

**Approved BOARD MINUTES January 11, 2022**

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to exit the Work Session and enter an executive session at 6:55p.m. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Becker to exit the executive session at 7:21p.m. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

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

Due to Covid-19 this meeting was conducted with social distancing.

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

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Prucnal, Trustees Becker, Refermat and Pruitt, Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Pruitt, and Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Patrick Cavanaugh, Mark Casell and Matt Poole, Alden Advertiser.

Excused: Mayor Manicki,

**MOTION** by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the minutes dated December 28, 2021. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated January 11, 2022.

Payroll	\$37,061.98
Abstract	\$273,336.29

On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the following monthly reports: Erie County Sheriff's Department, Building Inspector monthly and annual, Court, Fire Department Fuel, Public Works, and Historian annual report. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

New York State: NYCOM webinars for ARPA reporting and new officials, Gov. Hochul – state of the state report and Homeland Security training course. Erie County: Sales tax revenue up 19.48% year to date than last year at this time, distribution of COVID test and N-95 masks instructions and from the comptroller, notice of sales tax allocation for village \$99,057.25. Town of Alden agenda, minutes, and tax income scale for the village. Two request concerning reduction in balance of Nov. 2021 water/sewer billing.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to file as received all correspondence. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for January 11, 2022**

**MOTION** by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the fire/ems calls for Dec. 18-31, 2021. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the following election inspectors for the March 15th election: Patricia Aquila and Roberta Sitzman. The village election inspectors shall not be required to be residents of the village, provided that they are a resident of the County of Erie, in the State of New York.

On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Pruitt, and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to authorize Clerk Galbraith to destroy all outdated records following NYS Sara regulations. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

On the question: Trustee Becker, how long are record kept? Clerk Galbraith – we follow the regulations, most are 6 years, payroll is 55 years.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, and seconded by Trustee Becker, to identify the polling place for the March 15<sup>th</sup> election, as 13336 Broadway, Village Municipal Building, and the hours from noon- 9 pm. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to confirm there will not be a village voter registration day.

On the question: Attorney Trapp explained we use the county books, so we do not need to do a registration day. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to set a public hearing January 25, 2022, at 7:35 PM in Village Hall to hear comments on Local Law #1-2022, 2% tax cap for budgetary purposes as required by New York State. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the request from Alden Central School District to erect 2 signs in Alden Firemen’s Bandstand Memorial Park from May 9-18. This sign request was previously approved for May 9-17. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the request to turn in sick time for reimbursement per collective bargaining agreement. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the sign permit application for Crosby’s 13285 Broadway, as per submitted application.

On the question: is this sign illuminated? CEO-same sign, just changing the face. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the sign permit for the Alden Advertiser, 13448 Broadway as per submitted application, pending CEO review. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

A resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden, Authorizing the adoption of the 2022 Erie County, NY Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS all jurisdictions within Erie County have exposure to hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

WHEREAS pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000(Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS a coalition of Erie County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Erie County; and

WHEREAS the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of hazards develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and create a plan for implementing, evaluation and revising this strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Alden:

- 1) Adopts in its entirety, the 2022 Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan (the “Plan”) as the Village’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to the village.
- 2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under the village’s authority.
- 4) Will continue to support of the Planning Partnership as described within the Plan.
- 5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.

- 6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
- 7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.  
On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** The board welcomed Matt Poole, our new reporter from the Alden Advertiser.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT**

**Clerk Galbraith** – want to thank Erie County for the masks and COVID test kits. They were dispensed to residents, who were thankful and polite. There were some disappointed residents, as our test kits were limited to a 106. We were sorry we could not accommodate all their requests. The village is sending out feelers to see if residents would be interested in a Hometown Hero banner program. The response has been positive, so we will proceed.

**CEO Czechowski** – reviewed annual report, 118 building permits issued for \$7,455.00, 6 sign permits, for \$505.00

**Superintendent Pruitt** – want to remind people in the trailer parks and manufactured homes to check their heat tape to help meters from freezing. Also, although the meters are village property, the homeowners are responsible to maintain them and are charged for any repairs. Reminder there is a parking ban in effect from 2 am – 6 am. If anyone is found in violations, we will be sending them letters to alert them of the issues.

**Trustee Refermat**– there seems to be a decreased police presence in the village. Can we send a letter to Sheriff Garcia? Attorney Trapp will send a letter. Trustee Refermat also thanked Trustee Pruitt, Superintendent Pruitt and the DPW for all their hard work.

**Deputy Mayor Prucnal** – Thanked the DPW, there were 3 water main breaks, and the Crittenden lift station froze. Everything went well dispensing the masks and kits, the residents were very receptive.

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

Bike Path- with new leadership in the town, will work on both Emergency contact and bike path  
Emergency Contact System –

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to adjourn the meeting with a moment of silence for Dennis Schrader at 7:50 pm. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk