

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Town Supervisor Pautler called the Meeting to Order and Councilmember Waiss 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: Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent
Scott Pease, CEO
Colleen Rogers, Budget Officer
Residents

Supervisor Pautler Moved to Table the approval the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2024.

ALL IN FAVOR.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER BORK, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WAISS.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		
	ABSTRACT #1	ABSTRACT #2	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$16,353.75	\$4,953.27	\$21,307.02
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	\$9,507.59	\$1,334.33	\$10,841.92
PART-TOWN FUND "B"	\$2,399.83	\$1,800.00	\$4,199.83
SR CTR EXPANSION/4 SEASON "HS"			
CONSOLIDATED WATER "WR"			
SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION "SF"	\$650,644.00	\$211.83	\$650,855.83
SEWER DIST. #1 FUND "SI"			
SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA"	\$846.95	\$8,742.12	\$9,571.07
TRUST & AGENCY "T"	\$5,407.88	\$4,013.26	\$9,421.14

SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"	\$37,674.67	\$1,477.88	\$39,152.55
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"	\$6,516.85	\$23.14	\$6,539.99
PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1"			
ZOELLER RD. WATER DIST."WZ"			
WATER DIST. NEWSTEAD "WO"			
WATER DIST. EXCHANGE "WX"			
WATER DIST. NO. 1 "WA"	\$3,859.20		\$3,859.20
TOTAL	\$733,210.72	\$22,537.83	\$755,748.55

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON April 1, 2024 AND

CARRIED

Ayes 5 Pautler, Waiss, Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Robert Pidanick, Nussbaumer & Clarke – Following up on progress/miscommunication on Dan Q project on Townline Rd. Seeking site plan & SEQR approval.

Philip Fleck, Dan Q. – dropped off plans over a month ago. Wants update on project and to keep moving forward.

Dan, CAWTILE – Thanked the Board for their consideration and passing the Resolution to support no building windmills in Lake Erie.

COMMUNICATIONS

Colleen Pautler, Town Supervisor

1. Letter from Erie County Clerk, Town will be receiving more funds from mortgage tax
2. VFW Community Center Use Request; add to WS

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

1. Request from Car Show Committee; add to WS
2. One more property owner signed Townline Water District petition.

Randy Crist, Councilmember

1. Will be meeting with the insurance people

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

Motion to approve the request of the Alden Lancaster Art Club to use the Community Center on September 18 2024 from 8.00 am until 5.00 pm for the annual Alden Lancaster Fall Art Show.

The Town Clerk is directed to promptly send notice of this approval to the Alden Lancaster Art Club.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Paulter, Waiss, Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

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

Motion to approve Supervisor Pautler sending a letter of support to Federal Officials supporting the Erie County Water Authority's Request for federal monies to assist in complying with the Lead and Copper Rule Revision requirements.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Paulter, Waiss, Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

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

Motion to approve the request of the Alden Chamber of Commerce to use the Town Park and concession stand (for food and non-alcoholic beverage sales) for a Farmer's Market (with food, produce, plant and craft vendors and with musical entertainment) on Monday evenings from 3 pm until 7.30 pm on June 3, 2024 through September 2, 2024. The Chamber shall obtain all required Health Department permits; shall provide proof of liability insurance naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured; and shall complete a concession stand rental agreement.

The Town Clerk is directed to promptly send notice of this approval to the Alden Chamber of Commerce.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Paulter, Waiss, Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

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

John Drogi is hereby appointed as Town of Alden Car Cruise Liaison, at no salary and no benefits for the 2024 calendar year. Mark Drogi is hereby appointed as the alternate Car Cruise Liaison for 2024, at no salary, no benefits.

The Town of Alden shall operate, as a cultural event, in the Town Park a car cruise on Monday evenings from 5 pm until 8 pm on June 3, 2024 through August 26, 2024.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Paulter, Waiss,Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

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

Motion to appoint Michaeline White to the position of Building Department Clerk, as of April 8, 2024 not to exceed 19.5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$17.00, subject to successful completion all pre-employment checks.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Paulter, Waiss,Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

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

Motion to approve the request of Alden Youth Baseball and Softball to use the Town Hall Gym for baseball and softball practice from April 2, 2024 through May 3, 2024 on Mondays through Fridays from 5.30 pm until 9.30 pm.

The Alden Youth Baseball and Softball must submit proof of insurance to the Town Clerk, naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured before using the Town Hall Gym.

Alden Youth Baseball and Softball must remove all of its equipment and clean out the Town Hall Gym promptly after May 3, 2024.

Alden Youth Baseball and Softball is responsible for repairing any damage to the Town Gym caused by its activities.

Alden Youth Baseball and Softball will ensure that no persons are running or playing in the Town Hall hallways.

All participants (players, and coaches) must sign Waivers, to be filed with the Town Clerk, prior to participating in any practices.

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to promptly send notice of this approval to Alden Youth Baseball and Softball.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Paulter, Waiss,Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

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

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law allows a municipality to approve the volunteer members of a volunteer fire department operating in said municipality;

WHEREAS, the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection services within the Town of Alden pursuant to a contract with the Town of Alden;

WHEREAS, approval of members assists an injured volunteer firefighter in receiving worker's compensation benefits pursuant to New York State Volunteer Firefighter Benefit Law;

WHEREAS, Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department has approved Joshua Barrett and Benjamin Barrett as members; and

WHEREAS, Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department has submitted to the Alden Town Clerk's Office notification of these new members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

1. The Alden Town Board hereby approves Joshua Barrett and Benjamin Barrett for membership in the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department; and
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

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

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

Motion to approve the request of Alden Men's Softball to use Robert O. Smith Park for their games on Thursdays starting May 9, 2024 through August 22, 2024 from 6.00 pm until 10:00 pm. With games at RO1 at 8.15 and at RO2 at 9 pm

Alcohol consumption is not allowed in the Town Park

Alden Men's Softball must submit proof of general liability insurance naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured to the Town Clerk prior to using the Park.

All players must sign Waivers, to be filed with the Town Clerk, prior to participating in any games or practices.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

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

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

Motion to approve the request of Alden Women's Softball to use Robert O. Smith Park Tuesdays May 28, 2024 through August 13, 2024 from 7 pm until 10 pm, with games at RO1 at 8.15 pm; with games beginning June 25 at RO1 at 7pm; and games at RO 2 from 7 pm until 9pm.

Alden Women's Softball must submit proof to the Town Clerk of liability insurance naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured.

Alcohol consumption is prohibited in the Town Park.

All players must sign Waivers, to be filed with the Town Clerk, prior to participating in any games.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

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

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMEBR CRIST, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CIESZKI, TO WIT;

Motion to approve the request of the Alden Youth Baseball, Inc. to use Robert O. Smith Park for its various baseball and softball teams from May 6, 2024 through June 20, 2024 on:

Mondays and Wednesdays at R01 and RO2 from 5.30 pm until 9.00 pm and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at RO1 from 6.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

Alden Youth Baseball, Inc. must submit proof of general liability insurance naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured to the Town Clerk prior to using the Park.

All participants must sign Waivers, to be filed with the Town Clerk, prior to participating in any games or practices.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden’s Contract for garbage and recyclable pick up and disposal is expiring but can be extended by mutual agreement of the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden has come to an agreement with Waste Management to extend the current contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board approves a Contract extension with Waste Management for a term to expires on March 31, 2027 as being consistent with its policies and in the interests of the residents of the Town of Alden;
2. That the Supervisor of the Town of Alden is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this Contract extension; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

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

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

Motion to approve, effective immediately the following official Town of Alden forms:

- Town of Alden Facilities for Tournaments and/or Special Events
- Park Use Application and Agreement
- Alcohol Permit ibn Town Park
- Alden Town Park Concession Stand Rental Application
- Community Center Use and Permit with Rules
- Permit for Alcoholic Beverages in Community Center

All proposed users of Town Facilities must complete and submit these forms .

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Paulter, Waiss,Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

POLLED AND ADDED WITH NO OBJECTIONS

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

WHEREAS, The Alden Town Board is in the planning phases of the Townline Road Water District, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617b NYCRR Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, SEQRA, the Alden Town Board should “as early as possible in an Agency’s formation of an action it proposes to undertake”, begin the SEQRA process, and

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board has classified the action as an Unlisted action under SEQRA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Alden Town Board being the most local agency with permitting/funding authority, wishes to declare Lead Agency under the SEQRA process and conduct a coordinated review,
2. That the Alden Town Board authorizes the Town Code Enforcement Officer to prepare the mailings, filings, and notices pursuant to a SEQRA coordinated review.
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 5 Paulter, Waiss,Crist, Bork, Cieszki

Nays 0

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

WHEREAS, Erie County, New York, of which the Town of Alden is a part, lies along the shore of Lake Erie, the 12th largest lake in the world; and

WHEREAS, Lake Erie is the shallowest, warmest and most biologically productive of the five Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, more fish are produced each year for human consumption from Lake Erie than the total from the other four Great Lakes combined; and

WHEREAS, Lake Erie is fed by a drainage basin that is 22,720 square miles and is an important source of drinking water for approximately 11 million people; and

WHEREAS, Lake Erie is the source of water for Niagara Falls, a tourist attraction known for its natural beauty and a major source of hydroelectric power, supplying one-quarter of the power used in New York State and Ontario; and

WHEREAS, The Alden Town Board understands the importance of Lake Erie to health, tourism, industry, recreation and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the installation of windmills on Lake Erie could negatively impact the quality of life for residents in the Town of Alden and in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board is concerned that New York State and/or a body created under the auspices of the State might allow private and/or public entities build or direct to be placed wind turbines in the water of Lake Erie; and

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board is concerned about the impact of such structures on human and wildlife habitats that depend on Lake Erie; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy and Development Authority (NYSERDA) conducted a study, which was completed in 2022, which concluded "Great Lakes wind is technically feasible and potentially economically feasible in some locations of the Great Lakes, however some major gaps in the available data were identified that contribute to high uncertainty"; and

WHEREAS, understanding the deep concern about installing wind turbines in the Great Lakes in the midst of this "high uncertainty," United States H.R. 426, the "Lakes Before Turbines Act," has been introduced to protect our environment and local economies from ill-advised wind energy projects on the Great Lakes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

1. RESOLVED, that the Alden Town Board opposes the installation of off-shore wind turbines in the waters of Lake Erie and requests that a moratorium be imposed on any such projects; and be it further
2. RESOLVED, that the Alden Town Board supports the passage and implementation of H.R. 426, the “Lakes Before Turbines Act”; and be it further
3. RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk send copy of this resolution to the Governor of New York State, the local delegations of the New York State Senate and Assembly, the local delegation of the United States House of Representatives, and the two United States Senators from the State of New York.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

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

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

WHEREAS, The Alden Town Board on November 13, 2023 adopted it’s 2024 Budget.

WHEREAS, the Town needs to transfer monies to allow for payment of various Tax Cancellations and payroll for the Alaura Sewer District; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

1. The Alden Town Board hereby authorizes the following budget transfers, in the amount of **\$18,984.22**

From: SA.8130.0401 Contractual To: SA.8130.0100 Payroll - \$17,500.00

From: DB.9050.0800 Unemployment To: DB.1935.0400 Tax Cancellations - \$71.37

From: SF.3410.0400 Insurance To: SF.3410.0417 Tax Cancellations - \$211.83

From: SL.5182.0411 Lighting To: SL.5182.0413 Tax Cancellations - \$23.14

From SR.8160.0400 Refuse To: SR.8160.0435 Tax Cancellations - \$1,177.88

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on April 1, 2024, as follows:

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

Gina Waiss, Councilmemembr – Thanked Bill Rogers for getting a plan in place for the eclipse

Jennifer Strong, Tow n Attorney – Town logo should be added to the new park use forms and they should be added to the website for immediate use

Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember – Thanked Kevin for his work on the Townline Water District. Met with EFC last week regarding Cayuga Creek Water District; add to WS

Colleen Rogers, Budget Officer – add electric bill to WS. Thanked Dan from CAWTILE for all their hard work.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

WORK SESSION:

April 8, 2024

@ 7:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2024

@7:00 PM

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE -

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 P.M. Supervisor Pautler adjourned the Meeting.

Alecia Barrett
Town Clerk