

The Special Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, N.Y. on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 P.M. Supervisor, Pautler, called the Meeting to Order and Councilmember Kerl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll Call was taken by Alyssa Cooper, who is the Town Clerk.

**PRESENT:** Colleen Pautler, Supervisor  
Randy Crist, Councilmember  
Mark Kerl, Councilmember  
Mark Drogi, Councilmember  
Gwendolyn Bork, Councilmember

**Town Clerk:** Alyssa Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney  
Mike Metzger, Town Engineer  
Colleen Rogers, Budget Officer  
Bill Rogers, Highway Supervisor  
Residents

**Motion to table the Minutes** of the Borad Meeting of February 2, 2026 to the next board meeting was made by Councilman Crist, seconded by Councilman Bork

The forgoing Motion was duly put to a Roll Call vote, February 17, 2026 and was:

**CARRIED**

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

**Nays: 0**

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Feb-26

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY Supervisor Pautler, SECOND BY Councilmember Crist , WHO MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE ALLOWED AND PAID TO WIT; VOUCHERS # [ 118 ] to # [ 185 ]. ALL BILLS REVIEWED BY THE TOWN BOARD.**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>				
	2/2/2026 2025	2/2/2026 2026	02/17/2026 2025	02/17/2026 2026	TOTAL
<b>GENERAL FUND "A"</b>	<b>\$3,503.72</b>	<b>\$6,295.39</b>	<b>\$3,707.3</b>	<b>\$46,304.90</b>	<b>\$59,811.32</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"</b>	<b>\$11,752.4</b> 7	<b>\$42,948.9</b> 7	<b>\$104.21</b>		<b>\$54,805.65</b>

<b>PART-TOWN FUND "B"</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$69.90</b>	<b>\$41.72</b>	<b>\$3,567.08</b>		<b>\$3,928.70</b>
<b>SR CTR EXPANSION/4 SEASON "HS"</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GRANTS "G"</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION "SF"</b>				<b>\$4,612.86</b>		<b>\$4,612.86</b>
<b>SEWER INDUSTRIAL PARK "SI"</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA"</b>	<b>\$93.12</b>		<b>\$188.71</b>	<b>\$590.85</b>		<b>\$872.68</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY "T"</b>		<b>\$2,268.82</b>	<b>\$84.96</b>	<b>\$5,459.09</b>		<b>\$7,812.87</b>
<b>SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"</b>				<b>\$44,275.49</b>		<b>\$44,275.49</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"</b>	<b>\$1,134.96</b>			<b>\$5,292.02</b>		<b>\$6,426.98</b>
<b>PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1"</b>	<b>\$46.75</b>			<b>\$49.01</b>		<b>\$95.76</b>
<b>ZOELLER RD. WATER DIST."WZ"</b>		<b>\$18,474.7 5</b>				<b>\$18,474.75</b>
<b>WATER DIST. NEWSTEAD "WO"</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>CONS. WATER DIST "WR"</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>WATER DIST. EXCHANGE "WX"</b>		<b>\$24,576.5 0</b>				<b>\$24,576.50</b>
<b>WATER DIST. NO. 1 "WA"</b>	<b>\$7,851.82</b>					<b>\$7,851.82</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,632.8 4</b>	<b>\$94,634.3 3</b>	<b>\$4,126.9 1</b>	<b>\$110,151.3 0</b>	<b>\$0.0 0</b>	<b>\$233,545.3 8</b>

## **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Kevin Martin- Town Line Road. I wanted to see where the board was at with Town Line Water District. Has the RFP gone out?

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

### **Councilmember Kerl**

1. Read email from Allen Turton from ACS school about their upcoming career day at the high school. . Courtney sent him information on the Code Red, he will be looking into this more to report back to the board.

### **Supervisor Pautler:**

1. Have the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with the school . Colleen will review this with Jennifer. Please add to next work session.

## **NEW BUSINES**

## **RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KERL WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION,       SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DROGI

**WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Town of Alden Board of Assessment Review; and**

**WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board has determined that John Lombardi is qualified to serve on the Board of Assessment Review.**

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

- 1. John Lombardi is hereby appointed to the Town of Alden Board of Assessment Review for a term to expire on September 30, 2029; stipend as per the Town of Alden 2026 Schedule of Salaries;**
- 2. The Town Assessor shall notify Erie County Real Property Tax Services and the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services of this Appointment; and**
- 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.**

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on February 17, 2026, as follows:

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

#### RESOLUTION CALLING PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER DROGI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BORK**

**WHEREAS, Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department wishes to finance the purchase of a used Fire Truck through the proposed issuance of an obligation to Alden State Bank; and**

**WHEREAS, the obligation is in the maximum principal amount of \$250,000.00 for such firefighting equipment; which is used to provide emergency fire protection service to the Fire Protection District of the Towns of Alden and Lancaster, New York; and**

**WHEREAS, a Public Hearing is required for Town Board approval on the borrowing and issuance of the obligation, as this is a prerequisite to exemption from income taxation of the interest payable under the terms of such obligation, pursuant to Section 103 and related sections of, and regulations under, the Internal Revenue Code.**

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

- 1. A Public Hearing on the proposed issuance of an obligation for the purchase of a used Fire Truck to be used by the Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department, will be held at the Alden Town Hall on the 2nd day of March, 2026, at 6:05 p.m., local time;**
2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish the Notice of Hearing in the Akron Bugle; post the Notice of Hearing on Town Bulletin Board, which shall be in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote on roll call at a regular meeting on February 17, 2026, which resulted as follows:

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

### **TOWN OF ALDEN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be conducted by Alden Town Board which hearing shall be conducted at the Alden Town Hall, 3311 Wende Rd. Alden NY 14004 at 6:05 PM prevailing time on March 2, 2026 to hear all persons interested in the proposed borrowing by the Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to finance the purchase of a firefighting piece of equipment otherwise known as a KME Fire Apparatus

Top-Mount Pumper – Spartan FC-94 Chassis to be owned by the Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and the proposed issuance of an obligation to Alden State Bank.

The obligation is in the maximum principal amount of \$250,000.00 for such firefighting equipment which is used to provide emergency fire protection service to Fire Protection District of the Towns of Alden and Lancaster, Erie County, NY. The aforesaid fire house is located at 11621 Genesee St., Alden, NY.

The public hearing and the subsequent approval by the Millgrove Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. of the borrowing and issuance of the obligation are prerequisites to exemption from income taxation of the interest payable under the terms of such obligation, pursuant to Section 103 and related sections of, and regulations under, the Internal Revenue Code.

Persons attending the public hearing will be given the opportunity to make brief oral statements in connection with the proposed financing and written comments may be submitted to the Alden Town Clerk at or prior to the hearing.

Alyssa Cooper,  
Alden Town Clerk

**Motion to Allow Use of Town Park by the Alden Chamber of Commerce for a Taste of Alden Event and Beer Tent (2.17.26)**

Motion to approve the Alden Chamber of Commerce's use of the Town Park, Kiwanis Shelter, and bandshell from June 1, 2026 through June 8, 2026 for a Taste of Alden Event with Beer Tent on June 4, 2026 from 4 pm until 11 pm. The Beer Tent will be provided by the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company. The Chamber must provide a certificate of liability insurance with the Town of Alden named as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate, and sign an indemnification agreement with the Town. The Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company must provide proof of liability insurance and liquor liability insurance naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured and sign an Indemnification Agreement with the Town. The Chamber is responsible for making sure that all food vendors and the Chamber obtain Erie County Health Department permits.

The Chamber is responsible for cleaning up the Town Park after the events.

Bounce houses are prohibited.

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

1<sup>st</sup>: SUPERVISOR PAUTLER

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER BORK

Councilman Crist           Aye

Councilwoman Bork        Aye

Supervisor Pautler        Aye

Councilman Drogi          Aye

Councilman Kerl           Aye

**Motion to Allow Use of Town Park (2.17.26)**

Motion to approve the Alden Community Scholarship Foundation's use of the Town Park on June 4, 2026 for the 5K Race for scholarships, in conjunction with the Alden Chamber of Commerce Taste of Alden Event. The Foundation must provide a certificate of liability insurance with the Town of Alden named as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate, and sign an indemnification agreement. The Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company Inc. must provide proof of liquor liability insurance.

The Foundation must obtain all required NYS Gaming Commission Licenses for any raffles conducted at the event.

The Foundation is responsible for cleaning up the Town Park after the event.

Bounce houses are prohibited.

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send notice of this approval to the Alden Community Scholarship Foundation.

1<sup>st</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER BORK

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER CRIST

Councilman Crist           Aye

Councilwoman Bork        Aye

Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilman Drogi	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

**Motion to Allow Use of Town Park for Farmer’s Market (2.17.26)**

Motin to approve the request of the Alden Chamber of Commerce to use the Town Park and concession stand (for food and non-alcoholic beverage sales) for a Farmer’s Market (with food, produce, plant and craft vendors and with musical entertainment) on Monday evenings from 3 pm until 8.00 PM from June 1, 2026 through September 13, 2026 in conjunction with the Town of Alden Car Cruise Night. The Chamber shall obtain all required Health Department permits and shall provide proof of liability insurance naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured.

Bounce Houses are prohibited.

The Chamber is responsible for cleaning up the Town Park after the events.

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

1<sup>st</sup>: COUNCILEMEMBER CRIST

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER KERL

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

**Motion to approve Alden’s Meals on Wheels and Girl Scout Troop # 31905 Use of Town Park for a Color Run (3.3.25)**

Motion to approve Alternative Care Services Of WNY, Inc.’s, (a/k/a Alden Meals on Wheels) and Girl Scout Troop #31905 to use the Town Park, on June 13, 2026 from 10 am until 4 pm for a Color Run Event to benefit Alden Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels must provide a certificate of liability insurance with the Town of Alden named as

an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate; shall require all Run participants to sign a waiver; and will provide EMT/Nurse services at the event.

Meal on Wheels is responsible for cleaning up the Town Park after the events.

Meals on Wheels is responsible for making sure that all food vendors and the Chamber obtain Erie County Health Department permits

Bounce Houses are prohibited.

The Alden Town Clerk is directed to send notice of this approval to Meals on Wheels.

1<sup>st</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER KERL

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER DROGI

Councilman Crist           Aye

Councilwoman Bork       Aye

Supervisor Pautler       Aye

Councilman Drogi         Aye

Councilman Kerl           Aye

**Motion to Approve Use of Town Park (2.17.26)**

Motion to allow the Alden Substance Abuse Coalition to use the Town Park on August 4th, 2026 from 2 pm until 8 pm for the National Night Out Event .

The Alden Substance Abuse Coalition will submit proof of liability insurance naming the Town of Alden as an additional insured to the Town Clerk prior to the event.

Bounce Houses are prohibited

The Town Clerk is directed to promptly send notice of this approval to the Alden Substance Abuse Coalition.

The Alden Substance Abuse Coalition will clean up the Park after the event.

1<sup>st</sup>: COUNCILEMEMBER DROGI

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER BORK

Councilman Crist           Aye

Councilwoman Bork	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	ABSTAINED
Councilman Drogi	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

**RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THAT TOWN CLERK SERVES AS RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

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

WHEREAS, Alyssa Cooper is the duly elected Town Clerk of the Town of Alden with a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 30 and Article 57-A of the New York State Arts & Cultural Affairs Law, a Town Clerk serves as the Town's Record Management Officer.

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

1. **The Town Board hereby confirms that Town Clerk, Alyssa Cooper is the Records Management Officer for the Town of Alden.**
2. **This resolution shall take effect immediately.**
- 3.
4. The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on February 17, 2026, as follows:

Councilman Crist	Aye
Councilwoman Bork	Aye

Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilman Drogi	Aye
Councilman Kerl	Aye

**Motion to approve use Community Center (2.17.2026)**

Motion to approve the request of Robin Gilbert to use the medium and large rooms of the Community Center on March 4, 2026 from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM for a bi-partisan Town Hall Meeting, which is open to the public.

1<sup>st</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER BORK

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER CRIST

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

**POLL TO ADD:**

**Motion to hire Building Department Secretary (2.17.2026)**

Motion to hire James Fortin as Building Department Secretary, contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment checks, at a rate of \$19.00 per hour not to exceed 19.5 hours per week, no benefits except NYS retirement.

1<sup>st</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER KERL

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER DROGI

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

**POLL TO ADD:**

**Motion to hire Building Department Secretary (2.17.2026)**

Motion to hire Donna Harris as Building Department Secretary, contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment checks, at a rate of \$19.00 per hour, not to exceed 19.5 hours per week, no benefits except NYS retirement.

1<sup>st</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER DROGI

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER PAUTLER

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

POLL TO ADD:

**Motion to hire Building Safety Inspector (2.17.26)**

Motion to hire Jeffrey Alan Leuppie as Building Safety Inspector, contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment checks and completion or required training, at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, not to exceed 19.5 hours per week, no benefits except NYS retirement.

1<sup>st</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER BORK

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER CRIST

Councilman Crist           Aye

Councilwoman Bork       Aye

Supervisor Pautler       Aye

Councilman Drogi         Aye

Councilman Kerl          Aye

**Motion to Allow Use of Town Park (2.17.26)**

Motion to approve the request of Matthew Rennicks to use the Alden Town Park for a not-for profit Summer-Fest (proceeds to benefit Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Alden's Meals on Wheels, and Andrew's Army) on June 20, 2026 from 12PM until 8PM ; participants are not allowed to set up on the sports fields. Mr. Rennicks will provide a certificate of liability insurance with the Town of Alden named as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate, and will sign an indemnification agreement. Mr. Rennicks will provide two (2) port-a-potties for the event and must have a nurse/EMT on site for the event.

Mr. Rennicks is responsible for make sure that all carnival games shall be appropriately licensed by Erie County and New York State.

Mr. Rennicks is responsible for making sure that all food vendors obtain Erie County Health Department permits.

Mr. Rennicks is responsible for cleaning up the Town Park after the event.

The Alden Town Clerk is directed to send notice of this approval to Mr. Rennicks.

1<sup>st</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER CRIST

2<sup>nd</sup>: COUNCILMEMBER BORK

Councilman Crist: AYE  
Councilwoman Bork: AYE  
Supervisor Pautler: AYE  
Councilman Drogi: AYE  
Councilman Kerl: AYE

POLL TO ADD:

**TOWN OF ALDEN**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alden, held on February 17, 2026 the following resolution was offered:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Alden has completed its fiscal year ending December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, certain accounts require closing to Fund Balance in accordance with standard year-end accounting procedures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Alden hereby authorizes the closing of the following accounts to Fund Balance as of December 31, 2025:

-Refuse Fund Account No. SR8160.0400 in the amount of \$22,678.73; and

-Water District 1 Account No. WA.8389.0411 in the amount of \$811.02.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the closing of said accounts.

Duly adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

1<sup>st</sup>: Supervisor Pautler

2<sup>nd</sup> : Councilmember Bork

Councilman Crist: AYE  
Councilwoman Bork: AYE  
Supervisor Pautler: AYE

Councilman Drogi: AYE

Councilman Kerl: AYE

**UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS** - None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, OFFICIALS, AND PERSONNEL**

**Councilmember Kerl** – Mark spoke with Rick C and he is starting to put together procedures on how to track projects and what phases they are in. Looking at the cloud to see how they can utilize it more. Buildings dept has the second round of interviews at the end of the week. It is great seeing people get more involved with the community. Kiwanis Club will hold their annual chicken BBQ on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilmember Drogi**- No news.

**Town Clerk Cooper**- No news.

**Town Attorney Jennifer Strong**- Jennifer is working with Town Clerk, Alyssa Cooper with updating the General Code books. Jennifer needs to know who all needs the updated code books.

**Councilmember Bork**- Absent

**Councilmember Crist**- Thanked the Highway Department for keeping up on the roads during the snowstorms, they are doing a great job.

**Town Engineer Mike Metzger**- Submitted Sewer District #2 to DEC. Finished review of Ledgeview. We have our Cayuga Creek Pre Bid meeting at 10am on this upcoming Thursday. Mike thanked the board for reappointing him as Town Engineer.

**Highway Superintendent Bill Rogers**: Councilwomen Bork did a fantastic job on the Salt Barn Grant. Bill has quotes from local companies for the Salt Barn. Would the board like him to present the quotes at the next work session meeting? Bill would like to select the company before March 31<sup>st</sup>. Senior Van- the van is in terrible shape. The wheelchair left does not work. The frame and rails are rotting out and to fix it, it is estimated to be around \$15,000-20,000. I know the grants are coming out to apply however, this is a serious issue and, we cannot accommodate our handicapped individuals.

**Budget Officer Colleen Rogers**: Closing out the 2025 Vouchers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Pautler informed the board that her and Highway Superintendent, Bill Rogers attended the Crittenden FD Installation. The FD thanked the Town of Alden Board for all of their efforts and support. Colleen thanked Highway Superintendent Bill for stepping up to lead the Water District.

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Work Session – February 23, 2026- 6:00pm  
Reg. Board Meeting – March 2, 2026- 6:00pm

**MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE**

Memorial Remembrance was held for David Dick, Daniel Hatch, Lloyd Reiner

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM and go into Executive session by Supervisor Pautler and Seconded by Councilmember Kerl. A motion at 7:19PM to adjourn the meeting with no action taken by Councilmember Bork and seconded by Councilmember Drogi.

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