

Approved BOARD MINUTES January 25, 2022

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to exit the Work Session and enter an executive session at 6:55p.m. to discuss personnel. 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.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to exit the Regular meeting and enter an executive session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss litigation. 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.

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 January 11, 2022. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated January 25, 2022.

Payroll	\$46,071.90
Abstract	\$60,538.41

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

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the following monthly reports: Treasurer and EMS. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Erie County – small business working capital grant information and sales tax. NYS – NYCOM – winter legislative meeting, 2022-2023 Executive Budget released, 2022 legislative program: more state funding more local flexibility, Governor Hochul signs Legislation extending authorization for remote public meetings and Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program agreement. Alden Central School board minutes, Alden Substance Abuse Coalition meeting notice and thank you, Town of Alden agenda, information from radarsign, for blinking speed limit signs, for which you can use ARPA funds to pay. RBC Wealth Management portfolio statement.

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 25, 2022

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt. to allow Brownie troop 31905 use of Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park on March 12 from 11am-3pm to sell Girl Scout cookies. They would like to set up a 10x10 tent to keep cookies under. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the fire/ems calls for January 1-14, 2022, On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to authorize Deputy Mayor Prucnal to sign the MOA between the village and Teamsters Local 264 concerning the exception to the provisions of the CBA. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to set a public hearing February 8, 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 – this motion was approved at the last meeting but had to be rescheduled to be put in the Advertiser. no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve Superintendent Pruitt to sign into an agreement with GHD for them to do a preliminary engineering study on our four wastewater pumping stations not-to-exceed \$35,700.00. With an anticipated completion of 120 days. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Reformat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve Superintendent Pruitt to sign into an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey granting them permission to install a water-level measurement station on our test well at the number 1 well site. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the revised Fire Protection District Agreement with the Town of Alden, subject to approval of the Boundary Agreement between the parties. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mark Casell – Baxter Ave. so is the fire contract back to the way it was originally? And is the boundary agreement a separate agreement? Attorney Trapp – There is a revised boundary agreement, and there still must be a Public Hearing by the town board to approve the contract and boundaries. The boundaries for St. John’s Church have 3 different fire departments, the boundaries for Sandridge are as follows: Alden has Sandridge to Westwood, Millgrove has Westwood and Crittenden has Westwood/Sandridge north.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Attorney Trapp– working on the tolls for NYS Thruway, no additional attorney fees for this.

CEO Czechowski – I submitted the Department of State Report.

Superintendent Pruitt – gas compressor continuing to be an issue. We are replacing transmitters on the water meters. The guys did an excellent job with the last snowstorm. Viewed a NYCOM online seminar on budgeting.

Trustee Becker – questioned Superintendent Pruitt on how vacation for the guys works? Pruitt – they submit requests by 1/1. Trustee Becker commended the DPW on the job they do.

Trustee Pruitt – questioned the resident on Railroad, CEO Czechowski – court Feb. 7

Trustee Reformat– in communications Town Web has information and free quote on emergency alerts. Clerk Galbraith will inquire. Reformat questioned who is responsible for Alden Evergreen Cemetery – wondering if we could plow the driveway. Pruitt – we never have before, the cemetery has a board in charge of it, but it is maintained by the town. Trustee Reformat will check.

Deputy Mayor Prucnal – checking on code red, North Collins uses it. Mark will check with Town of Alden. We will need to schedule budget meetings. Thank you to Mark and the DPW on their work on keeping the streets clear and their quick response to water main breaks.

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 Reformat, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to adjourn the meeting with a moment of silence for Robert F. Lewis, James M, Schreiber, and Elizabeth “Betsy” Mitchell. at 8:37 pm. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk