

Approved BOARD MINUTES November 20, 2018

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Warmus to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel. 7:25 pm.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Casell, to exit the Executive Session. 7:29 pm.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees: Casell, Daluisio. and Warmus,
Superintendent Sitzman, , Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Loren Prucnal, Eugene Nuwer, Dan Czelusta, and Sue DeWitt – Alden Advertiser
Absent – Trustees: Overhoff, Attorney Trapp,

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Warmus to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated November 20, 2018. Carried.

Payroll	\$41,125.27
Abstract	\$26,527.94

MOTION by Trustee Warmus seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the following monthly reports: for September – Treasurer’s, for October – court. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Attorney Trapp – concerning Tops bankruptcy and state filing of local laws. Erie County Sales tax up 4.9% YTD, J O’Connell newsletter, minutes from the Town of Alden and Chamber

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for November 20, 2018,

MOTION BY Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the indemnification agreement with the town as it pertains to Winterfest. Carried.

MOTION BY Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to appoint Herbert Schmidt III, to the position of ZBA member, term to expire 3/31/2021. Carried.

MOTION BY Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to award the bid, including Alternate #1, for the Broadway Streetscape Improvements project to Occhino Corp. for the sum of \$461,112.75. Carried.

MOTION BY Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Casell, to award the Wastewater Improvement Project – Phase 2, Contract 4, General, to Blue Heron Construction Co. for the sum of \$1,021,560.00 Carried.

MOTION BY Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the Amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal contract with Waste Management of New York, LLC for the term January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021 at a rate of \$54.27 per ton and will increase by a fixed 1% each year thereafter. Carried.

On the question – Trustee Casell thanked Superintendent Sitzman on his work of keeping the rate down. Mayor Manicki noted that Lancaster had a 60% increase.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Loren Prucnal questioned large trucks parking on W. main overnight, in violation? CEO Czechowski – responded, trucks are parked off street.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Superintendent Sitzman –Parking ban starts Nov. 1, no on street parking 2-6 am.

Streetscape grant \$325,000-60% paid thru a grant.

Trustee Casell – did we experience any problem with the power outage? Superintendent Sitzman – no problems we have generators at two sites and village hall and a portable generator, so we are prepared to deal with emergencies.

Mayor Manicki – this Saturday is Small Business Saturday, please remember to shop locally. I would like to thank the Volunteers of Alden who put in a lot of volunteer hours: Fire dept., EMS, community organizations and such. Please consider joining an organization.

In response to Trustee Overhoff’s letter to village residents in the Nov.15 Alden Advertiser:

In regards to the engineering study by Nussbaumer and Clarke, the report was written in February 2017 when the village water rate was \$3.95 the cost chart was revised in May 2017 when the rate rose to \$5 and revised again in August 2018 when the rate increased to \$6. This \$1 increase he cites is being used to eliminate the deficit in the water fund, not for well costs. The \$54,200 savings he cites from closing the wells converts to .68 cents and was used in calculating the new rate. The current cost of purchasing ECWA bulk water is in addition to the current \$6 village rate as follows:

- \$6 current village rate
- .68 cents savings from ending well operations
- \$2.53 current ECWA bulk water rates
- .65 cents village system water loss (25% of ECWA bulk rate)
- \$8.50 village rate using ECWA Bulk water

Here are highlights from a Channel 2 interview on Nov. 16 of Bob Lichtenthal, ECWA by Dave McKinley:

Outlines the problems the authority face. Rate increase needed due to lower consumption therefore lower revenues.

In 2008 average customer used 112,000 gallons/yr. 2017 usage now 96,000. 14% reduction

Currently pumping 68 mil gallons/day. New water saving devices such as toilets, washers, dishwashers, low flow shower heads.

Customer base is aging. Industrial customers are using less.

American water works reports drop in both household and industrial usage nationally.

ECWA budget is \$41 million for repairs and capital improvements. Fixed infrastructure and cost structure.

Village of Alden facing same issues.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Sesquicentennial –, all welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn, the regular meeting at 7:47 pm

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk