

Approved BOARD MINUTES May 24, 2022

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

PRESENT: Mayor Prucnal, Trustees: Becker, Refermat, Casell and Pruitt. Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Pruitt, Attorney Trapp, Shawn Eastland, Kevin Wypij, Patrick Cavanaugh, Heather Pionessa and Andrea Frey.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the minutes dated May 10, 2022. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated May 24, 2022.

Payroll	\$44,298.73
Abstract	\$55,564.99

On the question –5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the following monthly reports: Treasurer, Alden Central School, and Planning Board. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Agendas Town of Alden, NYS – NYCOM updates, notice of AIM payment, Disaster Preparedness Advisory Board Agenda, and sales tax. Attorney correspondence – local laws, sexual harassment training, and closing claim. Request from Historical Society.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to file as received all correspondence. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for May 24, 2022

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker to approve the following: The Alden Historical Society requests the use of Firemen's Park for June 9 from 7-9 pm, weather permitting. They will gather outside to hear local historian Karen Muchow speak on the history of "the grove", as it was formally known. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to amend the request from the Alden/Lancaster Art Club for the following: use the Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park on September 11th to hold their 64th annual outdoor fall art show from 7:30-3, have the bandstand open at 7:30 am and have access to electric, erect a sign in the park from September 1-11 and to erect a banner on the bandstand from Aug. 29 – Sept. 11, 2022. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following Budget Transfer resolution:

WHEREAS the 2021-2022 budget for the Village of Alden omitted appropriations for the administrative expenses paid to the General fund from the Refuse Fund and the Water Fund and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to correct these omissions,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby directed to amend the 2021-2022 Village Budget with the follow budget transfers:

\$7,000 transferred from CL8160.450 to CL9901.9

\$2,500 transferred from FX8310.434 TO FX9901.9 On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the Fire/EMS calls for May 7-20, 2022. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

The following were approved by email on May 25, 2022

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Casell, to authorize Mayor Prucnal, to sign the agreement with Emerling Agency for fire company insurance with VFIS for 2022-2023 fiscal year. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Casell, to authorize Mayor Prucnal to sign the agreement with Emerling Agency for the following insurances for the Village of Alden for the 2022-2023 fiscal year: Trident Insurance (property and Liability), Beazley Insurance (cyber liability) and Perma (Workers Comp.). On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Heather and Andrea – addressed the board with their concerns about school traffic and safety issues on the local roads. Frey – the issue is with all the schools, but her main discussion focused on school traffic on Emerson, Park, and Crittenden: cars blocking access to driveways, parking on the sidewalk, students darting across the road to get to their parents' cars, double parking, and inability for emergency vehicles to gain access. The cars are lining up 45 minutes or more before dismissal times. They talked to Adam Stoltman and were told there is not much more that we can do. The road in the park is worn from traffic. Can the school limit the # of students who can drive to school?

Superintendent Pruitt – the streets are marked no standing which means it is legal to load and unload students. Trustee Casell – limited on the capabilities of this board, beside contact law enforcement for more of a police presence, crossing guard at Emerson & Park, but they are not allowed to control traffic. CEO Czechowski – due to school functions, we have no ability to control, this is a school issue. The board thanked the residents for bringing this issue to their attention.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Galbraith – Tax bills June 1st, due by July 1. Thank you to the DPW on the job they did on the banners, they worked hard and did an excellent job.

Superintendent Pruitt -Green Mountain, waiting for MWBE Waiver. Mayor Prucnal – noticed the electric bill for the DPW is decreased by \$50 due to lighting upgrade. The drinking water quality report is on the website, at the post office and village hall. Trustee Casell – can we put up another standpipe for back up when we paint the water tower, as a temporary tower? Grants are available for new infrastructures.

Trustee Casell – emergency contact, viewed other companies and should have 3 quotes for code red pricing. Trustee Reformat - town should pay more, according to population.

Trustee Reformat – would like the board to review the crossing guard's salaries and take into consideration the longevity of the employee with the village. Trustee Becker – what is their current salary? \$45/day for 3 hours (\$15/hr.). Trustee Casell – court officer makes \$50/night.

Trustee Becker – nice job cleaning the viaduct, pump station needs trimming. Mayor Prucnal – Exchange/Broadway in front of Pharmacy and Emerson, stone tripping hazard. Attorney Trapp – should send a letter to the NUYSDOT putting them on notice.

CEO Czechowski – collaborating with the Attorney on Code revisions.

Trustee Pruitt- as the liaison to the school, will meet with the school board with resident's concern about parking.

Mayor Prucnal – The Clerk on the Go van will be at the Alden Farmers Market on July 30th.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Bike Path- Emergency Contact System –working on both Emergency contact and bike path

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to adjourn into the Executive Session at 8:00 pm On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried

MOTION by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Becker, to adjourn from the Executive Session at 8:50 pm. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried

Motion by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Refermat, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, with a moment of silence for Ann Justinger, Jaine Catalfu, former Trustee Robert Overhoff and Thomas (Duke) Czechowski. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk