

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Town Supervisor Pautler called the Meeting to Order and Councilmember Cieszki led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken by the Town Clerk.

PRESENT: Colleen Pautler, Town Supervisor
Gina Waiss, Councilmember
Randy Crist, Councilmember
Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember
John Cieszki, Councilmember

RECORDING SECRETARY: Alecia Barrett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Residents

Councilmember Waiss Moved and Councilmember Crist seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of January 2, 2024.

CARRIED

Ayes 5 Pautler, Waiss, Crist, Bork, Cieszki
Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS TABLED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAISS, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CRIST.

| <u>ACCOUNT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | Jan 2, 2024 Abstract #1 | Jan 16, 2024 Abstract #2 | TOTAL |
| GENERAL FUND "A" | \$17,256.95 | \$13,951.02 | \$31,207.97 |
| PART-TOWN FUND "B" | \$8,229.40 | \$2,176.46 | \$10,405.86 |
| HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB" | \$17,413.30 | \$6,908.63 | \$24,321.93 |
| SR CTR EXPANSION/4 SEASON "HS" | \$20,983.87 | \$1,950.00 | \$22,933.87 |
| SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION "SF" | | \$117,610.00 | \$117,610.00 |
| SEWER DIST. #1 FUND "SI" | | | \$0.00 |
| SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA" | \$589.00 | \$404.47 | \$993.47 |
| TRUST & AGENCY "T" | \$4,309.41 | \$67,899.76 | \$72,209.17 |
| SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR" | | \$39,419.97 | \$39,419.97 |
| STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL" | | \$7,209.39 | \$7,209.39 |
| PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1" | | \$175.44 | \$175.44 |
| WATER DIST. NO. 1 "WA" | | | \$0.00 |
| WATER DIST. NEWSTEAD "WO" | | | \$0.00 |
| CONSOLIDATED WATER "WR" | | | \$0.00 |
| WATER DIST. EXCHANGE "WX" | | | \$0.00 |
| ZOELLER RD. WATER DIST."WZ" | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | \$68,781.93 | \$257,705.14 | \$326,487.07 |

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| 2023 = \$78,684.80 |
| 2024 = \$179,020.34 |

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON JANUARY 16, 2024 AND

TABLED.

Ayes 5 Pautler, Waiss, Crist, Bork, Cieszki
Nays 0

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

7:05 Public Hearing – CDBG Grant

Councilmember Waiss moved to exit regular meeting and enter into Public Hearing, seconded by Councilmember Crist . All in Favor.

Town Clerk Barrett read the notice of Public Hearing.

Supervisor Pautler explained the reason for the Public Hearing and opened the floor to public comment.

Melanie Rimkus, Genesee St. – Inquired about the room within the Senior Center Expansion. Supervisor Pautler noted this public hearing is not for that grant.

Councilmember Cieszki moved to exit the Public Hearing and enter back into Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Waiss . All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Colleen Pautler, Town Supervisor

- 1. Letter from County Executive regarding County CDBG
- 2. Request from Meals On Wheels to use Community Center; add to WS
- 3. Refund from Erie County
- 4. County sales tax distribution

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

- 1. Received almost complete map, plan and report for Townline Water District
- 2. Received from the Supervisor’s Office a copy of the invoice for the Duck property demolition; add to WS

Gina Waiss, Councilwoman

- 1. Received updated plan on splashpad; add to WS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER CIESZKI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BORK , TO WIT;

WHEREAS, The Alden Town Board adopted its 2023 Budget on November 7, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Town needs to transfer monies to allow for payments to Drescher & Malecki LLP for professional accounting services and bank reconciliation procedures analysis completed in 2023; and

WHEREAS, these budget transfers will not render the Town of Alden insolvent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

The Alden Town Board hereby authorizes the following transfers:

| From (Budget Code) | Amount | To (Budget Code) | General Explanation | Amount |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| A.1320.0115 | \$196.15 | A.1320.0434 | Drescher & | \$196.15 |
| A.1990.0400 | \$3,437.60 | A.1320.0434 | Malecki LLP | \$3,437.60 |
| | \$3,633.75 | | TOTAL | \$3,633.75 |

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on January 16, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Pautler, Waiss, Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER BORK, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAISS, TO WIT;

Motion to open a checking account at the Alden State Bank for the sole purpose of collecting and paying out sums related to the Town of Alden’s Senior Citizen Nutrition/ Congregate dining program through the County of Erie.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on January 16, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 4 Crist, Waiss, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

Abstain 1 Pautler

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

WHEREAS, the Town properly, authorized, advertised, received and opened sealed bids for four Prime Contracts for General Construction, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing at the Senior Center for the Senior Center Expansion Project and no plumbing bids were received;

WHEREAS, the Town properly hired Stenzel Electrical Construction, for electrical work, who possesses sufficient skills and qualifications to complete the necessary electrical work has requested a Change Order in the amount of \$952.34 for adding an exterior light at the Senior Center from the Town;

WHEREAS, the Town Board after full and careful consideration finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the Change Order.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

1. The Town Board approves the Change Order (attached) at a total cost of \$952.34;
2. The Supervisor is authorized and directed to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this Change Order; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on January 16, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Pautler, Waiss, Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

John Cieszki, Councilmember – met with resident of Keiffer Road who is in need of water. Encouraged the resident to attend a meeting.

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney – Public Hearing minutes need to go Rotella. Update on Senior Bingo license; provided there are no more than 30 Bingo games in 1 calendar (there are currently one per week, it will need to be cut back), no license is needed. Has sent comments on the proposed new employee handbook. Working with Town Clerk on updating policy manual.

Gina Waiss, Councilmember – add Town Hall cameras to WS

Randy Crist, Councilmember – Met with NYS Ag & Markets and DCO; working on paperwork issues and procedures. Very productive meeting, will keep everyone updated moving forward.

Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent – Thanked the Board for their communication and support through the storm.

Mike Metzger, Town Engineer – Working with contractors on Senior Center Addition. Cayuga Creek Water District, looking for contracts for WIIA Grant opportunities. Working with Erie County Water Authority on a lease agreement for Cayuga Creek water district. Resident on Three Rod near Cary is interested in water.

Colleen Rogers, Budget Officer – We could look to add funds for supplies for the Town Hall in case of an emergency opening for next year's budget. Emergency Management Team did a great job.

Colleen Pautler, Supervisor – Thank you to Highway Superintendent and employees for their hard work during the storm. Add to WS a meeting with Councilmember Cieszki and the Emergency Management team to talk about future potential storms and shelters. Thanked Deb Woods for immediately volunteering if Town Hall were to open. Deb noted it would be beneficial to keep supplies at the ready in case the Town Hall is opened as a shelter.

Councilmember Waiss moved to exit regular meeting and enter into an executive session for personnel in the Building Dept. and Town Clerk's Office, second by Councilmember Crist. All in favor.

Councilmember Waiss moved to exit executive session and enter back into regular meeting with no action taken, second by Councilmember Cieszki. All in favor.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

WORK SESSION:

January 22, 2024

@ 7:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2024

@7:00 PM

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE - Brenda Zosh and Susan Hansen and Robert Schultz and Jerry Warner

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 P.M. Supervisor Pautler adjourned the Meeting.

Alecia Barrett
Town Clerk