

Approved BOARD MINUTES April 23, 2015

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees Daluisio, Retzlaff, Warmus and Mezydlo, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent/Chief Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Mitch Martin from Senator Gallivan's office and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated April 23, 2015. Carried

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| Payroll | \$39,509.51 |
| Abstract | \$53,222.83 |

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following reports: Planning Board for Feb. and April. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Request from Legislator Burke to pass a resolution on broadband, from U.S. Coast Guard to pass resolution on safe boating, and a request to pass a resolution on 911. Meeting notices for Assoc. of E. C. Governments, invitations to participate in re-leaf conference, Alden Hook and Ladder Parade participation invitation and Alden Historical Society 50 year anniversary. Fund raising requests from Independence University towards the 2015 Mayor's Scholarship program and Alden Historical Society. Meeting minutes from Assoc. of E.C. Governments, Alden Chamber of Commerce and Town of Alden. Newsletters from Grant Action News, E.C. Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, and NYS and Local Retirement System. Memo from Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning concerning CDBG report and the RBC Wealth Management portfolio account and review.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to file as received all correspondence. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Motions for April 23, 2015

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to authorize the Superintendent of Public works to submit a bid proposal to the Alden Central School District for purpose of refuse collection and recycling. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the 2015-2016 tax warrant. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the 2015 Indemnification agreement with the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company and the Town of Alden for the Firemen's Carnival. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the Village Clerk's request that all unpaid delinquent water and sewer accounts to be re-levied to the 2015-2016 village taxes. Carried.

MOTON by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to write off any money in water and sewer that has been deemed uncollectible. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to allow Alden Substance Abuse Coalition permission to erect a banner on the bandstand from May 1-May15 for Prom Promise. Carried.

MOTON by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to accept the following resolution concerning 911: Carried.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 911 is a critical component for the citizens of Erie County and the delivery of Police and Emergency Services and the traditional landline phones are accurate with the exact location for emergency calls, and

WHEREAS, more people are now calling 911 from cell phones with over 492,615 wireless calls being made in 2014 to Erie County 911 Center and in an emergency every minute and seconds count when an attempt is made to get Phase 2 location information, and

WHEREAS, the 911 center asks the network for the phones actual location, that is Phase 2, and even after multiple re-bids or re-transits to the cell carriers for better information it is impossible to get an exact location when trying to locate the emergency which can be inaccurate or at times doesn't give the location at all, and

WHEREAS, every cell phone subscriber in New York State pays \$1.20 to Albany each month which was intended to support counties and their endeavor to update and maintain their development of next generation 911 technology, the consolidation of current 911 services, and improvements to public safety communication systems across the State, and

WHEREAS, Erie County estimates cell phone subscribers in Erie County paid about \$8.8 million to Albany in 2014 through this surcharge, and surcharge funds collected in 2012 in New York State were in excess of \$200 million with less than \$10 million being disbursed to County level 911 services, and

WHEREAS, according to the FCC, New York State was one of six states in 2013 to divert funding from a 911 surcharge account for unrelated purposes and this improper distribution is hampering public safety in Erie County and throughout Western New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Alden requests the State of New York to appropriately disburse the funds collected through the public safety communications surcharge as laid out in Bill S2963/A3561 (2015); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Senator Patrick Gallivan and Assemblywoman Jane Corwin.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to accept the following resolution concerning safe boating campaign proclamation:

Proclamation

Recreational boating is fun and enjoyable, and we are fortunate that we have sufficient resources to accommodate the wide variety of pleasure boating demands. However, our waterways can become crowded at times and be a place of chaos and confusion. While being a marvelous source of recreation, boating, to the unprepared, can be a risky sport. Not knowing or obeying the Navigation Rules or the nautical: Rules of the Road”, drinking alcohol or taking drugs while operating a boat, or choosing not to wear your life jacket when doing so is clearly not the smart thing to do, are all examples of human error or a lack of proper judgment. One particular behavior that can reduce the number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year by approximately 80% is the wearing of a life jacket. It is a simple task that has the potential to reduce terrible loss in lives.

Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment. If people are aware of the risk, they are likely to take the precautionary measures to protect themselves and their friends and family. This is why we must continue to spread the messages of boating safety not only during National Safe Boating Week, but also throughout the entire year.

Whereas, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors: and

Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets: and

Whereas, today’s life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles in years past and deserve a fresh look by today’s boating public.

Therefore, I, Mayor Michael Manicki, do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating campaign and proclaim, May 16-22, 2015 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

In Witness Whereof, I urge all those who boat to “Wear it.” and practice safe boating habits. Carried.

Given under my signature and the seal of the Village of Alden, this 23rd day of April, in 2015.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Mitch Martin, from Senator Gallivan’s office was present to address any concerns.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Attorney Trapp – got a call from Allstate Ins. and another call on another ambulance collection. Working on Time Warner, with other municipalities, want to work cooperatively.

Chief Sitzman – Keith’s last month as Chief, thanked the board for their support the past 1 ½ years. Rickie Greis will do a nice job as the next Chief.

Superintendent Sitzman- Bulk trash pick up 4/27, preliminary work rolling, topsoil and seeding from snow blower.

Clerk Wachowiak – received a check for 1st phase of FEMA for snow removal reimbursed \$39,537.86. FEMA should reimburse for 75%, hoping state will do remaining 25%. Submitted statement for \$124,461.18 Mitch could not confirm if NYS was reimbursing for the remaining 25%. Done with FEMA claims: building on sludge drying beds, to be rebuilt with concrete and steel. Didn’t hit the threshold should push thru quickly.

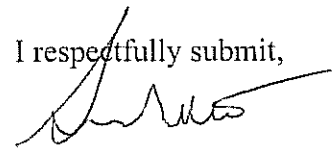
Trustees – all thanked Keith for the great job he did as Chief, but are happy he is back full time as Superintendent.

Mayor Manicki – recommended everyone take a look at the school’s website to view the Shake off drugs video, well done. Informed Charlie Sickles of the E.C. Highway Dept. of the big hole on the receiver on Crittenden Rd.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

I respectfully submit,



Sue Galbraith,
Deputy Village Clerk