

MEETING NO. 6
REGULAR NO. 6

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF ALDEN

March 17, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 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
Colleen Pautler, Councilwoman
Gina Waiss, Councilwoman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Alecia Barrett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Chris Snyder, CEO
Lenny Weglarski, DCO
Colleen Rogers, Deputy Town Supervisor
Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent
Justin Sullivan, Alden Advertiser

Councilwoman Pautler Moved and Supervisor Adamski seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2020.

CARRIED

Ayes 3 Adamski, Pautler & Waiss
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 #216 - 264 **ALL BILLS REVIEWED BY THE TOWN BOARD.**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		
	ABSTRACT #1	ABSTRACT #2	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$14,249.48		\$14,249.48
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	\$9,592.53		\$9,592.53
PART-TOWN FUND "B"	\$5,060.26		\$5,060.26
SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA"	\$121.47		\$121.47
TRUST & AGENCY "T"	\$16,991.04		\$16,991.04
SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"	\$73,088.06		\$73,088.06
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"	\$3,274.09		\$3,274.09
PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1"	\$38.81		\$38.81
ZOELLER RD WATER DIST "WZ"			
WATER DIST EXCHANGE ST "WX"			
TOTAL	\$126,274.94		\$126,274.94

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON MARCH 17, 2020 AND

ADOPTED

Ayes 3 Adamski, Pautler & Waiss

Nays 0

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Clerk Barrett

1. Received notice from Planning Board of Meeting date change

Supervisor Adamski

1. Alden Fire Dept. report of alarms
2. Building Dept. monthly report
3. Letter of resignation from Judy Downhower
4. Modified baseball schedule from the school
5. Copy of press release regarding closures due to COVID-19

Attorney Strong

1. Fully signed Library contract with insurance came in this week

NEW BUSINESS

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

WHEREAS: NYS is a Home Rule State, which basically means that any and all powers of the State emanate from the people;

WHEREAS: Per the NYS Constitution, Article IX, it is our statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens of our community;

WHEREAS: On Feb 21, 2020, Governor Cuomo proposed a Budget Amendment "to dramatically speed up the permitting and construction of renewable energy projects;"

WHEREAS: This amendment could be passed with the Budget by April 1st, replacing the current Article 10 process with a radically new method for siting renewable energy projects;

WHEREAS: The stated purpose of this proposed far-reaching change is to enhance the execution of the *Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act* (CLCPA);

WHEREAS: Although the objectives of the CLCPA sound admirable, there is no empirical scientific proof that industrial wind energy (compared to Nuclear, Hydro or Gas) saves any consequential amount of Carbon Dioxide (CO2);

WHEREAS: Conversely, there is considerable scientific evidence that onshore industrial wind energy projects will likely be a *net economic liability* to NYS host communities. This will be particularly burdensome to social justice communities;

WHEREAS: There is extensive scientific evidence that onshore industrial wind energy projects will likely result in adverse health effects to some citizens of NYS host communities;

WHEREAS: There is substantial scientific evidence that industrial wind energy projects will likely cause extensive eco-system damage to onshore NYS host communities, or to marine locales where offshore wind projects are sited;

WHEREAS: This amendment will effectively remove any meaningful input from citizens, towns, counties, local environmental groups, and community businesses regarding the siting and regulation of renewable energy projects;

WHEREAS: The new process is structured such that scientific data, or testimony from qualified experts, will have little bearing regarding siting regulations and approval;

WHEREAS: Once an application is submitted, the new Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) has 60 days to review and determine if it is complete. If the ORES decision is not made in that time, the application is *automatically* deemed complete;

WHEREAS: Once an application is determined to be complete, ORES has 12 months to approve the project. If the ORES decision is not made in that time, the application is *automatically* approved! There is no provision for extending this time limit;

WHEREAS: The Governor's proposal also seems to indicate that the State might get into the ownership and/or operation of renewable energy generation. Such a profound change would also severely limit the ability of local communities to regulate such industrial projects; and

WHEREAS: All of these proposed changes are not only in conflict with our Home Rule rights, but are also contrary to our obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of our constituents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. The Town of Alden formally requests that this Budget Amendment be withdrawn before the Budget is voted on. Additionally we petition the State to respect our Home Rules rights, and to defend our authority to regulate renewable energy projects as the citizens of our community sees fit and
2. The Town Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the Assembly and Majority Leader of the Senate; and
2. That this resolution take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on March 17, 2020, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Adamski, Pautler & Waiss
Nays 0

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

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has advised the Town Board that the Parks Department needs to purchase a new John Deere Z960M ZTrak Tractor ("Tractor") that will be purchased from the State Bid List (Contract # PG XN CG 22) from LandPro Equipment LLC (through Deere & Company);

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden's Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines and the General Municipal Law have been followed through purchase from the State Contract;

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is in possession of a 2012 John Deere TX 4 x 2 ("Gator") (Number: 1M044X2XDLCM072355) that is not of any use to the Town of Alden and would like to declare the same as surplus, so that it may be traded in to assist with purchasing the Tractor;

WHEREAS, The Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the request finds said request to purchase a new Tractor and trading in the Gator as being consistent with its policies and in the interest of the residents of the Town of Alden.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

1. The Town Board hereby determines that the Gator is not needed for Town purposes and is surplus property and should be traded in (at a value of \$3,400.00) towards the purchase of the Tractor;

2. The Town Board approves the purchase of the Tractor for \$10,475.08 minus \$3,400.00 for the Gator trade-in making the total purchase price \$7,705.08 from LandPro Equipment LLC (through Deere & Company);

3. That the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Alden is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this purchase and trade-in; and

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on March 17, 2020, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Adamski, Pautler & Weiss

Nays 0

*****POLLED AND ADDED WITH NO OBJECTION*****

Supervisor Adamski moved and with no objections left the Regular Meeting to enter into the Public Hearing for the following motion:

Motion to reschedule the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2020 until April 7, 2020; Councilwoman Pautler moved to approved, seconded by Supervisor Adamski.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on March 17, 2020, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Adamski, Pautler & Weiss

Nays 0

Supervisor Adamski moved and with no objections entered back into Regular Meeting.

Supervisor Adamksi motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Pautler to hire Harry (Bud) Milligan, 859 Blossom Lea Drive, Alden, NY as part-time parks employee at a rate of \$15.75 contingent upon passing all employment requirements.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on March 17, 2020, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Adamski, Pautler & Weiss

Nays 0

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

Colleen Pautler, Councilwoman – met with locksmith but the decision was made to hold off on re-keying.

Mike Metzger, Town Engineer – met with the contractor on closing out the sewage treatment plant. Has been calling and emailing the contractor on Exchange/Zoeller waterline and has not been able to get in contact with them.

Chris Snyder, CEO – met with representative from DEC at SD2 last Thursday. A letter will be sent as a follow up to the inspection.

Lenny Weglarski, DCO – distributed a proof of a dog census card to all Town Board members, would like them to look it over to discuss at the next Work Session.

Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent – We are blessed and lucky to have the experience and leadership of Bud Milligan coming on with our Parks Dept.; great hire.

Pending the direction of Youth Sports there may be a request to the Board to do more pipe-work at Robert O Smith Park. We can take the time that the park isn't being used and get more work done there.

Dean Adamski, Supervisor – staying up to date with the developing and ever changing information regarding COVID-19. Councilwoman Pautler stated that we need to have a plan in place for the Town Hall. Deputy Supervisor Rogers added that we have reduced our staff to comply with the Governor's mandate. Supervisor Adamski noted we don't have a lot of non-essential employees. We will take it day by day as the situation is constantly changing. At this point the Town Hall will remain open.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

NEXT WORK SESSION:

March 24, 2020

@7:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2020

@7:00 PM

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE - Flora Kulp

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:16 P.M. Supervisor Adamski adjourned the Meeting.

Alecia Barrett
Town Clerk