

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, N.Y. on Monday, November 17th at 6:00 P.M. Town Supervisor Pautler called the Meeting to Order and Councilwoman Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion to appoint Recording Secretary**

Supervisor Pautler asked for a Motion to appoint Melissa Rogers as Recording Secretary.

Councilmember Kerl moved and Councilmember Waiss seconded the Motion for the following:

In the absence of the Town Clerk, the First Deputy Clerk and the Second Deputy Clerk, Melissa Rogers is hereby designated to take minutes and record votes for the November 17, 2025 Town Board Meeting, and be paid a rate of \$50.00/meeting to be recording secretary and \$21.00/hr to transcribe and prepare minutes for all Town of Alden Board Meetings for the duration of the medical absence of Alecia Barrett, but in no event shall this appointment extend beyond 12/31/2025. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote on November 17, 2025 and was:

**CARRIED**

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Waiss	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

The Roll Call was taken by Melissa Rogers, who was appointed to be the Recording Secretary in the absence of the Clerk's staff.

**PRESENT:**

Randy Crist, Councilmember  
Gina Waiss, Councilmember  
Colleen Pautler, Town Supervisor  
Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember  
Mark Kerl, Councilmember

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Melissa Rogers

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney  
Bill Rogers, Highway Supt  
Jesse Jesonowski, Code Enforcement Officer  
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer  
Alycia Baran, Dog Control Officer  
Residents

**Motion to Approve the Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2025 was made by Councilwoman Waiss, seconded by Councilman Crist

The forgoing Motion was duly put to a Roll Call vote, November 17, 2025 and was:

**CARRIED**

**Ayes: 5** (Crist, Waiss, Pautler, Bork, Kerl)

**Nays: 0**

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN BORK, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WAISS WHO MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE ALLOWED AND PAID TO WIT; VOUCHERS #1039 TO #1090. ALL BILLS WERE REVIEWED BY THE TOWN BOARD.

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT				
	11/17/2025				TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$23,922.61				\$23,922.61
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	\$11,265.18				\$11,265.18
PART-TOWN FUND "B"	\$3,818.61				\$3,818.61
SR CTR EXPANSION/4 SEASON "HS"					\$0.00
GRANTS "G"	\$7,575.00				\$7,575.00
SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION "SF"					\$0.00
SEWER INDUSTRIAL PARK "SI"					\$0.00
SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA"	\$584.05				\$584.05
TRUST & AGENCY "T"	\$7,387.39				\$7,387.39
SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"	\$49,106.24				\$49,106.24
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"	\$5,357.88				\$5,357.88
PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1"	\$50.15				\$50.15
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	\$109,067.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109,067.11

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

### **PRESENTATIONS OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS**

#### **Colleen Pautler, Town Supervisor**

1. Received an application for the Senior Bus Driver - put on the work session for December 8, 2025
2. Received a resume for the Planning Board Secretary

**Councilmember Kerl** - Nothing

**Councilmember Bork** - Nothing

#### **Attorney Strong -**

1. The Zoning Board of Appeals hosting a meeting on 12/9/25, legal notice prepared
2. Received finance contract for finance part of the Townline Water District from Municipal Solutions - Can have ready for 12/1 meeting or if needed to discuss in work session, next meeting
3. Working with bond council on the bond resolution for the Townline Water District - Ready for 12/15 meeting

#### **Councilmember Waiss -**

1. Received the contract from Sun King and gave it to Jennifer

**Councilmember Crist** - Nothing

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion to Appoint Deputy FOIL Officer**

Councilmember Bork moved and Supervisor Pautler seconded the Motion for the following:

Motion to appoint Second Deputy Town Clerk Lisa Pritikin as Town of Alden Deputy FOIL Officer for the duration of the medical absence of Alecia Barrett, but in no event shall this appointment extend beyond 12/31/2025. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board on November 17, 2025 and was:

**CARRIED**

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Waiss	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

**Motion to Increase Pay Rate and Maximum Hours for Second Deputy Town Clerk Lisa Pritikin**

Supervisor Pautler moved and Councilwoman Waiss seconded the Motion for the following:

Motion to increase the rate of pay for Second Deputy Town Clerk, Lisa Pritikin to \$23.00 per hour and to allow Ms Pritikin to work full time hours for the remainder of 2025; due to her increased work load due to the medical absence of elected Town Clerk Alecia Barrett. The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board on November 17, 2025 and was:

**CARRIED**

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Waiss	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH WNY  
STORMWATER COALITION**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Phase II Stormwater Regulations require owners and operators of small MS4s in New York State, such as the Town of Alden, to obtain permit coverage under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from MS4s; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. EPA Phase II Stormwater Regulations require owners and operators of small MS4s who obtain general permit coverage to develop and enforce a stormwater management program designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable in order to protect water quality and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law and the Clean Water Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners and operators of small MS4s recognize that, because watersheds and separate storm sewer systems cross municipal boundaries and there are opportunities to save time, money, and energy by working collaboratively, the Coalition members should work together to meet the requirements of the U.S. EPA Phase II Stormwater Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition members, including the Town of Alden, recognize the benefits of cooperation to achieve improved water quality and flood control; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Alden along with such other municipalities and entities with similar interests relative to the aforesaid requirements have formed a coalition to address these and other issues; and

**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Agreement relative to the Western New York Stormwater Coalition has been presented to the Town of Alden for a term of five years terminating on December 31, 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed proper and appropriate for the Town of Alden to enter into and execute such Memorandum of Agreement, to advance such purposes and cooperate with other members of said coalition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Alden hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute such Memorandum of Agreement by and on behalf of the Town of Alden;.**
- 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.**

Councilmember Waiss moved and Councilmember Crist seconded:

This Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board held on November 17, 2025, the results of which are as follows:

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Waiss	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S.8481 AND NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.8996**

**WHEREAS**, New York State Senate Bill S.8481 and New York State Assembly Bill A.8996 would authorize local governments to opt of mandates and benchmarks established under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("CLCPA"), including universal electrification requirements, by filing a resolution with the department of environmental conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, across New York State, communities are facing steep increases in utility costs and housing construction expenses due to electrification mandates; these include restrictive building codes that prohibit natural gas, vehicle sales quotas that eliminate traditional models, and infrastructure benchmarks for EV charging that are often impractical and financially burdensome; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments must retain the capacity to make energy, infrastructure, and development decisions suited to local conditions, fiscal realities, and public health and safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Senate Bill S.8481 and New York State Assembly Bill A.8996 affirms the principle of home rule by allowing local governments to make energy decisions that reflect the unique needs of their residents and businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town Alden hereby supports New York State Senate Bill S.8481 and New York State Assembly Bill A.8996 recognizing that these bills provide an appropriate mechanism for local governments to opt out of mandates under the CLCPA and related universal electrification requirements by submitting a formal resolution to the Department of Environmental Conservation; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town Clerk's Office shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Senator Patrick M. Gallivan, and New York State Assemblyman David DiPietro, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilmember Crist moved and Councilmember Kerl seconded:

This Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board held on November 17, 2025, the results of which are as follows:

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Waiss	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

## **RESOLUTION TO AMEND TOWN COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board is desirous of amending Town Board Council Rules to correct voting requirements for tie votes and to establish rules for public comment at Town Board meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, Notice (and a copy of the proposed changes) were given to the Town Board by Councilwoman Bork on November 3, 2025 that she would request the Town Board adopt a resolution to amend the Town Council Rules of Procedure on November 17, 2025.

### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:**

**1. That the Town Council Rules of Procedure be amended as follows effective immediately:**  
**§ A371-14. Tie vote.**

At least three affirmative votes shall be necessary to pass any matter, and

at least three negative votes shall be necessary to defeat any matter, as

provided by law. Thus, a tie vote shall result in the matter remaining on

the table, except as provided in § A371-9.

### **§ A371-5-A Rules for Public Comment.**

1. Business from the Floor: The Town Board will hear the concerns of persons desiring to address the Town Board on any Town of Alden Matter

A. Raise his/her hand and be recognized by the Supervisor.

B. Give his/her name and address to the Town Clerk.

C. Speak directly to the Town Board members, not the audience.

D. Speak once for three (3) minutes or less, unless the Town Board grants the speaker an extension of this time limit for one additional period of three (3) minutes. A speaker may not transfer his/her time to another speaker.

E. Any unruly activity, including yelling or name calling, will result in expulsion from the from the meeting

2. Public hearings: The Town Board will hear the concerns of persons desiring to address the Town Board on the duly called public hearings:

- A. Raise his/her hand and be recognized by the Supervisor.
- B. Give his/her name and address to the Town Clerk.
- C. Speak directly to the Town Board members, not the audience.

D. Speak once for three (3) minutes or less, unless the Town Board grants a speaker an extension of this time limit for one additional period of three (3) minutes. A speaker may not transfer his/her time to another speaker

E. Any unruly activity, including yelling or name calling, will result in expulsion from the from the public hearing.

## **2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.**

Councilmember Kerl moved and Councilmember Bork seconded:

This Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board held on November 17, 2025, the results of which are as follows:

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Waiss	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

### **Motion to appoint Planning Board Secretary**

Supervisor Pautler moved and Councilwoman Waiss seconded the Motion for the following:

Motion to appoint Amy Overhoff as the secretary 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.

The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board on November 17, 2025 and was:

### **CARRIED**

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Waiss	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS, AND PERSONNELL**

**Councilman Kerl** - Councilman Kerl wants to recognize those who have stepped up to run the Clerk's Office in the absence of elected Town Clerk, Alecia Barrett, specifically Debbie Crist, Lisa Pritikin, Recreation Director Gadd, and fellow Board Members. Thank you for your efforts.

**Councilwoman Bork** - Updates on grants - Reached out to Wendel to discuss the comprehensive plan and to apply in the future. For the Ralph Wilson Stadium Grant - Only apply for 1 grant per organization (originally talking about the Historical school building roof and for Michelle Gadd and the Recreation Department) and since Michelle was already writing the grant for her organization, we are going to have

to back out of this grant. Still looking into the Ralph Wilson Foundation and the Greater Community Foundation. Reported back to the Historical Society with these findings.

**Mike Metzger - Town Engineer** - Attended the WNY Storm Water Coalition meeting last week. Working with Harry Rossy (Sp) and will pass information along as he gets it to the building inspector. Cayuga Creek Water District - Reached out to Jeff Smith at Municipal Solutions to provide us with information for the WIA Grant to make sure that our documents are compliant with the requirements for the grant, which were not in place last time. The Townline Water District - pursuing a topographic survey and getting quotes from surveyors. Will be getting a proposal for the design services to the Board.

**Jesse Jesonowski, Code Enforcement Officer** - iCloud Software Program for inspections and will be digging into it because now is a good time.

**Alycia Baran, Dog Control Officer** - Dog court case from last week, which is good for one year, where the dog must be leashed and muzzled unless fence and kennel is put on the property. If the dog leaves the property, the dog must be leashed and muzzled. Is this something that must be made aware to utility companies, postal service, etc? Is there anything further that Alycia needs to do? Make sure the owners comply. If you see non-compliance, report it to the town court, as per Jennifer Strong.

**Colleen Pautler, Town Supervisor** - There has been great help in the Town Clerk's office and they do need the appreciation. Thank you Melissa Rogers, for filling in. Quick executive session requested to discuss attorney/client privilege in the Clerk's office.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Pautler will be out of town from 11/22 - 12/6. Councilwoman Gina Waiss will be acting Deputy Supervisor during this time.

#### **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Work Session - 11/24/25 - **CANCELLED**  
Reg. Board Meeting - December 1, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

#### **MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE**

Memorial Remembrance held for Alice Sharpe, Eileen Mack-Hepburn, and William Dunford

#### **Adjournment**

Supervisor Pautler asked for a Motion to end regular session and go to executive session. Councilmember Waiss moved and Councilmember Crist seconded:

The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board on November 17, 2025 and was:

#### **CARRIED**

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Waiss	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

At 7:02 PM Councilwoman Bork made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Pautler to leave executive session with no action taken and return to the regular meeting.

The foregoing Motion was put to a Roll Call Vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board on November 17, 2025 and was:

**CARRIED**

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Waiss	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

Supervisor Pautler adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.