

**BOARD MEETING NO.21
REGULAR NO. 18**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF ALDEN**

**Monday, October 5, 2026
6:00 PM**

The Town Board Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, N.Y. on Monday, October 5 at 6:00 P.M. Supervisor Pautler called the Meeting to Order and Councilmember Crist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Town Clerk: Alyssa Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT: Highway Superintendent Bill Rogers, Town Engineer Mike Metzger. Residents : Charles Holcomb, Kevin Martin, Ron Rebmann, Jeff Jouder

Motion to approve Minutes of the Borad Meeting of September 21, 2026, was made by Councilman Crist, seconded by Councilman Kerl.

The forgoing Motion was duly put to a Roll Call vote, October 5, 2026 and was:

CARRIED

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

Nays: 0

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY Councilmember Crist , SECOND BY Councilmember Bork , WHO MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE ALLOWED AND PAID TO WIT; VOUCHERS # [889] to # [955]. ALL BILLS REVIEWED BY THE TOWN BOARD.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>				
	10/5/2026				TOTAL
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$27,249.5				\$27,249.5
	6				6
HIGHWAY FUND "DA/DB"	\$23,980.7				\$23,980.7
	3				3
PART-TOWN FUND "B"	\$4,584.35				\$4,584.35
SR CTR EXPANSION/4 SEASON					
"HS"					\$0.00
GRANTS "G"					\$0.00
SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION					
"SF"					\$0.00
SEWER INDUSTRIAL PARK "SI"					\$0.00
	\$34,026.7				\$34,026.7
SEWER DIST. #2 FUND "SA"	6				6
TRUST & AGENCY "T"	\$6,092.54				\$6,092.54
	\$46,878.0				\$46,878.0
SPECIAL REFUSE FUND "SR"	7				7
STREET LIGHTING FUND "SL"	\$6,226.55				\$6,226.55
PERIWINKLE LTG. DIST."SL1"	\$89.55				\$89.55
ZOELLER RD. WATER					
DIST."WZ"					\$0.00
WATER DIST. NEWSTEAD "WO"					\$0.00
CONS. WATER DIST "WR"					\$0.00
WATER DIST. EXCHANGE "WX"					\$0.00
CAYUGA CREEK WATER DIST	\$332,147.				\$332,147.
"HY"	25				25
CAPITAL PROJECTS SALT BARN					
"HB"					\$0.00

WATER DIST. NO. 1 "WA"

TOTAL

					\$0.00
\$481,275. 36	\$0.0 0	\$0.0 0	\$0.0 0	\$0.0 0	\$481,275. 36

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No Business from the floor.

PRESENTATIONS OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

Supervisor Pautler- We received the Town Clerks monthly report and received the first issue of the Alden Echo Newspaper.

Councilmember Kerl- The Alden Echo is a new newspaper for Alden; it is a great way to communicate with Alden. I encourage everyone to subscribe and grab a copy of the first edition .

Councilmember Drogi- Nothing to report

Town Clerk- The tentative Supervisor's Town of Alden Budget was delivered to the Town Clerk at 5:45pm on September 30, 2026. The budget was delivered to the board, and a copy was also sent to all the board members' emails.

Town Attorney Strong- Nothing to report

Councilmember Bork- Nothing to report

Councilmember Crist- Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Alden Historical Society Request to use Community Center

Motion to approve the request of the Alden Historical Society to use the medium room of Community Center on the 2nd Thursdays of each month from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM from September 2026 through June 2027 for its monthly programs, which are open to the public.

1st: Councilmember Kerl

2nd: Councilmember Drogi

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

Motion to approve use of Community Center

Motion to approve the request of the Girl Scout Troup 31905 to use the Community Center on the first and third Tuesdays of each month starting October 6, 2026 until June 30, 2027 for Troup meetings.

1st: Councilmember Drogi

2nd: Supervisor Pautler

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

Motion to hire part-time seasonal Lifeguards and Aquatic Supervisor

Motion to hire the following as part-time seasonal lifeguards at the pay rates set forth below from October 14, 2026 through December 12, 2026 not to exceed 39 hours per week with benefits as per the Employee Handbook. Contingent upon the successful completion of all pre-employment checks, proof of life guard certification and appropriate paperwork being filed with the Supervisor's Office, New York State required certifications, new hire training programs and completion of Town Policy acknowledgements.

Fall Winter Lifeguards:

Anthony Kudla \$17.51
Mackenzie Lang \$17.51
Meghan Cole \$18.03
Nathan Williams \$17.51
Zoe Turton \$17.51
James Fecio 18.03
Vincent Puccio \$17.00
Thomas Kawalek \$17.00
Karson Doktor \$17.00
Noah Golas \$17.00
Hannah Newman \$17.00
Brooke Bogumil \$17.00

Aquatic Supervisor: Brianna Quinn \$20.50

1st: Supervisor Pautler

2nd: Councilmember Bork

Councilperson Crist	Aye
Councilperson Bork	Aye
Supervisor Pautler	Aye
Councilperson Drogi	Aye
Councilperson Kerl	Aye

Motion to hire part-time court clerk (10.5.26)

Motion to hire Marie Falzone as part time court clerk retroactive to September 22, 2026 for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year, not to exceed 19.5 hours per week at \$21.00 per hour.

Benefits as per Employee Handbook. Contingent upon the successful completion of all pre-employment checks (including fingerprinting) and appropriate paperwork being filed with the Supervisor's Office, New York State required certifications, new hire training programs and completion of Town Policy acknowledgements.

1st: Councilmember Bork

2nd: Councilmember Crist

Councilmember Crist:	AYE
Councilmember Bork:	AYE
Supervisor Pautler:	AYE
Councilmember Drogi:	AYE
Councilmember Kerl:	AYE

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR CDBG GRANT FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden seeks to participate in the 2027-2028 Erie County Community Development Block Grant Program;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden held a public hearing for comments on proposed projects for the years 2027-2028 on September 21, 2026;

WHEREAS, a few projects were discussed by Town Officials and the Town Board has agreed to submit one grant application for CDBG for the year 2027-2028; and

WHEREAS, the Town is seeking funding assistance to replace its outdated and inadequate senior transportation van to support expanded senior programs and services and to accommodate its growing senior memberships and handicapped residents, and

WHEREAS, the Alden Highway Superintendent has procured two professional price quotes for a new senior transportation van that estimate the total cost ranging from \$118,300 to \$128,975 for an average price of \$123,658, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Alden Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign, submit and execute a contract with the Erie County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the following project:

1. Town of Alden Senior Van Project – est. \$123,638 project total

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Alden Town Board will provide a cash match of no less than 5% or an estimated \$6,182 for the 1st Priority Project.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Alden Town Board on October 5, 2026, as follows:

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

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE, WITH TRADE-IN, JOHN DEERE FRONT LOADER

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER KERL,
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DROGL.

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent advised the Alden Town Board that the Highway Department is in need of a new and unused John Deere 544 G-Tier Wheel Loader with 60" Carriage. 60" Tines Construction Forks ("Loader") which will be purchased from NYS OGS Contract – PC70889/Sourcewell Contract (Contract # 011723-JDC-1YN544GACSLA01205) from Five Star Equipment, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden's Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines and the General Municipal Law have been followed through purchase from the NYS OGS Contract/Sourcewell Contract;

WHEREAS, The Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the request finds the request to purchase the Loader as being consistent with its policies and in the interest of the residents of the Town of Alden.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

- 1. The Town Board hereby determines that the Rockland 60" Carriage 60" Tines Hi-Vs/ISO Construction Forks are not needed for Town purposes and are surplus property and should be traded in (at a value of \$3,500.00) towards the purchase of the Loader;**
- 2. The Town Board approves the purchase of the Loader from Five Star Equipment, Inc. as described on the attached Quote at a cost of \$200,247.97;**
3. The Town Supervisor is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate this purchase and trade-in; and
- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.**

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on October 5, 2026, as follows:

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO BID CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWNLINE WATER DISTRICT

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden, upon receiving permission of the NYS Comptroller, has duly created the Townline Water District and has obtained authorization from the NYS Comptroller for the creation of said District;

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden has authorized Metzger Civil Engineering to complete the application, plans and specifications for this Water District Construction Project; and

WHEREAS, Metzger Civil Engineering has completed the plans and specifications and has received the approvals from the necessary reviewing agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Policy & Procedure Guidelines of the Town of Alden requires that all estimated public works projects over \$35,000.00 shall be formally bid pursuant to General Municipal Law section 103.

WHEREAS, The Town Board after full and careful review and consideration of the request finds said request to receive bids in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

- 1. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to advertise for bids as outlined in the attached Notice to Bidders, full information and specifications are now available at the Office of the Town Clerk at 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York 14004 during normal business hours;**
2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the attached Notice to Bidders in the Akron Bugle. Said Notice must be published more than ten (10) days prior to November 4, 2026 and must state the time when and place where the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk and Town Engineer are further authorized to fax or email the Notice to Bidders to interested contractors;
- 3. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to receive sealed bids in her office until 10:00 AM Prevailing time on November 4, 2026; and**
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on October 5, 2026, as follows:

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

Resolution to Approve an Ambulance Billing Service Agreement and a Business Associate Agreement with MultiMed Billing Service, Inc. d/b/a MultiMed

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board needs to sign an Ambulance Billing Service Agreement and a Business Associate Agreement with MultiMed Billing Service, Inc. d/b/a MultiMed (“MultiMed”), as the Town’s proposed ambulance provider, Mercy Flight, Inc., only does business with MultiMed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreements will be for three year terms.

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

- 1. The Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute an Ambulance Billing Service Agreement and a Business Associate Agreement with MultiMed, copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk, on the terms and conditions contained in said agreements; and**
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on October 5, 2026. The results of which were as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION # 1 OF DJM
CONTRACTING INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CAYUGA CREEK WATER
DISTRICT**

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

**WHEREAS, the Town of Alden has duly created the Cayuga Creek Water District
and has secured all necessary approvals for the creation of the District;**

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden has authorized Metzger Civil Engineering, PLLC to
complete the application, plans and specifications for this Water District Construction
Project; and

WHEREAS, Metzger Civil Engineering has completed the plans and specifications and
has received the approvals from the necessary reviewing agencies; and

**WHEREAS, The Town Board after properly authorizing , receiving and opening
sealed bids properly awarded the construction of the Project to DJM Contracting,
Inc. (“DJM”); and**

**WHEREAS, DJM has submitted a payment application to the Town of Alden; which
has been reviewed by the Town Engineer; who has recommended to the Town Board
payment of the same.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

- 1. The Town Board approves Payment Application # 1 submitted by DJM in the
amount of \$329,132.70;**
- 2. That the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all
necessary documents to effectuate Payment Application # 1; and**

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on October 5, 2026, as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION ISSUING NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SITE PLAN
APPLICATION FOR 12319 BROADWAY**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alden is considering an application, by Buffalo Solar, Inc. for site plan approval of a new build business complex (office building, storage building, parking lot with EV charging stations, and solar farm) at 12319 Broadway, in the Town of Alden, further identified by SBL# 86.04-1-8 (The “Proposed Action”);

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alden has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type I Action under SEQRA and has conducted a coordinated review;

WHEREAS, the Town Building Department provided notice to the Erie County Division of Planning, for this Proposed Action, as required under Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law and all received comments were addressed;

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

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board did assume Lead Agency Status on April 21, 2025 and all comments from involved agencies have been addressed;

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

WHEREAS, during review of this Proposed Action, the Town of Alden assessed areas of environmental concern and determined that no significant negative impacts would occur. In reaching this decision, the Town carefully considered all “Criteria” for Determination of Significance listed in the SEQRA Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS THAT:

The Town Board, as Lead Agency, has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type I

Action under SEQRA;

The Town of Alden, as Lead Agency hereby concludes that the project will not adversely affect the natural resources of the State and/or the health, safety and welfare of the public and is consistent with social and economic consideration as further stated in the attached Negative Declaration Certificate; and

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The above resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alden on October 5, 2026, the results of which were as follows:

Councilmember Crist:	AYE
Councilmember Bork :	AYE
Supervisor Pautler:	AYE
Councilmember Drogi:	AYE
Councilmember Kerl:	AYE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE, OFFICIALS AND PERSONAL-

Councilmember Kerl- I am working on getting the dog controllers officer back from the auto mechanic.

Councilmember Drogi- I am trying to set up a time with Blair from Waste Management about our garbage.

Town Clerk Cooper- AJFC is requesting use of the Town Hall gym on Saturdays for the month of October. I would like to add to the work session.

Town Attorney Strong- Nothing to report

Councilmember Bork- We are in the final stages of the CBDG grant. We did not get the Parks grant. Please add Meals on Wheels to the work session. The newsletter will be going to print soon.

Councilmember Crist- Nothing to report

Town Engineer Metzger- Cayuga Creek lab testing is complete. Pressure testing passed. We are waiting on the water authority. Bid documents will be dropped off to the clerk for Town Line Water project. Bidders must pay a \$50.00 non-refundable payment to pick up bid packets.

Highway Supervisor- I would like to add highway renovation to the work session. I met with Rick the building inspector and he did an early inspection of the Salt Barn we are hoping to have the job completed by November 1st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR: Contract are very close to being signed for December 1st start with Mercy Flight. The budget is in process, and I am wrapping up business for the end of the year. I will not be at the next work session.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Work Session – Tuesday October 13, 2026- 6:00pm

Reg. Board Meeting – Monday October 19, 2026- 6:00pm

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE: Paul J. Carey, Angeline L. Soper

Adjournment

Supervisor Pautler adjourned the regular board meeting at 6:24pm, all in favor.

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