

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY on Monday, December 02, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Town Deputy Supervisor Waiss called the Meeting to Order and Councilmember Crist led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken by 1st Deputy Town Clerk Linda J. Marzolf.

PRESENT: Gina Waiss, Deputy Supervisor
Randy Crist, Councilmember
Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember
John Cieszki, Councilmember

RECORDING SECRETARY: Linda J. Marzolf, 1st Deputy Town Clerk

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

Councilmember Crist moved and Councilmember Cieszki seconded the Motion to **Approve the Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of November 18 , 2024. **NOTE:** Councilmember Crist approved with the request to correct the minutes to reflect the spelling of Terry Scutt’s name, which has been done.

CARRIED.

Ayes 4 Bork, Crist, Waiss, Cieszki
Absent 1 Pautler
Nays 0

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT					TOTAL
	12/2/2024					
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$81,420.31					\$81,420.31
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	\$44,654.63					\$44,654.63
PART-TOWN FUND "B"	\$16,370.61					\$16,370.61
SR CTR EXPANSION/4 SEASON "HS"						\$0.00
CONSOLIDATED WATER "WR"						\$0.00
SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION "SF"						\$0.00
GRANTS "G"						\$0.00
SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA"	\$290.35					\$290.35
TRUST & AGENCY "T"	\$1,663.76					\$1,663.76
SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"	\$8,372.00					\$8,372.00
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"						\$0.00
PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1"						\$0.00
ZOELLER RD. WATER DIST."WZ"						\$0.00
WATER DIST. NEWSTEAD "WO"						\$0.00
WATER DIST. EXCHANGE "WX"						\$0.00
WATER DIST. NO. 1 "WA"						\$0.00
TOTAL	\$152,771.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$152,771.66

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON DECEMBER 02, 2024 AND

CARRIED.

Ayes 4 Crist, Waiss , Bork, Cieszki
Absent 1 Pautler
Nays 0

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Deputy Supervisor Waiss: Read into the record a Public Statement to update our constituents regarding the changes at the Town's Building Department.

Joe Costrino: (11123 Genesee St.)

- Nothing's been touched on what happens with Scott who passed inspections & has been approved
- Village CEO Joe (Czechowski) says we have to dig up what Scott had not filed correctly
- What's being done to address that?
- *Attorney Strong – I can check with Joe (Village CEO) to see where he is on individually reviewing each file. He is also working with the State for direction on some matters.*
- (Joe) How long for answer? We're going on four weeks.
- *Attorney Strong – We're told he's moving as fast as he can.*
- *Deputy Supervisor Waiss – We are in an intermunicipal agreement. There are several 100 permits still open. Joe (Village CEO) is down to about 118 that need further review.*
- (Joe) No letter received. Who sent the letter?
- *Deputy Supervisor Waiss – the Town sent the letters*
- *Attorney Strong – the information came from Joe. He gave us the Name and Property Address so that the Town could send the letters. Attorney will look in to this and ask Joe (Village CEO) to call this resident.*
- *Councilmember Cieszki – this is a new build. Possible reason why resident did not receive a letter?*
- *Deputy Supervisor Waiss – If it is an open permit then he should have received a letter*
- FOLLOW UP from Joe: What is the latest follow up conversation on paperwork files and not filed correctly? Is the answer that we have to dig up our house that we're \$300,000 into?
- *Deputy Supervisor Waiss – I cannot answer that*
- *Attorney Strong – committed that she will get clarification*

Aaron Timberlake: (12500 Reinhardt Rd. West)

- What other problems have come to light now that we are in this situation with the transfer from building inspector to building inspector to building inspector to NO building inspector?
- *Deputy Supervisor Waiss – What do you mean specifically "What other problems?"*
- (Aaron) What other problems have come to light now that we're in this situation with NO building inspector and we're dealing with the village inspector? I'm sure other problems have arisen.
- *Deputy Supervisor Waiss – Only thing we're down to just over 100 permits that need to get looked at a little further.*
- (Aaron) I came in to Town Hall to talk. No office hours. None. Now 'Elias' is available. Wanted to extend the permit on my barn. Elias found the file for my address only showed paperwork from a variance hearing. NO PLANS. NO RECORD OF BUILDING PERMITS for HOUSE and BARN in process. That are close and I'm looking for Certificate of Occupancy. I've extended house permit once. Looking to extend barn permit.
- Elias had NOTHING. Was that a mishap that he didn't?
- *Attorney Strong – Some files that were misfiled have been located. I will follow up.*

PRESENTATIONS of COMMUNICATIONS from BOARD MEMBERS and Other TOWN OFFICIALS

Gina Waiss, Deputy Town Supervisor

- Received contract for e-Recycling from SunnKing. Please add to next Work Session for discussion.
- Received letter from Attorney Strong for re-appointment for 2025 for Town Attorney
- Received the Alden Historical Society's Annual Report
- Received application for the sewer treatment plant position
- Received a notice for Public Hearing from Southline Fire District to be held on December 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

1. Received a draft contract from LVAC. Please add to next Work Session.
2. Have a revised school salt agreement, ie: Road salt. Please add to Work Session.

Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember

1. Nothing at this time.

Randy Crist, Councilmember

1. Nothing at this time.

John Cieszki, Councilmember

1. Nothing at this time.

Linda J. Marzolf, Town Clerk's Office

1. Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to hire Gary Gooch at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, starting December 9, 2024 not to exceed 19.5 hours per week, subject to successful completion of all pre-employment checks.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON DECEMBER 02, 2024 AND

CARRIED.

Ayes 4 Crist, Waiss , Bork, Cieszki
Absent 1 Pautler
Nays 0

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alden is considering an application, by Adam Mazzarieilla for site plan approval of proposed new 50 foot x 50 foot commercial building on the existing foundation building at 13500 Genesee Street, in the Town of Alden, further identified by SBL# 86.04-1-8 (The "Proposed Action");

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA but has determined that it is in the public interest to conduct a coordinated review;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden has provided notice to Erie County Planning on as required under Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law and to all involved agencies and has reviewed all comments that were received;

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act requires the Town Board to determine the Lead Agency status and the Lead Agency making a SEQR determination;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, the Applicant has prepared the Environmental Assessment Form, which is now on file with the Town Board and the Town's SEQR Intake Officer; and

WHEREAS, any comments received from the involved agencies have been fully addressed by the Code Enforcement Officer;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden Planning Board has recommended the approval of the site plan;

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has reviewed the site plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

- 1. The Town Board has determined that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and that a proper coordinated review has been conducted;**
- 2. The Town of Alden, as Lead Agency hereby concludes that the Proposed Project will not adversely affect the natural resources of the State and/or the health, safety and welfare of the public and is consistent with social and economic consideration(s);**
- 3. The Town Board finds that the Proposed Action is consistent with the Town Code and approves the site plan.**
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.**

The above Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board on December 2, 2024 the results of which were as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 4 Crist, Waiss , Bork, Cieszki

Absent 1 Pautler

Nays 0

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

WHEREAS, in the even to of an emergency the Town of Alden would like to have the use of an emergency shelter in place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town Board does hereby authorize and direct the Town Supervisor to enter into and execute all necessary documents to effectuate an Emergency Shelter Agreement with Town Line Lutheran Church for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026; and

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The above Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting, on December 2, 2024 as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 4 Crist, Waiss , Bork, Cieszki

Absent 1 Pautler

Nays 0

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS - None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

John Cieszki, Councilmember

1. Emergency Management is all set for Emergency Shelter. We received (100) disposable pillowcases. We now have 35 cots; 35 blankets; 35 pillows and the pillowcases.
2. Meals on Wheels has food stocks.
3. We have a contract agreement from Townline Lutheran Church ready to give to Supervisor Pautler for signature. NOTE: Attorney Strong made comment of a change needed and made on said contract.

Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember

1. Nothing at this time.

Gina Waiss, Deputy Town Supervisor

1. First Snowfall – Great job by the Highway Department

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

1. Nothing further.

Randy Crist, Councilmember

1. Good job with the 1st snow; and Kurt and shoveling around Town Hall!

Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent

1. Nothing at this time.

Mike Metzger, Town Engineer

1. Nothing at this time.

Linda J. Marzolf, 1st Deputy Town Clerk

1. Nothing at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

- None

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

WORK SESSION:	December 09, 2024	@ 7:00 PM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING	** December 16, 2024	@ 7:00 PM

This will be the LAST Regular Board Meeting of 2024

**MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE – Andrew Yambor
Michael Piasecki**

ADJOURNMENT

7:19 PM – Deputy Supervisor Waiss adjourned the Meeting.

Minutes recorded by 1st Deputy Town Clerk Linda J. Marzolf – December 02, 2024
Minutes transcribed by 1st Deputy Town Clerk Linda J. Marzolf - December 11, 2024