

**Approved BOARD MINUTES September 10, 2019**

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to enter into an Executive Session at 6:57 pm to discuss litigation. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to exit the Executive Session at 7:23 pm. Carried.

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: Daluisio, Casell and Overhoff, Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent Sitzman, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn & Cameron Eastland, Dan Czelusta, Legislator John Bruso, Ivy Wilson, Herbert & Shannon Schmidt, Senator Gallivan Representative Karen Howard, Mackey Zuzfuhre, Loren & Tracy Prucnal, Mike Galbraith, Diane Lin, Kelli Kania, Ron Toczec, Mr. & Mrs. John Zosh, Mona Fox, Patty Aquila and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser. Government students.

Absent: CEO Czechowski, Attorney Trapp and Trustee Warmus

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio seconded by Trustee Casell to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated Sept. 10, 2019. Carried.

Payroll	\$38,556.99
Abstract	\$52,777.96

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve the following monthly reports for August: courts, DPW, fire fuel & CEO. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to exit the regular meeting and enter into the Public Hearing at 7:35 pm. Carried.

**Public Hearing 3 way stop sign Irving & Emerson streets.**

Herb Schmidt, 1555 Emerson St. read the following prepared statement. The following notes are a summary based on related conversations with the residents at the following addresses over an eight-year period. However, several residents have lived on Emerson for 30 years or more. We also believe that these issues extend to all pedestrians within the village especially those South of Broadway using Emerson St. which is a major conduit for children as young as 7 years old who walk to school.

- Schmidt Family 1555 Emerson St.
- Motz Family 1554 Emerson St.
- Frey Family 1570 Emerson St.
- Toczec Family 1561 Emerson St.

Henry Family 1596 Emerson St.  
Davis Family (formerly of 1561 Emerson St.)  
Birner Family 1537 Emerson St.  
Zosh Family 1548 Emerson St.  
Rimbeck Family 1531 Emerson St.

1. What has changed over the years?

- i. Emerson is now a pass through for drivers:
  - ii. Travelling to the apartment complex.
  - iii. Trying to bypass and avoid the signal at Crittenden and Broadway.
- b. There are more cars on the road.
  - c. Families are busier and more rushed than ever before.
  - d. Drivers are more distracted than ever before.

2. Issues Residents would like to be addressed:

- a. Speeding- Drivers tend to hit the gas at one end to get to the other. Many local residents and commuters are in a routine.
- b. Cross Walk Safety- on Emerson St. at Irving St. Most of us have had a close call within the intersection. Drivers tend to drive through and often turn onto Irving St. without slowing or even signaling!
- c. Enforcement- The Village of Alden chose to end local policing with the understanding that the State Police and EC Sheriffs would take over. We are not saying they should give more tickets to local residents, but an increased presence with some warnings (however, we do not want to destroy some young high school student). According to older residents, when Alden had a local police force there was a greater respect within the village. This is why local policing is making a resurgence because it works. Police can be posted regularly during rush hours and certain weeknights and weekends. The goal is to change the driving culture of OUR village to more of a village like East Aurora, Corfu, or Arcade.

3. Suggested Remedies:

- a. Designate Emerson St. as a school zone: with signage and enforcement.
  - i. According to NYS DOT website: Length of a School Speed Zone
    1. "Maximum distance is 1320 feet (0.25 miles) along a highway passing a school building

Ron Toczek – 1561 Emerson. Wants stop sign. concerned with traffic all hours of the day, night, summer and weekends, not just during school hours. There have been close calls at the crosswalk on Irving at Emerson. Trustee Overhoff – stop sign will back up traffic, people will not stop and there is no parking within 30' of a stop sign. Parking needs to be looked at, possibly no parking allowed or parking on 1 side of the street only. Trustee Casell - There is already a backup of cars down Emerson during start and end of school. Patty Aquila -13389 Irving St. The new 4 way stop sign at Irving & Westcott has had a huge impact. It slows people down. I have grandchildren on Emerson and it would make a difference. Trustee Daluisio – this is a fact finding mission for us to review public input. If not a stop sign, other signage possibly. Bank does not want the stop sign as it will increase traffic to their private drive. The school feels it will back up traffic & cause issues. There are a lot of issue to absorb. Dan Czelusta – 1677 Meadow Dr. Lucky you have sidewalks, cars speed down our street all the time. If stop signs erected, should have no parking on either side of the street. Ron Toczek does not feel it will back up traffic. Mike Galbraith – 13276 Irving St. Agrees with some of Herbs assessments, but parks on the street and if parking is restricted on Emerson, cars will park

on Irving and it is already crowded. As it is the kids are in the street playing. Cars currently park within 30' of the stop sign on Irving. Will change traffic patterns to Park and Crittenden or the bank. Trustee Casell – what changed your mind on the stop sign? Parking restrictions? Herb – yes. Mrs. Zosh – 1548 Emerson – speed is an issue. Mr. Zosh – need a signal at Broadway & Emerson. Mayor Manicki – Broadway is a state road. They did a traffic study recently there for lighted pedestrian crossings. Loren Prucnal – 1602 Westcott – cars are speeding down all the roads and go thru the stop signs. Distractive driving. Mayor Manicki – I live on a corner and 50% roll or do not even stop. Clerk Galbraith – spoke to Linda Hey, Crossing Guard – concerned Broadway & Emerson currently backed up, will get worse. Ron Toczek – all about the kid's safety. One student in the audience commented the 5 students in attendance are all walkers, and have had closes calls on their way to school.

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio seconded by Trustee Casell, to exit the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting at 8:08 pm. Carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Spooktacular Oct. 25+26, National Night Out Oct. 1. Letter from Herb Schmidt concerning 3 way stop Public Hearing. Letter from Superintendent Sitzman concerning suggestions/concerns for NYSDOT Crittenden Rd. updates. Retire Public employees Assoc. Meeting, Letters to Bayview of Alden LLC & Alden Village Estates concerning MHP License renewal. Erie Watershed protection pamphlet, RBC Wealth portfolio. From NYS- NYCOM updates, EFC Change order approval, notice WIIA and IMG applications due by Sept. 13. From Erie County: Env. & Planning CDBG information, Assoc. of EC Gov. meeting & Village Official notices, sales tax, lead safe workshop and CDBG public forum dates.

**MOTION** by Trustee Overhoff seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to file as received all correspondence. Carried

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for Sept. 10, 2019

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve use of fire dept., reserve funds in the amount of \$21,610 to purchase rescue tools from Empire Emergency Company. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Alden to contribute 35% of the cost of the volunteer firefighter service award program annually. Contract to expire May 31, 2021. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve the fire/EMS calls for August 17-31, 2019. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio and seconded by Trustee Casell, to schedule a Public Hearing on October 8, 2019 @7:35 pm regarding Community Development Block Grant funds in the Village of Alden. Carried

*On the question:* Mayor Manicki – board is looking for suggestion submittals, is restrictive – South side of Broadway.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve the following additions for Alden Substance Abuse Coalition for National Night Out on Oct.1: closes Church St., no parking signs on Broadway for food trucks and access to electric on Oct.1. Allow to decorate the park on the weekend of Sept.20. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following additions for Alden Substance Abuse Coalition for Spooktacular October 25+26: Closing of Church Friday 6 pm + Saturday at 11 am. Use of park Friday night for Halloween party, electric, no parking signs on W. Main for Trunk & Treat Saturday. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Supt. Sitzman and 4 DPW crew to attend NYCOM Pubic Works School in Ithaca, NY. Oct. 21-23, 2019. (Budgeted expense). Carried

**BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-** Senator Gallivan and Legislator Brusio’s office will ask for a larger police presence, especially at Emerson & Irving. Senator Gallivans’ office will check with NYSDOT concerning lighted crosswalk at Emerson. Legislator Brusio – Crittenden on list to pave next year. Lori Gramza, an Alden resident, will be awarded Legislative Citizen of Month September 26.  
Student questions.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:**

**Superintendent Sitzman-** Broadway streetscape –should start this week. Elm St. 9/23 start. WWTP-progressing,

**Trustee Overhoff** Where is well #4 Sitzman – back of Town Park. Wells 3&4 were combined to use 1 iron & manganese filter.

**Trustee Daluisio** – art show went well, thank you to the village DPW and congratulations to the Fire Dept. Nice turn out.

**Mayor Manicki** – streetscape starting, need to use caution during construction. Recycling market has become very restrictive – need to be familiar of criteria and containers need to be clean.

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to adjourn, 8:25pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk

