

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY on Monday, August 04, 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
Gina Waiss, Councilmember
Randy Crist, Councilmember
Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember

IN MEMORIAM: John D. Cieszki, Councilmember

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town of Alden Attorney
Bill Rogers, Highway Supervisor
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Glenn Christner, Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer
Alycia Baran, Dog Control Officer

Residents: Ron Rebmann, Kevin Martin, Mark Drogi, Charley Holcomb, Deb Woods, Mark Kerl, Melanie Rimkus

Guests: Boy Scout Troop 160: attending as part of the requirements for the Citizenship & Community badge: Scouts Ben, Charlie and McKinley and their leader Dani Lorenc and Troop parent Joe Cotton.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of **July 21, 2025** was made by Councilmember Gina Waiss with a second by Councilmember Crist.

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on August 04, 2025, resulting as follows:

CARRIED.

Ayes 3 Crist, Waiss, Pautler

Abstain 1 Bork (absent at the 07/21/2025 meeting)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

Aug-25						
THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER , SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER, WHO MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE ALLOWED AND PAID TO WIT; VOUCHERS #693 TO #730. ALL BILLS WERE REVIEWED BY THE TOWN BOARD.						
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>					
	08/04/2025 2025					TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$186,472.58					\$186,472.58
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	\$2,233.98					\$2,233.98
PART-TOWN FUND "B"	\$3,721.83					\$3,721.83
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"	\$266.00					\$266.00
TRUST & AGENCY "T"	\$1,805.88					\$1,805.88
SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"						\$0.00
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"						\$0.00
PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1"						\$0.00
ZOELLER RD. WATER DIST."WZ"	\$3,474.75					\$3,474.75
WATER DIST. NEWSTEAD "WO"						\$0.00
WATER DIST. EXCHANGE "WX"	\$4,576.50					\$4,576.50
WATER DIST. NO. 1 "WA"						\$0.00
TOTAL	\$202,551.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202,551.52

The foregoing Motion was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on August 04, 2025, resulting as follows:

CARRIED:

Ayes 4 Crist, Waiss, Cieszki, Pautler

Absent 1 Bork

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Melanie Rimkus (13355 Broadway/12143 Genesee St.) CONCERNS regarding Erie County Home Sale for an industrial cannabis facility.

- **Were there public meetings that we missed?** Per Supervisor no Town meeting was held for a county project.
- **Why was a local law enacted?** Per Town Attorney: Local Law by the County to sell a property.
- Discussion of time limits for protests for a County project. County Legislature minutes are online.
- **Will developers be using local grants to offset the costs?** No
- **Is there a performance bond or any guarantee that the asbestos is going to be removed on that site?** Per attorney Strong: the Town has not received a Site Plan at this time. Once it comes in our Code Enforcement Officer will make sure that every law is followed.

6:05 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING

For Local Law # 5 of 2025 entitled “Amending Chapter 143 Dogs”

At 6:05 P.M. Supervisor Pautler asked for a Motion to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and enter into the Public Hearings.

Motion to adjourn Regular Town Board Meeting and go into Public Hearing was made by Councilmember Waiss, seconded by Councilmember Crist. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote and was

CARRIED

Ayes 4 Crist, Waiss, Bork, Pautler / Nays 0

Supervisor Pautler asked 1st Deputy Town Clerk to read the Public Hearing Notice.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF ALDEN, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that there has been presented to the Town Board on June 16, 2025, for adoption a proposed Local Law to be known as Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2025 entitled “Amending Chapter 143 Dogs” The purpose of this local law is to increase the maximum number of dogs allowed be harbored per household within the Town of Alden

THEREFORE, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law Rules, the Town Board of the Town of Alden shall hold a Public Hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York at 6:05 p.m. on the 4th day of August, 2025, at which time persons interested may be

heard. Copies of the aforesaid proposed Local Law are available at the office of the Town Clerk for inspection and distribution to any interested person during business hours. 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: July 21, 2025

**Supervisor Pautler opened the Floor for Public Comment for the Local Law # 5 of 2025 entitled
“Amending Chapter 143 Dogs”**

Kevin Martin, Alden Planning Board member and resident – 3551 Townline Road – Strongly against more dogs. There are bad dog people in our town. Wondering if she has been bitten yet (no). Believe that it perpetuates the ‘puppy mill’ problem. It is a demand thing. I don’t think it is a good idea.

After all those that were wishing to be heard were heard at 6:07 P.M. Supervisor Pautler called three times for any questions or concerns concerning the local law to amend Chapter 143 Dogs.

Supervisor Pautler called for a motion to leave the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Town Board Meeting.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Town Board Meeting was made by Councilmember Waiss, seconded by Councilmember Crist. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote and was

CARRIED

Ayes 4 Crist, Waiss, Bork, Pautler / Nays 0

6:08 P.M. Supervisor Pautler closed the Public Hearing for the Local Law for Amending Chapter 143 Dogs

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR (continued after the Public Hearing)

Melanie Rimkus (13355 Broadway/12143 Genesee St.) CONCERNS regarding Erie County Home Sale for an industrial cannabis facility.

- **11850 Walden Ave LLC** - If they have an LLC and it goes bankrupt will Alden Taxpayers be responsible for asbestos clean up? **Per attorney:** No plan submitted as of this time. Discussion regarding bankruptcy responsibilities.
- **Will Town conduct studies of the soil, the water and the air? Any chemical runoff?** Per attorney: this would be part of the planning process. Once an application is submitted to the Town then the Town will be able to impose requirements.
- **Odors from cannabis cultivation can be strong and we should be proactive and make sure they are doing something to mitigate that. Smell can be up to one half a mile away.**
- **Traffic can be affected.**

- **Phosphorus based fertilizers can get in to the Tonawanda Creek and into our land and therefore into our property.**
- **Noise and light and pollution measures?** Town Supervisor – Do you realize that this is a completely enclosed indoor facility?
- **Cement floor can allow pollution. Windows can allow stuff to get out. We want to see that we are proactive and have local laws that if this stuff happens we have something decided.** Per Supervisor: When we see the plans we can make provisions of the Building Permit.
- **If they have generators or if it is a 24 hour plant the residents nearby will have to listen to that.**
- **We don't know if there is going to be kind of bonding to ensure if company fails that they are responsible for the asbestos removal.**
- **Was there open bidding for the property?** Per Attorney: That is the County's procedure. It's been for sale for over 20 years.
- **What is the Board's feeling about this?** Newspaper Buffalo News stated that the purchasers (Ryan and Luke Rich) have been in talks with the County and Town Officials for years. (Ms. Rimkus read the aforementioned newspaper article into the record) Per Attorney – the Town has no jurisdiction to be involved in negotiations.
- Per Board: the Rich brothers reached out to the Town in January or maybe November 2024 and stated that they were talking to the County. Supervisor: the talks went dead after that – silent to both Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor.
- **Excitement about the taxes that we might collect from the property?** Per Councilmember Crist: That part is true. The property would be owned by a private person and would be on the tax rolls. Per Attorney: No assessment of a building can be made until there is a building to assess. Per Supervisor: Any new tax money is wonderful to our residents of Alden.
- **Wondering if they could become a not-for-profit cannabis facility and could be off the hook for it – just saying.**
- **Potential effect of the cannabis farm of reduction in property values?** Per Supervisor: 152 acres in this parcel and no one really near. Per Attorney: a resident has the right to file an assessment review.
- **Have you known about this for about a year?** Per Councilmember Waiss – no, since about November 2024 and then it went silent.
- **There was a 2024 lawsuit involving New York State farmers.** Per Supervisor – I believe those were not enclosed facilities. Per Councilmember Bork – NY State was slow to get licensing out because they were watching a lawsuit in another state.
- **There are a lot of unknowns. Would you (Town Board) consider organizing any kind of team or group or committee to help navigate some of that responsibility?** Per Attorney: it would come through the Planning Board, possible the Zoning Board. We need an application in place. They are bound by the Town Codes and State Building Codes.
- **Can Codes be changed?** Per Attorney: A Town can change a zoning code at any time, as can the State change a building code after following the proper procedures. Per Supervisor: we would have to wait and see what they bring to us.
- **Discussion of general items: filtration system, no signs or building markings.**
- **Concerned that if the Board did know about this that we (the residents) would have known sooner. As a Board we hire you to inform us about these things. Did you have a recent meeting or Work Session about this?** Yes there was a special work session, a public meeting, held in July. This was posted on the website.
- **We don't have many days out of our 45 days left. We can't go to all the meetings. What are the protections for us as town residents.**

Councilmember Bork: Thank you for speaking out on this issue. This is the safest product available by people that are following the law. This project is following the rules and we (the Town and the Board) have input on this.

Thank you for being passionate about this and for fighting for your neighbors and this community. Please come to the work sessions. Email me. Email us. Voice your opinions. You are an important part of this community.

I highly suggest that you continue to exercise that voice. We, as a Town Board, we need to be transparent and open.

Akron Bugle and sometimes the Lancaster Bee are resources but as a Town Board are there better things that we can do to communicate these developments? We are already talking about these things. *Ms. Rimkus:*
Thank you.

Town Supervisor Pautler: Do you check the Town website for meeting notices? There will be an environmental study done.

Ms. Rimkus: Yes.

Supervisor Pautler: Gave three calls for any other “Business from the floor”.
There were no responses.

Supervisor Pautler: I see that we have some visitors. What are we here for?

Boy Scout Troop 160 visiting a Town Meeting for a requirement of the Citizenship and Community merit badge.

Councilmember Crist: We talked for about 15-20 minutes about Dog licensing and had a good conversation with lots of good questions.

Supervisor Pautler: Do you have any questions for us? There were none.

PRESENTATIONS of COMMUNICATIONS from BOARD MEMBERS and Other TOWN OFFICIALS

Colleen Pautler, Town Supervisor

- **Received a letter from Erie County regarding the full road closure of Alden Crittenden Road** over the CSX Railroad from Genesee Street to North Road. The closure will begin August 18th with an estimated completion date of October 10, 2025 or until complete. A signed DETOUR will be posted. This closure is for the purpose of the bridge rehabilitation. Hunting Valley Construction will be performing the work.

- **Received a resignation letter:**

It is with regret that effective immediately I am resigning my newly appointed position as Managing Consultant. The Board appointed me to provide training for the deputies that the Town Clerk had not offered. The Town Clerk has voiced that she does not want me in her office. I will respect her wishes with the hopes that she will be present in her office and stop putting the undue burden on her deputies. She was elected to an office by the people and should be doing the job which they elected her to do. The office reflects on her and she needs to be there to see that the office is being run to the best of her ability for the people of Alden. She has five months left in her term. Let's hope she makes the best of it.
Sincerely, Debra A. Crist – Retired Alden Town Clerk

- **Statement from Supervisor Pautler:** *I find this very disappointing that this is happening. I want to say on the record that I reached out to her twice prior to the Board appointing Mrs. Crist to help in that Town Clerk's office with no return phone call from her.*
- **Councilmember Waiss:** *That's extremely disappointing. With all the issues that the State Comptroller found within the Clerk's office and the mismanagement of the Town Clerk's office over the past couple of years you would think that you would want the help to get this office in the right direction. There are still a lot of issues you want and owe it to the residents to have it in shape [for a new Town Clerk].*
- **Supervisor Pautler:** *I think she owes it more to her deputies. They are holding an office together with no guidance.*

Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember

- Nothing at this time

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

- I have a manual on Tax Collection in towns that I am sharing with the deputy clerks. [Note from 1st Deputy: I sent an email to our Town Clerk Alecia Barrett asking when she is going to come in and talk to the deputies. We cannot be expected to manage and run a tax cycle without her guidance. I haven't heard back yet.]

Gina Waiss, Councilmember

- Sent a message to Waste Management regarding switching our [bulk pickup , 3rd quarter] schedule collection for next year. I haven't heard back yet.

Randy Crist, Councilmember

- I had a conversation with someone regarding a dog but I already had a conversation with our Dog Control officer. We will take care of that.

NEW BUSINESS

REVISED Resolution to Hire Contractor to Build and Install Hardwood Bookcases at the Alden Senior Center

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to install hardwood bookcases in the newly constructed addition at the Alden Senior Center and has obtained quotes for the construction and installation of hardwood bookcases;

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and discussed and decided that bookcases are needed and that the cost of which is under \$10,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Town will use Erie County Grant monies to assist with cost of the bookcases;

WHEREAS, the Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines (“Guidelines”) of the Town of Alden and the General Municipal Law state that the Town must obtain written quotes from at least two (2) vendors;

WHEREAS, two quotes, for the construction and installation of the bookcases were requested and received by the Supervisor’s Secretary as follows:

the highest quote is from Elite Property Services WNY, LLC at \$17,800.00;

the lowest quote is from Curt’s Woodworks at \$9,958.67;

WHEREAS, Curt’s Woodworks is the lowest responsible quote.

WHEREAS, The Town Board after full and careful review finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the construction and installation of the bookcases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

- 1. The Town Board approves the hiring of Curt’s Woodworks at a cost not to exceed \$9,958.67, as per the attached quote.**
2. That the Town Supervisor of the Town of Alden is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this project; and
- 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.**

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on August 4, 2025 as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Aye
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

Curt's Woodworks

257 Ivyhurst Circle
Amherst, NY 14226
716-289-1848

Invoice Date - 7/14/2025

Client - Town of Alden
3311 Wende Rd
Alden, NY 14004

PROJECT: Alden Community Center – Large Addition Room – Red Oak Hardwood Bookcases

Two 6' x 8' Red Oak Hardwood Bookcases (for either side of fireplace)

Two 4' x 6' Red Oak Hardwood Bookcases (for library area)

Materials - \$2608.67

Labor - \$7,230.00

Truck Rental (delivery) - \$120.00

TOTAL QUOTE - \$9,958.67

INVOICE

Elite Property Services WNY, LLC
11762 Manitou Dr
Alden, NY 14004

elitepropertyserviceswny@gmail.com
716-998-5047



Bill to
Town of Alden
3311 Wende Rd
Alden, NY 14004

Ship to
Town of Alden
3311 Wende Rd
Alden, NY 14004

Invoice details

Invoice no.: 667
Terms: Net 30
Invoice date: 11/20/2024
Due date: 12/20/2024

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Amount
1.		Misc. Construction	Custom-made bookshelves for Alden Senior Center -Two large 6'x6' shelves with lower cabinets made with maple hardwood to hold the capacity of heavy books -Trimmed out and painted Job Materials: 6 sheets of maple hardwood 3/4", 4 sheets of maple hardwood 1/2", trim, hardware, paint, primer, wood glue	1	\$17,800.00
Total					\$17,800.00

RESOLUTION DECLARING NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR 11290 BROADWAY

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board is considering the proposed Ledgestone Development Phase IV, submitted by Lucas James applicant, on a 40.2 acre parcel located at 11290 Broadway (SBL No. 118.00-1-20.1) in the Town of Alden; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden SEQRA Intake Officer has reviewed the environmental impact of this project pursuant to SEQRA regulations and has recommended a Negative Declaration be issued; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the plans for the project using the Full Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining significance set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) regulations and such other information deemed appropriate, including the recommendation of the Town SEQRA Intake Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action has been labeled an “Unlisted“ action under SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. This project is described as a Phase IV of the LedgeStone Development more specifically nine 4-unit apartment buildings and one 24-unit apartment building - at 11290 Broadway, Alden, New York (SBL No 118.00-1-20.2) will not result in any large and important environmental impacts, and therefore, will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

2. The reasons supporting this determination are set forth on the attached Notice of Determination of Non-Significance with respect to this project.

3. The Town Board, as Lead Agency with reference to the above-described Action hereby adopts the attached negative declaration of environmental significance.

4. The CEO shall file a copy of the Negative Declaration in the file for the Project and shall prepare and shall prepare and file a Notice of Determination with the petitioner and with all required New York State and Erie County agencies, filing a copy of the letter of transmittal.

5. This resolution is effective immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on August 4, 2025, as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Aye
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Determination of Non-Significance

Town of Alden Town Board

Dated: AUG 4, 2025

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Conservation Law (State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"))).

The Town of Alden Town Board ("Board"), as lead agency, has determined the proposed LEONSTONE PHASE FOUR submitted by LUCAS JAMES at 11290 BROADWAY (SBL No. 118.00-1-20.2) will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action:

Location of Action: 11290 BROADWAY, (SBL No. 118.00-1-20.2) Alden, New York 14004, Erie County.

SEQR Status: Unlisted

Description of Action: LEAD AGENCY DETERMINES NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO ENVIRONMENT; THEREFORE ISSUE NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Reasons Supporting this Determination: Potential environmental impacts associated with the project were identified in a Short Environmental Form. The Town analyzed the project under the criteria for determining significance listed in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c) (1) and in accordance with 6 NYCRR §617.7(c)(2) and (3). As indicated below based on each criterion specified in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c)(1), the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

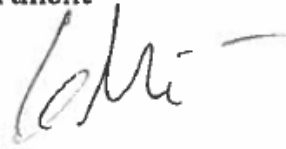
- 1) Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations? **No impact.**
- 2) Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land? **No impact**
- 3) Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community? **No impact**
- 4) Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)? **The Town of Alden has not established a Critical Environmental Area (CEA).**

- 5) Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway? **No impact**

- 6) Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities? **No impact**
- 7) Will the proposed action impact existing: a. Public/private water supplies? **No impact**
b. Public/private wastewater treatment utilities? **No impact**
- 8) Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources? **No impact**
- 9) Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)? **No impact.**
- 10) Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems? **No impact**
- 11) Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health? **No impact**

For Further Information:

Contact person: Glenn Christner, Building Department
Address: Town of Alden
3311 Wende Road
Alden New York 14004
Telephone Number: (716) 937-6969



Motion to Approve Town of Alden Facilities Use Forms

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

- Community/Senior Center Use and Permit Application with Rental Rules for Private Gatherings and Fundraisers (2025)
- Town Hall Gym Use and Permit Application with Gym Rules (2025)

As of August 5, 2025 all proposed users of Town Facilities must complete and submit these forms .

The Town Clerk and Recreation Director are hereby directed to have these forms on file and available to the public at their respective offices and to cause the same to be posted on the Town of Alden Website.

1st: Councilmember Waiss

2nd: Councilmember Crist

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Aye
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

**Community/Senior Center Rental Rules for Private Gatherings
and Fundraisers (August 2025)**

1. The premises shall not be allowed to become noisy or disorderly.
2. Furniture and equipment shall be replaced as found.
3. Upon vacating the premises, the permit holder shall be responsible for seeing that all lights are extinguished, all thermostats are turned down and the premises is locked.
4. No decorations, displays, stands or equipment shall be nailed, tacked, taped or stapled to any walls of the building or attached in any other manner which shall damage said walls.
5. No personal property to the applicant or its organization shall remain on the premises.
6. Hours of availability 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM.
7. All renters must be over 21 years of age and must be Village or Town of Alden Residents. Rentals are available for private parties and fundraisers only. The Center will not be rented to for profit ventures.
8. Allow posted occupancy requirements must be complied with. The small room has a capacity of 35 persons. The medium room has a capacity of 98 persons. The large room has a capacity of 220 persons.
9. Applicant may serve Alcohol with a separate Permit available from the Town Clerk's Office.
10. To sell beer or wine, the organization must hire a caterer with a valid New York State issued off-site liquor license. A copy of said license shall be filed with the application to use Town Facilities along with proof of liquor liability insurance.
11. All rooms must be returned in broom clean condition and in the same condition as at the start of the event.
12. No confetti of any type in the Building. No tape or other adhesive can be used on the ceiling, walls, tables, chairs or windows.

13. No candles, except birthday candles on a cake.
14. No animals, except service dogs, are allowed inside the Building.
15. Fee for rentals for private (by invitation only) parties are as per the Town of Alden Fee Schedule. Also, all private parties require a Security deposit (to cover damages and clean-up) of \$100.00 is required which will be returned if not needed.
16. There is no vaping, smoking of cigarettes, cannabis or other materials anywhere in or on the Town Park or Recreation Area
17. Garbage and refuse. Grounds must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Littering of any kind is strictly prohibited. Garbage and refuse must be deposited in the receptacles provided
18. Firearms, air guns, slingshots, knives, bows and arrows or any other weapon are strictly prohibited.
19. Glass containers of any kind are strictly prohibited.
20. Applicant must make sure that all doors and windows are closed and locked before leaving the facility. Failure to do so will result in the termination of future facility use by the applicant or the applicant's organization. Any security deposit made for the facility use will be forfeited for failure to close and lock all doors and windows.

TOWN HALL GYM USE & PERMIT APPLICATION (August 2025)

The undersigned individual or organization does agree to assume full responsibility for the conduct of the group or individuals benefiting from such permit and to properly police, clean up and restore the premises after use to the prior condition and also to indemnify the Town of Alden for any and all damages, litigation threatened or commenced against the Town, including legal fees and expenses.

All applicants and/or organizations seeking a permit to use the Gym shall file an application along with any fee required in the form established by resolution of the Town Board.

The undersigned, for and on behalf of the below-named organization, agrees that said organization or applicant will abide by the rules adopted by the Town Board for the use of the Gym and with Chapter 122 and Chapter 249 of the Alden Town Code), copies of these rules will be posted in the Gym, and the undersigned acknowledges receipt of these various rules and regulations.

The undersigned and/or the organization seeking the permit hereby releases the Town of Alden from any liability for personal property left on the premises of the Gym by the undersigned or his/her organization.

The undersigned individual agrees to follow the attached Rules.

NOTE: THIS IS A SMOKE-FREE BUILDING: There is no vaping, smoking of cigarettes, cannabis or other materials anywhere on Town Property. NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED AT THE TOWN HALL

NAME* _____

PHONE# _____ NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: _____

ADDRESS _____

TYPE OF EVENT _____

DATE _____ TIME _____

_____ DATED _____

TITLE OF APPLICANT _____

Any Problems Call Highway Superintendent Bill Rogers at 716-725-2526

*** MUST BE A RESIDENT OF ALDEN TOWN/VILLAGE**

GYM RULES (August 2025)

The Gym can be used for not-for profit sports groups and volunteer fire department training only.

No running in the Town Hall hallways.

Athletic shoes only on the gym floor.

All garbage must be placed into proper garbage receptables

All equipment must be removed from the Gym once your approved use period ends.

Town Hall doors can not be left unlocked when no one is in the building.

All organizations must provide proof of insurance to the Alden Town Clerk naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured. The Organization must provide a certificate of insurance to the Town of Alden with the Town named as an additional insured in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate to the Town Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the event.

No food or drink (except bottled water) in the Gym.

No glass containers.

Organization must have an AED on site

Applicant must make sure that all doors and windows are closed and locked before leaving the facility. Failure to do so will result in the termination of future facility use by the applicant or the applicant's organization. Any security deposit made for the facility use will be forfeited for failure to close and lock all doors and windows.

Resolution Approving Intermunicipal Salt Agreement with Alden Central School District

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Central School District (“District”) has asked the Town of Alden (“Town”) to enter into a Winter Road Salt Intermunicipal Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Town and the District have determined that it would be mutually beneficial to engage in this agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, including Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law, the Town and the District are authorized and empowered to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. The Town Board hereby approves Winter Road Salt Intermunicipal Agreement and hereby directs and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute said Agreement; and
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on August 4, 2025, as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Aye
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

Motion to Appoint Senior Van Driver

Motion to appoint Michelle Hoffman as senior van driver, not to exceed 19.5 hours per week, at a rate of \$19.72, no benefits.

Correction: Remove this language: **except NYS retirement.**

Subject to proving proof of NYS CDL and all pre-employment checks.

1st : Councilmember Bork

2nd : Supervisor Pautler

Councilmember Crist Aye with Corrections to remove “except NYS retirement”
Councilmember Waiss Aye with Corrections to remove “except NYS retirement”
Councilmember Bork Aye with Corrections to remove “except NYS retirement”
Supervisor Pautler Aye with Corrections to remove “except NYS retirement”

Supervisor Pautler polled the Board for permission to add the following Resolutions to the Agenda. There were No Objections.

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfer Within the 2025 Budget for Hodgson Russ LLP and Creekside Septic, Inc.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFER WITHIN THE 2025 BUDGET FOR HODGSON RUSS LLP AND CREEKSIDE SEPTIC, INC.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town needs to pay Hodgson Russ LLP’s invoices 1302742 and 1302743 for labor/employment and code enforcement matters;

WHEREAS, the Alaura Sewer Plant needed to have sludge removal performed;

WHEREAS, Creekside Septic Inc. performed said sludge removal;

WHEREAS, a greater amount of sludge removal was required than predicted, above what was budgeted for;
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.1990.0400	\$8,088.00	A.1420.0402	Hodgson Russ LLP (Invs. 1302742 and 1302743)	\$8,088.00
SA.9040.0800	\$1,300.00	SA.8130.0442	Creekside Septic Inc. (Inv. Z80009 – sludge removal)	\$1,300.00
SA.8130.0429	\$1,500.00	SA.8130.0442	Creekside Septic Inc. (Inv. Z80009 – sludge removal)	\$1,500.00
	\$10,888.00		TOTAL	\$10,888.00

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on August 4, 2025, resulting as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Aye
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

TOWN OF ALDEN RESOLUTION OPPOSING FURTHER ELECTRIC RATE HIKES, CONDEMNING POOR UTILITY OVERSIGHT, AND REJECTING UNREALISTIC ENERGY MANDATES

Sponsored by Alden Councilwoman Gwendolyn Bork

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden is committed to advocating for the economic and physical well-being of its residents, many of whom are working families, seniors, and small business owners already struggling with inflation and rising utility bills; and

WHEREAS, New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG), a subsidiary of Avangrid, has already implemented significant electric rate increases, with more under review by the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC); and

WHEREAS, the PSC recently released findings from an independent third-party audit which revealed major deficiencies in NYSEG’s operations and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the audit resulted in one hundred and twenty-eight separate recommendations, underscoring widespread customer dissatisfaction with skyrocketing bills, unexplained rate increases, and poor customer service; and

WHEREAS, the auditor further recommended that Avangrid revise and simplify its cost allocation process and improve transparency, so ratepayers are not unknowingly subsidizing corporate inefficiency or inappropriate allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden believes our residents deserve clarity, accountability, and fairness—not unchecked rate hikes to fund a bloated, opaque utility structure that fails to prioritize customer service; and

WHEREAS, the aggressive green energy mandates pushed by Governor Kathy Hochul and the PSC are impractical and dangerous for Western New York, where full electrification is not feasible due to long, harsh winters—as demonstrated during the December 2022 blizzard, when natural gas fireplaces and generators saved lives amid widespread power outages; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden supports renewable energy goals, but not at the expense of public safety, affordability, or regional practicality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Alden strongly opposes any further electric rate increases proposed by NYSEG, and urges the Governor Hochul and the PSC to halt any new approvals until Avangrid fully implements the one hundred and twenty eight recommendations, including full transparency and cost accountability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, State Senator Patrick Gallivan, Assemblymember David DiPietro, and the Erie County Legislature.

Adopted this 4th day of August, 2025 by the Town Board of the Town of Alden.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR PAUTLER,
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAISS.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on August 4, 2025, resulting as follows:

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Aye
Councilmember Bork	Aye

***NOTE: Copies of Resolution were mailed to the listed entities on 08/11/2025
per Linda J. Marzolf, 1st Deputy Town Clerk***

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember

1. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the Salt Barn Grant process: Supervisor's office and Courtney Krull, Supervisor's Administrative Assistant. Mike Metzger, Town Engineer. The Planning Board, our Code Enforcement Officer, the Highway Superintendent Bill Rogers.
2. Waiting process now.
3. We did look at the Parks Grant. We are not at a position due to prerequisites to apply for that. Our contact from ECIDA agreed to have a meeting with us to guide us on how to prepare for something like that (coming down the line.)

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

1. At the Board's request I did review the Draft Policy Binder. I find no evidence that the Town has a Petty Cash Policy. That is something that we should discuss and put into play.
2. For Town Clerks office – I did send the new forms that were adopted and they can be put on website. 1st Deputy comment: Michelle Gadd can upload.

Gina Weiss, Councilmember

1. Congratulations to Deb Woods for the first Color Run. Looked fantastic! Youngest was a one year old... From Deb Woods: Looking forward to next year – have a date in mind for waiting for the 2026 calendar to open up for reservations.
2. Add the Historical Society Schoolhouse Roof to next Work Session agenda. (08/11/2025)

Randy Crist, Councilmember

1. Add discussion for Air Conditioning quotes for auditorium, mail room and replacement of Board Room broken unit to 08/11/2025 Work Session.
2. Add discussion of the Marilla Kennel contract to the 08/11/20258 Work Session.

Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent

1. Add purchase of park property to the next 08/11/2025 Work Session

Mike Metzger, Town Engineer

1. Working on a few matters relating to the Alaura Sewage treatment plant.
2. Talked with the DEC to make sure they are on board with what we are doing at Alaura.
3. GINA: Keith Borden looking in to the transducer cost issue.
4. Mike: talked to DEC and to Keith about this. Kester will come to make adjustments to it at no cost to Alden.
5. GINA: Looking to fix problems and not put a bandaid on transducer.
6. Mike: Kester will make a different adjustment to the proper issue this time. Kester is confident that they can fix it. Molly at DEC is okay with current situation.
7. GINA: Let's see how Thursday goes...

Colleen Rogers, Budget Officer

1. Nothing at this time

Glenn Christner, Code Enforcement Office/Building Inspector

1. No Planning Board scheduled for August.
2. Zoning Board of Appeals scheduled on August 19th.

Linda J. Marzolf, 1st Deputy Town Clerk

1. Keith Borden asked if the Alaura Sewer Plant can have a trash pickup at that location. He is taking the trash to his home. Attorney thinks it's a town facility and should get a pickup.
2. Bulk pick up issues (equipment and injury). The 10 item limit seems to have been forgotten. Bulk information needs to be made clear. GINA agrees. Please add to WORK Session.

Alycia Baran, Dog Control Officer

1. Nothing at this time

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

1. Needs executive session for personnel issue in Clerk's office.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

WORK SESSION	August 11, 2025	@ 6:00 PM
2026 BUDGET MEETING	August 12, 2025 (Tues.)	@ 5:00 PM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING	August 18, 2025	@ 6:00 PM

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

James E. Morris (July 23rd)

Town of Alden Councilman John D. Cieszki (July 24th)

Robert M. Boling (July 27th)

Ronald J. Strasser (July 28th)

6:57 PM

Motion to leave the Regular Town Board Meeting and go into Executive Session with the following in attendance: Councilmembers Waiss, Bork & Crist; Town Attorney Strong; Supervisor Pautler and 1st Deputy Town Clerk Marzolf.

1st: Councilmember Waiss

2nd: Councilmember Crist

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Aye
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

7:04 PM Councilmember Waiss moved with a 2nd by Councilmember Crist to leave Executive Session and return to Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilmember Crist	Aye
Councilmember Waiss	Aye
Councilmember Bork	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye

ADJOURNMENT Supervisor Pautler adjourned the Meeting.

Minutes recorded by 1st Deputy Town Clerk Linda J. Marzolf – August 04, 2025
Minutes transcription completed by 1st Deputy Town Clerk Linda J. Marzolf – August 15, 2025