

Approved BOARD MINUTES September 8, 2020

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

Due to Covid-19 this meeting was conducted wearing masks, and social distancing.

The public was invited to join by following social distancing guidelines.

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees Warmus, Daluisio, Overhoff & Casell, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp Loren Prucnal, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the minutes dated August 25, 2020. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated September 8, 2020.

Payroll \$38,286.35

Abstract \$66,542.89

On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following monthly reports: July: Fire, August: CEO.

On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Erie County – 2019 clerk’s office annual report. Request from Why Life Ministries. RBC Wealth statement. Correspondence from CO Czechowski.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for September 8, 2020

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve a Mobile Food Vehicle License for John Cummings Jr., as per submitted paperwork. Note that no temporary signage is hereby approved – appropriate permits must be obtained for each event as applicable. *On the question* – Trustee Warmus- is all the paperwork in order? Background check? Attorney Trapp – we do not require background checks, but all the other info. Submitted, does meet the code. 5 ayes. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to schedule a Public Hearing on October 13, 2020 @7:35 pm regarding Community Development Block Grant funds in the Village of Alden. no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Warmus who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee DALuisio

To wit:

WHEREAS The Pink Cow is requesting site plan approval for a retail store facility; and

WHEREAS the site plan approval is classified as an Unlisted action and is subject to review within the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, the Pink Cow has prepared a short environmental assessment form, which is now on file with the Village of Alden, and may be reviewed at the Village offices, 13336 Broadway, Alden, New York 14004; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Law, the Village of Alden Board of Trustees assumes lead agency status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Alden Board of Trustees hereby assumes the role of lead agency for the purpose of determining what significance this project has on the environment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Alden Board of Trustees, as Lead Agency, hereby determines that the proposed Unlisted actions, as described in the attached SEQR Negative Declaration, Notice of Determination of Non-Significance, which attached notice is hereby made part of this resolution, will not have a significant effect on the environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to said proposed action.

Roll call vote: Trustee Casell – aye
Trustee Warmus – aye
Trustee Overhoff – aye
Trustee Daluisio – aye
Mayor Manicki -aye no comment. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve the formal site plan received August 7, 2020 for a retail facility at 13119 Broadway, by The Pink Cow, with the following conditions:

- 1) The items in CEO Czechowski’s Memo dated 8/18/2020 must be satisfied and included in the final approved plan.
- 2) A backflow prevention device must be installed as per all applicable requirements and obtain all necessary approvals.

**SEQR Negative Declaration
Reasons Supporting Determination
For: The Pink Cow, 13119 Broadway**

The proposed The Pink Cow retail facility reflects the use of land within the Village of Alden as recommended by the Village of Alden’s Comprehensive Master Plan. The properties immediately west, north, and east and south of the subject property are in a C-1 Commercial Zoning District., which is the zoning that is identical to that of the subject property.

The Village of Alden Board of Trustees decided that no potential moderate to large impacts could occur related to changes in use and intensity of use.

Therefore, the Village of Alden Board of Trustees has determined that there is likely to be no adverse environmental impacts relating to this project.

Considering there are no indicators of significant effect on the environment and these changes are consistent with the Village of Alden’s Comprehensive Master Plan, a negative declaration is declared. no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following proclamation:

Whereas Mitch Martin, Community Representative for Senator Gallivan, has provided assistance to the Village of Alden many times over the years in regard to matters involving New York State government, the board thanks him and wishes him success in his new assignment with Representative Chris Jacobs.

Roll call vote: Trustee Casell – aye
Trustee Warmus– aye
Trustee Overhoff – aye
Trustee Daluisio – aye
Mayor Manicki -aye no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is difficult sometimes to say goodbye, especially when you feel the time together has been too short, and

WHEREAS, Lewis Carroll wrote, the “the time has come the Walrus said to talk of many things: of shoes and ships and sealing-wax, of cabbages and kings”, and

WHEREAS such simple words do not adequately reflect either the discussions that should really be paramount or the memories of all the years of service that will linger, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden and all of its residents have been honored by the thirty-six year public service of a grandson of the Village’s first Mayor, William Rusher, who rose from a young Trustee to a slightly less young Mayor, and

WHEREAS Michael Manicki first served six years on the Zoning Board of Appeals then becoming a Village Trustee for twenty-two years followed by eight years as the Mayor of the Village of Alden, and

WHEREAS, whether it was during his thirty four years with Ford Motor Company, or his prior duty as Vice President of the Village Officials Association, or as liaison to the Alden Chamber of Commerce, he has seen many changes in both government and the world around him, and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Village Sesquicentennial Celebration he helped to not only celebrate the advantages of life in a small and vibrant Village but to also usher in a new generation of individuals to continue his legacy of public service and sacrifice, and

WHEREAS many of us have had the distinct pleasure and honor of working with an individual of such high character and moral values who never forgot about all those around him,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Village of Alden, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden, the employees of the Village, and indeed, all of the residents of the Village hereby proudly and unabashedly give thanks to an individual who has stood by the Village and all that it means for so very long, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that henceforth, the date of September 9, 2020 shall be known as Michael Manicki Day in the Village of Alden as a day for a “king” whose time has come and who we will always remember. no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the time spent with some is too little, but the memories are just as vibrant and important, and

WHEREAS, Angelo Daluisio, enriched young minds as a teacher in places from Hawaii to North Tonawanda to Orchard Park after graduating from the State University of New York College at Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, you may not have truly lived until you have been honored with the friendship and culinary wizardry with his homemade pizza and brownies, and

WHEREAS his success and love of professional photography is secondary only to his accomplishments with raising two extraordinary daughters with his wife, Pamela, and

WHEREAS, he has served not just the Village of Alden as a Planning Board member for four years and later as a Village Trustee for six years, but he also faithfully served the Town of Alden Zoning Board of Appeals as well as the Villages of Lancaster and Williamsville as Building Inspector, and

WHEREAS, his devotion to his craft and all the lives that he has touched over the years as a coach, volleyball referee, or volunteer with Alden Meals on Wheels or the Erie County Home Library cannot be adequately measured or honored by a mere passage of words, and

WHEREAS, while others would have simply retired without giving more of themselves, such an act would be impossible for Angelo whose honor and humility have served him, his family, and all of the residents of the Village of Alden so well, and

WHEREAS, saying goodbye in the easiest of times remains difficult so we will just say until tomorrow,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that as a small measure of thanks and with a heavy heart, the Village of Alden and the Board of Trustees forever fondly remembers the contributions of one of its own, Angelo Daluisio, and declares that September 10, 2020 shall henceforth and forever be known as Angelo Daluisio Day in the Village of Alden. no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to allow Why Life Ministries to use Firemen's Park on September 20 from 2-4 PM. Village to provide electric. Group will set up and clean up after the event. Masks will be worn, and social distancing will be observed. no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Superintendent Sitzman – weekly e coli testing negative. The currier we previously used has said other customers are changing labs also.

Trustee Daluisio – this is my last meeting, and I have worked with great people. I was appointed 8 years ago, to Ron Smith's position. The next time I ran, I was not elected. One resident said he would not vote for me unless I have lived here 25 years and know Alden. I re-ran and did win that election. I have lived in 2 large cities & 3 villages. At this point to reference Jimmy Buffett's rules for living: "If you plan on running with the ball, count on fumbling and getting the s*** kicked out of you. But never forget how much fun it is just to run with the ball." Thank you everyone for allowing me to be part of the family.

Mayor Manicki – This is my last village board meeting as mayor. As such, I would like to recognize several people and groups who make our village a special place to live. Our dedicated village staff delivers high quality services. They care about our residents and many times go beyond the call of duty.

Our volunteer Fire and EMS Department is highly trained and well equipped to provide fast response to emergency calls.

The Department of Public Works provides a wide variety of services such as streets, sidewalks, refuse, recycling, water, and sewer. Their high skill levels allow them to perform jobs that would many times have to be contracted out.

Our Code Enforcement Officer handles building and code issues in a professional manner as well as coordinating Planning and Zoning Board activities.

The Village Clerk/Treasurer is the public face of the village as they are usually the first-place residents contact. Their friendly, helpful attitude helps us maintain a good relationship with residents.

Our local Court provides both civil and criminal services to our residents.

The village board may not always agree but decisions are based on facts not politics. The village attorney provides good advice and counsel.

Our good relationship with the Town of Alden and Alden Central School has allowed us to share services and assist each other.

Finally, I would like to thank the Alden Chamber of Commerce and the Substance Abuse Coalition for working to provide annual community events for our residents and the Alden Marilla Food Pantry helps people in need.

Trustee Casell – a thank you, seems to fall short of what you deserve. From the NEST meeting: There are two household hazardous waste drop off programs available, by appointment.

Recycling cost have increased, can get money for paper, cardboard and glass if separated.

Computers can be refurbished and given to needy students – recycle IT and Mission ignite

Trustee Warmus – congratulations and good luck to you both.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Daluisio seconded by Trustee Casell, at 8:03 PM to adjourn from the regular meeting, no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk