that are taking effect regarding Town Clerk's sign board and records for discussion at meetings; further discussion at Work Session

#### **Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney**

1. Followed up with State Comptroller on water district; no response
2. Sent out bus contract to Marilla

#### **Gina Waiss, Councilwoman**

1. Followed up with Alden PTO on swing(s)

#### **Dean Adamski, Supervisor**

1. Bldg. Dept. Monthly Report

### **NEW BUSINESS**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN PAUTLER, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WAISS, TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board on November 19, 2020 adopted its 2021 budget;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden requires an increase in appropriations and expenditures in account code WA.8389.0411 in the amount of \$394.99. Said expenditures are a result of an increase in water transmission charges. The charge will close to Unreserved Fund Balance WA.0909 at fiscal year-end;

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

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board hereby authorizes an increase in appropriations and expenditures in the amount of \$394.99

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, at a regular meeting on November 2, 2021, which resulted as follows:

#### **CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Adamski, Waiss & Pautler

Nays 0

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden engaged Metzger Civil Engineering, PLLC to complete an engineering report for the Town's Cayuga Creek water distribution system identifying the current system shortcomings, the proposed infrastructure improvements necessary to improve performance, and the projected costs for residents of the district: and

WHEREAS, affordability for Town residents and property owners is a significant concern in advancement of the proposed project: and

WHEREAS, the Town is eligible for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) funding and must now submit a competitive application to obtain WIIA funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Town Board authorizes Municipal Solutions, Inc. to prepare an application for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant funds from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
2. The Town Board authorizes Supervisor Dean Adamski and Alecia Barrett in her role as Town Clerk to execute the application for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant funds from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, at a regular meeting on November 2, 2021, which resulted as follows:

**CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Adamski, Waiss & Pautler

Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN WAISS, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ADAMSKI, TO WIT;

Motion to allow Alden Junior Football and Cheerleading to use the auditorium at Town Hall November 6 and 7, 2021 from 11 am until 4 pm and 5pm until 7pm for a "hair party" and awards ceremony.

Alden Junior Football and Cheerleading is responsible for complying with all Town, County, State and Federal Rules and Regulations regarding the CoVid-19 Pandemic.

Alden Junior Football and Cheerleading must submit proof of liability insurance to the Town Clerk prior to using the auditorium.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, at a regular meeting on October 19, 2021, which resulted as follows:

**CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Adamski, Waiss & Pautler

Nays 0

POLLED AND ADDED WITH NO OBJECTION

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR ADAMSKI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED COUNCILWOMAN PAUTLER, TO WIT;

Motion to adjourn and reschedule public hearing on 2022 Preliminary Budget to November 12, 2021 at 7pm with notice to be published in the Alden Advertiser and posted by the Town Clerk.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing motion was duly put to a vote on roll call, at a regular meeting on November 2, 2021, which resulted as follows:

**CARRIED.**

Ayes 3 Adamski, Waiss & Pautler

Nays 0

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL**

Gina Waiss, Councilwoman – may not be at Work Session.

Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent – getting estimate on back stop for mini park.

Mike Metzger, Town Engineer – Senior Center HVAC project; more discussion at Work Session. Water District #5; further discussion at Work Session. Alaura Drive sewage treatment plant has had issues with power inverter for pump. Working with Chris Snyder and NYSEG.

Mike DeWitt, Planning Board – reviewing 5G information

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution to authorize NYS WIIA Grant per S/DA

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

**WORK SESSION:**

**November 9, 2021**

**@7:00 PM**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**November 16, 2021**

**@7:00 PM**

**MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE** - Constance Wolter and Wendi Frost and Clarke Burke

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:00 P.M. Supervisor Adamski adjourned the Meeting.

Alecia Barrett  
Town Clerk