

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Town Supervisor Pautler called the Meeting to Order and Councilmember Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken by 1st Deputy Town Clerk, Linda J. Marzolf.

- PRESENT:

Colleen Pautler, Town Supervisor
Randy Crist, Councilmember
Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember
John Cieszki, Councilmember
- RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda J. Marzolf, 1st Deputy Town Clerk
- OTHERS PRESENT:

Colleen Rogers, Budget Officer
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Glenn Christner, Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer
Jennifer Strong, Town of Alden’s Attorney
Residents: Ron Rebmann, Kevin Martin, Mark Drogi, Deb Woods, Deb Crist
Guest: Charles Trottier, Drescher & Malecki, LLP

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of **March 05, 2025** was made by Councilmember Randy Crist with a second by Councilmember Cieszki. The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, resulting as follows:
CARRIED.
Ayes 4 Crist, Bork, Cieszki, Pautler
Absent 1 Waiss

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

May-25						
THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY Councilmember BORK , SECOND BY Councilmember CIESZKI , WHO MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE ALLOWED AND PAID TO WIT; VOUCHERS # [397] to # [430]. ALL BILLS REVIEWED BY THE TOWN BOARD.						
ACCOUNT	AMOUNT					
	04/25/2025 2025	05/05/2025 2025	05/19/2025 2025			TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$165.04	\$35,315.31	\$94,764.67			\$130,245.02
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	\$61.78	\$2,767.42	\$5,796.70			\$8,625.90
PART-TOWN FUND "B"		\$3,735.65	\$7,035.04			\$10,770.69
SR CTR EXPANSION/4 SEASON "HS"						\$0.00
GRANTS "G"						\$0.00
SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION "SF"						\$0.00
SEWER INDUSTRIAL PARK "SI"						\$0.00
SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA"			\$231.66			\$231.66
TRUST & AGENCY "T"		\$3,905.23	\$2,300.41			\$6,205.64
SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"	\$738.15		\$47,283.12			\$48,021.27
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"	\$14.65	\$505.29	\$5,135.22			\$5,655.16
PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1"		\$20.84	\$66.94			\$87.78
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	\$979.62	\$46,249.74	\$162,613.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$209,843.12

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON MAY 05, 2025.

CARRIED:

Ayes 4 Crist, Bork, Cieszki, Pautler

Absent 1 Weiss

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Charles Trottier, Director (Drescher & Malecki LLP) Presentation of Town Audit

- Summary of Audit explaining process and standards in place to ensure results can be relied upon.
- Weakness: Tax Receiver audit. No bank records produced as of this date. Meeting with Tax Receiver/Town Clerk next week.
- Approximately \$77,000 has been deposited with Supervisor from Tax Receiver's account. Remaining balance should be \$0. Again, no bank statements have been received from Tax Receiver/Town Clerk.
- Great job in Supervisor's office. General ledger entries were cleaned up.
- Recommended that the 2011 Fund Balance Policy is updated to establish a maximum.
- Necessary 'charged (billable)' Audit Hours were less than previously experienced.

Ronnie Gardner (12549 Genesee Street)

- How is highway tax calculated?
- We are paying taxes for services not received on my street.
- State works on Genesee. No county or town work yet I pay county taxes?
- Board and Town Engineer addressed the fact that all residents pay equally for maintenance on roads.

PRESENTATIONS of COMMUNICATIONS from BOARD MEMBERS and Other TOWN OFFICIALS

Colleen Pautler, Town Supervisor

- I have received the Building Inspector's report for the month of April.

John Cieszki, Councilmember

- Nothing at this time

Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember

- Expecting communication from the skydiver that is scheduled for Memorial Day.

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

- Continuing to work with the State, the Town Engineer and the Bond Council on the Cayuga Creek Water District. Hoping to have something together for the next actual meeting in two weeks. I am working on it. Just plugging away at all their comments and trying to get them to understand what we are doing.
- I have not heard anything from the State on Town Line (water district) at all.

Randy Crist, Councilmember

- Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Approving Hodgson Russ LLP Waiver Request (05.19.25)

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER CIESZKI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BORK.

WHEREAS, Hodgson Russ LLP has from time to time represented and currently represents the Town of Alden (the “Town”) in a variety of matters and values the Town as a client; and

WHEREAS, Hodgson Russ LLP has been asked by North Eastern Alliance LLC and 11580 Walden LLC to represent them in connection with a potential project in the Town that will likely involve, among other things, submittal of applications to and negotiations with the Town (the “Matter”); and

WHEREAS, Hodgson Russ LLP does not possess any confidential information learned from the Town concerning the Matter and has represented that it is confident that this representation will not impact its independent professional judgment on any other matter involving the Town; and

WHEREAS, Hodgson Russ LLP has requested a similar waiver from North Eastern Alliance LLC and 11580 Walden LLC and they have agreed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Alden as follows:

1. That the Town hereby agrees to waive any conflict of Hodgson Russ LLP as the result of the representation described above.
2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, as follows:

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 5, 2025, as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 4 Crist, Bork, Cieszki, Pautler
Nays 0

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFER WITHIN THE 2025 BUDGET FOR APRIL VILLAGE CEO SERVICES AND DEAN ARCHITECT SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, The Alden Town Board adopted its 2025 Budget on November 4, 2024;

WHEREAS, Supervisor Pautler signed an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Alden for CEO services on January 6, 2025, the same day the signing of said agreement was approved by the Town Board at a regular meeting;

WHEREAS, the Town needs to transfer funds to be able to pay the Village of Alden and Joseph Czechowski for April 2025 CEO services rendered in regard to said Intermunicipal Agreement;

WHEREAS, Supervisor Pautler submitted a letter to Alden Village Mayor Retzlaff on March 19, 2025 advising that the Town will be terminating the Intermunicipal Agreement as of April 20, 2025;

WHEREAS, Supervisor Pautler signed an agreement with Dean Architects PLLC for professional architectural services to review construction documents for town projects, of which signing of the agreement was approved by the Town Board at a regular meeting on January 6, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Town needs to transfer funds to be able to pay Dean Architects PLLC for architectural and design services rendered; 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
B.3620.0104	\$2,475.00	B.3620.0400	April 1-20, 2025 Village of Alden CEO and Joseph Czechowski after-hours CEO work	\$2,475.00
B.6989.0411	\$1,912.50	B.3620.0400	Dean Architects PLLC architectural and design services	\$1,912.50
	\$4,387.50		TOTAL	\$4,387.50

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, resulting as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

Motion to Hire Part Time Ceramics Instructor Kathie Lyons (5.19.25)

Motion to hire Kathie Lyons as part time Ceramic instructor for the remainder of calendar year 2025 at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, not to exceed 9 hours per week, no benefits, except NYS retirement.

1st: SUPERVISOR PAUTLER

2nd: COUNCILMEMBER CRIST

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, resulting as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2025

THE FOLLOWING ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRIST, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CIESZKI.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS;

A hearing before the Town Board of the Town of Alden, in the County of Erie shall be held at the Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York at 6:05 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2025, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2025; and

BE, IT FURTHER

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is directed to (a) publish a notice of public hearing in the Akron Bugle, designated by the Town as its official newspaper for this publication, such publication to be not less than five days before the date of the public hearing; (b) post as required by law one copy of the Notice of Public Hearing no later than the day such Notice is published; and (c) notify by mail all parties of interest pursuant to the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the Public Hearing, not less than five days before the date of the Public Hearing.

BE, IT FURTHER

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is to make copies of the proposed “Local Law #2 Of 2025 Alcoholic Beverages” available at her office for inspection and distribution to any interested person during business hours.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF ALDEN, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that there has been presented for adoption to the Town Board on April 21, 2025, a proposed Local Law to be known as “Local Law #2 Of 2025 Alcoholic Beverages” The proposed Local Law will update the Town Code Alcoholic Beverages Law.

THEREFORE, pursuant to Municipal Home Law the Alden Town Board will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Alden Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY at 6:05 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2025, at which time all persons interested may be heard. Copies of the proposed Local Law are available at the office of the Town Clerk for inspection and distribution to any interested person. The meeting room is wheel chair accessible. Those needing special arrangements should call the Town Hall at 937-6969.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALDEN

Dated: May 19, 2025

ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW # 3 OF 2025

THE FOLLOWING ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER CIESZKI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BORK.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS;

A hearing before the Town Board of the Town of Alden, in the County of Erie shall be held at the Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York at 6:07 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2025, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2025; and

BE, IT FURTHER

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is directed to (a) publish a notice of public hearing in the Akron Bugle, designated by the Town as its official newspaper for this publication, such publication to be not less than five days before the date of the public hearing; (b) post as required by law one copy of the Notice of Public Hearing no later than the day such Notice is published; and (c) notify by mail all parties of interest pursuant to the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the Public Hearing, not less than five days before the date of the Public Hearing.

BE, IT FURTHER

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is to make copies of the proposed “Local Law #3 Of 2025 Community/Senior Center & Town Hall Gym” available at her office for inspection and distribution to any interested person during business hours.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF ALDEN, NEW YORK

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THEREFORE, pursuant to Municipal Home Law the Alden Town Board will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Alden Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY at 6:07 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2025, at which time all persons interested may be heard. Copies of the proposed Local Law are available at the office of the Town Clerk for inspection and distribution to any interested person. The meeting room is wheel chair accessible. Those needing special arrangements should call the Town Hall at 937-6969.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALDEN

Dated: May 19, 2025

ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW # 4 OF 2025

THE FOLLOWING ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER BORK, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PAUTLER.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS;

A hearing before the Town Board of the Town of Alden, in the County of Erie shall be held at the Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York at 6:09 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2025, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2025; and

BE, IT FURTHER

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is directed to (a) publish a notice of public hearing in the Akron Bugle, designated by the Town as its official newspaper for this publication, such publication to be not less than five days before the date of the public hearing; (b) post as required by law one copy of the Notice of Public Hearing no later than the day such Notice is published; and (c) notify by mail all parties of interest pursuant to the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the Public Hearing, not less than five days before the date of the Public Hearing.

BE, IT FURTHER

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is to make copies of the proposed “Local Law #4 Of 2025 Parks And Recreation Areas” available at her office for inspection and distribution to any interested person during business hours.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF ALDEN, NEW YORK**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that there has been presented for adoption to the Town Board on April 21, 2025, a proposed Local Law to be known as “**Local Law #4 Of 2025 Parks And Recreation Areas**” The proposed Local Law will update the Town Code as to use of Town Parks and Recreation Areas.

THEREFORE, pursuant to Municipal Home Law the Alden Town Board will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Alden Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY at 6:09 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2025, at which time all persons interested may be heard. Copies of the proposed Local Law are available at the office of the Town Clerk for inspection and distribution to any interested person. The meeting room is wheel chair accessible. Those needing special arrangements should call the Town Hall at 937-6969.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALDEN

Dated: May 19, 2025

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CRITTENDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR PAUTLER, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRIST.

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 Noah Dutka as a member; and

WHEREAS, Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department has submitted to the Alden Town Clerk’s Office notification of this new member.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

- 1. The Alden Town Board hereby approves Noah Dutka 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 May 19, 2025, as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

Motion to Approve Use of Robert O. Smith Park by Alden Youth Baseball and Softball (5.19.2025)

Motion to approve the request of the Alden Youth Baseball and Softball to use the Robert O. Smith Park (RO1 and RO2) for games on Saturdays from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm from May 24, 2025 through June 28, 2025.

Alden Youth Baseball and Softball (AYBS) must submit proof of insurance to the Town Clerk and file waivers for all participants with the Town Recreation Director prior to using the Park.

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to promptly send notice of this approval to AYBS.

1st: COUNCILMEMBER CRIST

2nd: COUNCILMEMBER CIESZKI

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

Motion to Change Date of the June 9, 2025 Work Session (5.19.25)

Motion to approve the request of Supervisor Pautler to change the June 9, 2025 work session meeting date to June 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm; to allow Town officials to attend the Grand Opening of the Alden Farmer’s Market.

The Town Clerk is directed to promptly send notice of this meeting change to the Akron Bugle and to post the same on the Town Bulletin Board.

1st: Councilmember Cieszki

2nd: Councilmember Bork

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Absent
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

Motion to Appoint ZBA Secretary Linda J. Marzolf (5.19.2025)

Motion to appoint Linda J. Marzolf as the secretary to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year; to fill a vacancy. Stipend as per Schedule of Salaries.

1st: Councilmember Bork

2nd: Supervisor Pautler

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Absent
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

Motion to Appoint Planning Board Member Kevin Martin (5.19.2025)

Motion to appoint Kevin Martin to the Town of Alden Planning Board for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year; to fill a vacancy. Stipend as per Schedule of Salaries.

- 1st: SUPERVISOR PAUTLER
- 2nd: COUNCILMEMBER CRIST

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE 3TS BINDER FROM COUNTY BID LIST

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRIST, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CIESZKI.

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden Highway Superintendant has advised the Town Board that the Highway Department is in need of approximately 2,315 tons of 3TS Binder for the town park paving project which will be purchased pursuant to Erie County Bid # 250085-004;

WHEREAS, said Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines and General Municipal Law have been followed; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the Highway Superintendent’s request finds the request to purchase the 3TS binder in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

- 1. The Town Board approves the purchase of approximately 2,315 tons of 3TS Binder from County Line Stone, who is on the County Bid List for a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00 as being consistent with its policies and in the interest of the residents of the Town of Alden;**
- 2. The Highway Superintendent is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this purchase; and
- 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT

Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

RESOLUTION TO HIRE MILLING AND PAVING FROM COUNTY BID LIST

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER CIESZKI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BORK.

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board has received a request from the Town Highway Superintendent to mill and pave the Alden Town Park roadways and parking areas which will be hired from the Erie County Bid List # 250085-004;

WHEREAS, said Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines and General Municipal Law have been followed; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the Highway Superintendent’s request finds the request to mill and pave the Alden Town Park roadways and parking areas in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

- 1. The Town Board approves the hiring of Lakestone Development, INC. to mill and pave the Alden Town Park roadways and parking areas, as per the attached quote, at a total cost of \$55,600.00;**
- Lakestone must pay NYS Prevailing wages and submit all necessary documentation to the Department of Labor; must supply proof of NYS Worker’s Compensation Insurance and General Liability Insurance naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured prior to commencing any work;
- The Highway Superintendent of the Town of Alden is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this project; and
- This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

A Resolution Opposing New York State Electric and Gas's (NYSEG) Proposed Rate Increases and Urging the New York State Public Service Commission to Reject the Proposal

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS **TABLED** BY SUPERVISOR PAUTLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BORK.

WHEREAS, New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) has proposed significant rate increases for electric and gas.

WHEREAS, In October 2023, the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a three-year rate plan for New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), resulting in incremental increases to customers' bills.

WHEREAS, Cumulatively, by May 2025, residential electric customers will experience an average total monthly bill increase of approximately \$30.16 compared to their bills prior to November 2023.

WHEREAS, By May 2025, residential gas heating customers will see an average total monthly bill increase of approximately \$11.19 compared to their bills prior to November 2023.

WHEREAS, These rate adjustments are intended to support NYSEG's infrastructure investments, enhance storm resiliency, and align with New York's clean energy goals.

WHEREAS, many residents are already facing economic hardships, and additional utility costs could exacerbate financial strains, particularly among low-income households and seniors on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable utility services are essential for the health, safety, and economic stability of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) is responsible for ensuring that utility rates are just and reasonable, balancing the needs of consumers and utility providers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alden Town Board hereby expresses its strong opposition to NYSEG's proposed rate increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alden Town Board urges the New York State Public Service Commission to thoroughly scrutinize NYSEG's proposal and reject any rate increases that are not justified or that would unduly burden consumers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alden Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, Honorable Governor Kathy Hochul, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Republican Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly William A. Barclay, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, which resulted as follows: **TABLED**

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE FOR COPY MACHINE FOR THE TOWN COURT

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Court Clerk has advised the Town Board that the Town Court is in need of a new copy machine which will be leased from ComDoc, Inc.;

WHEREAS, said Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines and General Municipal Law have been followed by entering into a true lease; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the request to lease one new copy machine for the Town Court, finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the leasing of the new copy machine.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Town Board approves a 60 month lease for a new Xerox Versalink B625DN copy machine for the Town Court from ComDoc, Inc. at a monthly rate of \$112.91 as described on the attached Sales & Service Agreement 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 lease agreement; and
- 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Councilmember Cieszki	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

POLL and ADD

The Supervisor polled the Board for permission to add the following **Poll and Add** motion to the Agenda. **There were no objections.**

Motion to Hire Part Time Seasonal Highway Laborer (5.19.25)

Motion to hire Joshua Henning at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, for an employment term not to exceed five months as a part time seasonal Highway laborer, effective upon successful completion of all pre-employment checks.

- 1st: SUPERVISOR PAUTLER
- 2nd: COUNCILMEMBER CIESZKI

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025, **with the following corrections:** Part Time for five months at (40) forty hours per week.

Councilmember Crist:	AYE with the correction
Councilmember Waiss:	ABSENT
Councilmember Bork:	AYE with the correction
Councilmember Cieszki:	AYE with the correction
Supervisor Pautler:	AYE with the correction

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

John Cieszki, Councilmember

1. Nothing at this time

Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember

1. We are working towards having a skydiver come down for Bud's memorial service on Memorial Day. He's done a great job over the years recognizing the Veterans. So hopefully for his last hurrah we will be able to move with that (skydiver).

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

1. Nothing at this time

Randy Crist, Councilmember

1. Please put on 05/27/2025 Work Session: For Meals on Wheels I would like to clarify something in their lease.
2. Street Directory: New directory is currently at Elma Press so we're getting it.
3. Petschke will be in on Friday, May 30th, to work on the bathroom in the locker room.
4. The small table in the Senior's room at the Community Center will be replaced. (The one that was delivered damaged.)
5. I have an advertisement in the paper (Akron Bugle) for a second constable that we need to replace.

Mike Metzger, Town Engineer

1. Bit of a busy week. Community Center door, the one that's giving you trouble (not locking), the NCI contractor who built the Community Center addition will be out tomorrow to look at it.
2. I've been working with the Town Attorney Strong and the Supervisor Pautler's office on answers for the EFC questions for the "WIIA" Grant.
3. Working with CEO (Code Enforcement Officer) Glenn Christner on a couple of neighbor, development issues on questions that have come up.
4. We had a developer review we did for a subdivision at (intersection of) Wende and Walden.
5. Talked to the DEC (NY State Department of Environmental Conservation) about the violations of the SPDES (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) at the Sewage Treatment Plant because of flow. We suspected that it was a problem with the meter. It's been calibrated (as you know) and corrected and out of line. I called the DEC to let them know so that they don't attempt to take any enforcement action relative to our exceedance of amount of flow that we've been reporting because of the bad numbers that we've been getting. They're (DEC) are good with that and they're going to make a note and watch things now that we've got it corrected. I'm confident that those numbers will settle down.

Glenn Christner, Code Enforcement Office/Building Inspector

1. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening (May 20, 2025).

Colleen Rogers, Budget Officer

1. To piggyback on Councilmember Bork regarding Bud Milligan and Memorial Day I did get a proclamation (on him) to get him and one for Conrad Borucki so hopefully we will be able to present to them.
2. Ordered Bud Milligan a plaque to present to him for all the work that he's done.
3. Grant writer question to Councilmember Bork who responded with answer referencing next line of business is the Salt Barn. As that comes out she is going to look at the deliverables. We are going to get with the highway department. Maybe we should put that on the Work Session to (discuss) potential projects that people are interested in from departments. I can get that to her (grant writer Jean) She's not going to unless she's knows what we are looking for.
4. Regarding Charles (Trottier and the Audit) the Town Board has to review our 2011 Fund Balance like he (mentioned). We've just got to 'tweak it' concentrating on establishing a maximum fund balance for the Town.
5. Adjusting journal entries.

- 6. Still have to go over ‘policies’ because right now the Supervisor is doing it and that’s not happening. I don’t even know how that’s happening. We have to re-do that policy.
- 7. I ran into a gentleman on Two Rod Road who is complaining about his neighbor and the deplorable condition of the neighboring property. He keeps his property up nice and feels that the Town does not do anything for him to help out and therefore is protecting Mr. Wagner. I told him that ‘that is not true’ but I did promise him that I would bring it up and that we’d talk to CEO/Building Inspector Christner about it to see if he could drive by and see this property. Complainant has worked with Scott Pease and Chris Snyder on it. From CEO: “the Department of State was looking into this earlier this year. Other than that I have no previous awareness of what is happening there other than I was informed by the State. From Supervisor Pautler: the issue was not brought to the attention of the Town Board by Scott Pease. From C. Rogers: there must be a file on it somewhere.

Linda J. Marzolf, 1st Deputy Town Clerk

- 1. Nothing at this time

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

- 1. To piggyback on Budget Officer’s complaint, on Uebelhoer Road, Weglarski property, you would notice it (speaking to CEO Glenn Christner). The residents on Uebelhoer Road would like the “Junk Yard” cleaned up. Councilmember Crist: I am not sure that anyone’s living there at this point. Supervisor Pautler: This was brought to my attention this week. If we can get that ‘looked at’.
- 2. I would like to welcome Kevin Martin as a new employee of the Town of Alden. Congratulations.
- 3. Comment made after Adjournment to add NYSEG’s James Cerroni to next Work Session Agenda.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

WORK SESSION	May 27, 2025 (<i>Tues.</i>)	@ 6:00 PM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING	June 02, 2025	@ 6:00 PM

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

Ronald D. Williams (May 07th)
Betty Lou Rogacki (May 9th)
Madonna B. Andrzejewski (May 13th)

ADJOURNMENT Supervisor Pautler adjourned the Meeting.

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