

## **APPROVED BOARD MINUTES JUNE 14, 2012**

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 Ron Smith, Ted Mezydlo, Bruce Sitzman, Attorney Trapp, Village Clerk/Treasurer Betty Kegler, Deputy Clerk Sue Galbraith, Supt. Keith Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Eugene Nuwer, Sue DeWitt, Dave Metz, Mark Mukula, Sue Dobson, Helen Arndt.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Warmus, Village Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak.

**MOTION** by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the regular board minutes of May 24, 2012. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Sitzman, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated June 14, 2012. Carried

General Abstract	\$152,165.51
Payroll	35,868.12

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Smith, to approve the following monthly reports for May 2012 as follows: Building Department, Public Works, Justice Court, Fire Company. Carried

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Association of Erie County Governments meeting June 21, 2012 in Brant; letter from McNeil Company Insurance Co. to Chief Rimbeck informing him of the availability of DVD and CD training programs at no charge to clients. Mayor wants Chief to be aware of free programs. Request from Elizabeth Kegler, Village Clerk, to join the village's retiree medical health insurance policy after her retirement, once her accumulated sick hours have been depleted. Request from Alden Presbyterian Church to hold a concert in Firemen's Park August 19, at 2:30 PM and to close Church St. Article from the Lancaster Bee from a resident who just moved to Lancaster from Alden, praising the Village of Alden's DPW for the many services provided to taxpayers that the Village of Lancaster doesn't provide. Information from the Doe Fund, Inc. regarding NYS law prohibiting employers from discriminating against job applicants with prior convictions. CD from Department of Environment & Planning regarding the 2011 Erie County Consolidated Annual Performance Report. Letter from NYS Dept. of Public Service regarding "use less energy-save more green". Erie County Consortium meeting notice June 21, 2012; NYS Department of Public Service regarding Lifeline Telephone Program for low income consumers. Nationalgrid has a program for municipalities who plant the proper trees under telephone poles and get a reimbursement of \$50 per tree.

planted. Since nationalgrid doesn't service the village, we won't be able to take advantage of this program. Town Board meeting of June 4, 2012. Account summary from RBC Wealth Management for investment; Erie County Household Hazardous Waste drop off date June 16, at ECC South Campus. League of Women Voters luncheon June 2.

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Smith, to adjourn from the regular board meeting into Public Hearing for Mobile Home Park License Renewal. Carried

Mayor Manicki turned the hearing over to CEO Czechowski, who stated that he and Supt. Sitzman made their yearly inspections at Alden Village Estates 13535 Broadway, and Alden Landings 13397 Broadway. Many of the items that were to be completed at both sites still haven't been done as of yet. Sue Dobson of Alden Village Estates stated that the manager of the park said that the reason her grass isn't planted in the front and back of her home as of yet, is because the village instructs him what items are top priority. CEO stated that the list is given to the owners but Joe doesn't dictate in what order they are to be fixed. Joe will agree that Abby Lane is a priority from last year but those issues haven't been completed. Mrs. Dobson feels that the village isn't taken an active role in having these issues completed. Mayor said that since it is private property there is only so much that we can do. She is also upset that there seems to be drug trafficking going on in one of the mobile homes and the police aren't doing anything about it. Trustee Sitzman asked if she called the police herself, she said no, he suggested that she call the Sheriff's Dept. herself to report any illegal activity. Since she wasn't happy with the board's comments, she left.

Sue DeWitt asked what would be the procedure if the board didn't issue a renewal license. CEO Joe said that a hearing regarding all of the issues would have to be held with the property owners. If nothing was resolved after that, all of the homes would have to be vacated and removed from their lots. That's something the board doesn't want to do, displace residents with no place to go.

Mark Mukula- 1469 Westcott - is concerned about the drainage at Alden Landings. This was to be addressed by the property owners last year. He is interested in putting up a fence in his back yard for privacy, but doesn't want to put it up and have it taken down when they finally do correct the drainage. CEO Joe said that survey work has started on the drainage, but the board needs to set deadlines for completion.

Dave Metz-1473 Westcott- is also concerned about the drainage. He said that you can tell that some of the lots have been cleaned up, but some of the junk is moved from the back to the front to the back again. Things are moving at a very slow pace from last

year. CEO Joe said that the owner needs to be given a lot by lot disclosure of what needs to be done and identify those trailers that need to be demolished. The owner needs leverage to make sure they have their tenants cleaning up specific items by specific dates. Procrastination is not the responsibility of the tenants.

**MOTION** by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Smith, to adjourn from the public hearing at 8PM. Carried

**RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:**

**MOTION** by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to appoint Terry Wachowiak, Appointing Officer for the Village of Alden replacing Elizabeth Kegler, Village Clerk/Treasurer, as it pertains to employee changes and updates for Erie County Personnel. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Smith, approve Elizabeth A. Kegler's request to join the Village of Alden Retiree's Health Insurance policy, once her earned sick time is depleted, at no cost to the village. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve Cub Scout Pak #160 request to post a sign in Firemen's Park July 1-14, and August 26-30, advertising their bottle drive-

**MOTION** by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to amend the original motion to approve Cub Scout Pak #160 request to post a sign in Fireman's Park July 5-July 14, and August 26-August 30. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve Alden Presbyterian Church's request to hold a Community Concert in Firemen's Park August 19, at 2:30 PM, and to close Church St. during the concert-

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Smith, to table the motion to approve Presbyterian Church's request to hold a Community Concert in Firemen's Park August 19, at 2:30 PM and to close Church St. during the concern until they check with ACTS to make sure it doesn't conflict with one of their performances. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the hiring of Daniel Wypij as a seasonal laborer at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective June 11. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Smith, to create the position of Water/Wastewater Operator in the Department of Public Works. Carried

Trustee Sitzman stated that this isn't creating another position, but only moving an employee up.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:**

**Clerk Kegler**-reminder that the next board meeting is June 28, at 8AM. , and that Primary Day will be June 26, from 6AM-9PM at village hall.

**Supt. Sitzman**-will be starting in July to repave Meadow and Mercer Drive. The Stormwater Coalition has received a grant to map the stormwater systems in municipalities. They will be starting in the village, so if residents see people surveying that is what they are doing. Many of the workers will be interns from University of Buffalo. The viaducts have been cleaned up of brush. Keith said that they have to address the shrub with a more permanent solution. Trustee Sitzman is still willing to donate "crown vetch" to be planted. The flags were put up in Firemen's Park for Flag Day today, they looked very nice.

**Mayor Manicki**-had a resident from Elm St. call regarding the school's proposed plan to move the primary school to the middle school on Crittenden & Park. She is very upset about the amount of traffic that will be going up and down Emerson St. Mayor said that the village board has no say as to what the school does, they can give comments to the school board but they follow their own set of rules.

At this time Mayor Manicki present Attorney Chris Trapp and Village Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Kegler a certificate from NYCOM for 30 years of service.

## **UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

- Policy Manual-working on it
- Surplus equipment to auction-nothing new

**MOTION** by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 PM. Carried

I respectfully submit,

Elizabeth A. Kegler  
Village Clerk/Treasurer