

Approved BOARD MINUTES October 12, 2021

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 with social distancing.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees Prucnal, Becker, Refermat & Pruitt, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Provisional Superintendent Pruitt, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Patrick Cavanaugh, Albert Boucher, Kevin Wypij, Pastor Matt Gold from Alden Community Church, Erik Maderer and Todd Gaffney from the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Mark Casell, Ralph Airey and Dennis Wazniak.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the minutes dated September 28, 2021. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated October 12, 2021.

Payroll	\$41,941.29
Abstract	\$40,808.69

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

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following monthly reports: Court, CEO and Fire Calls. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

RBC Wealth Management portfolio, sales tax from Erie County, NYS Dept. of Public Service internet/broadband survey, correspondence from Attorney Trapp co Local Laws #4 & 5 and Annual Financial Report Update Document.

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

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to leave the meeting and enter the Public Hearing 7:35 pm On the question-no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG)

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The NYS CDBG program provides financial assistance to eligible cities, towns, and villages with populations under 50,000 to develop viable communities by providing decent, affordable housing, and suitable living environments, as well as expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. This grant is designated to be used on the south side of Broadway.

There was no public comment, but the board will be submitting to repave Elm St. as their #1 ranking.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to close the second Public Hearing and re-enter into the regular meeting, 7:37 pm On the question-no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for October 12, 2021

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to hold Halloween in the Village on Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 6-8 pm. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the floating holiday to be used for November 26, 2021, for all village offices, at the discretion of the department heads. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2021-2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden has received funds from the American Rescue Plan, and

WHEREAS the Village is planning to use those funds for water and wastewater improvements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby directed to amend the 2021-2022 General Fund budget as follows:

Increase Revenue account A4089 – Federal Aid in the amount of \$131,743.20 and Increase Appropriation account A9950.9 - Transfer to Capital Projects in the amount of \$131,743.20 On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden has received funds from the American Rescue Plan, and

WHEREAS the Village is planning to use these funds for water and wastewater improvements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby directed to create the following Capital Projects in the Village of Alden Capital Fund:

ARPA -Water Improvements in the amount of \$65,000.00

ARPA – Wastewater Improvements in the amount of \$66,743.20

The cost of these projects will be paid with ARPA funds received by the Village. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the following resolution:

Community Development Resolution

At a meeting of the Village Board held on October 12, 2021, the board authorized Mayor Manicki to sign, submit and execute the contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECDBG) program in the amount no greater than \$100,000 for the following project upon approval of ECCDBG.

#1). Elm Street Road reconstruction

2).

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Prucnal - aye

Trustee Becker - aye

Trustee Pruitt - aye

Trustee Refermat - aye

Mayor Manicki- aye. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to adopt the following resolution: Pursuant to section 15-104(3)(a) of the Election Law of the State of New York, please take notice that one (1) two-year term for Village Mayor, shall be filled at the Village election to be held on

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in the Community Room of Village Hall, 13336 Broadway, Alden, New York from 12 noon until 9:00 PM. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the Alden Chamber of Commerce's request for the following: install 10 trees in Firemen's Park before December 4, electric to trees for Dec. 4 at 5 pm, removal of the trees after January 4, 2022, and installation of the snowflakes throughout the village prior to Dec. 4. This is for their annual Christmas in the Park event. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to set a Public Hearing for the following:

Local Law #4-2021, opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries within the Village boundaries.

Local Law #5-2021, opting out of licensing and establishing on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village boundaries.

Both hearings to be held at 7:40PM on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the sign permit request for MBM Development, 13055 Broadway, as per submitted application. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the request from the Citizens for the future of Alden, NY, to place a sign in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from Oct. 17- Nov. 2, encouraging residents to vote. On the question: this was approved at our Sept. 28 meeting, but they have requested an additional week. – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Becker, to refer the Rezoning Request submitted by Glenn Wetzl to the Planning Board and other departments for review and comment as applicable. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Pastor Matt Gold – Alden Community Church. Seeking to leave the equipment up from the rodeo to use next year, as it is on their property. Would apply for the Special Use Permit in future. Attorney Trapp – Special Use Permit has expired you may reapply to be considered. CEO to investigate it.

Mark Casell – Baxter Ave resident. Would like the village to contact utility companies. They put up new poles and cut the old ones down but have not removed them. They have been like this on Lindan for over a year. The last utility to disconnect to old poles is responsible to remove. Tichy property sold to neighboring property, would like to see gutters on Mercer and Irving from Crittenden Rd. is there any money in the budget to use? Pruitt Yes slated for 2023.

It was reported the wells are not shutting off. Pruitt – no higher usage, Doing November reads on Oct. 14, will look into it then.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Trustee Refermat – had a safety committee meeting on Oct. 5, the fire police will receive refresher training. Security cameras are up and running. Looking into getting fobs and setting weight limit on bulk trash.

CEO Czechowski- working with the Wetzl and Mazerc properties

Superintendent Pruitt – GHD is finalizing Phase III of WWTP, redid the roofs on the wells, ECWA is working on an enclosure. Crittenden will begin paving next week. Calling for an Executive session to discuss personnel.

Mayor Manicki – nothing on the fire contract

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Bike Path-

Emergency Contact System –

Siren – will once again set the siren to blow for fire calls, but not for the noon whistle.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 pm, to enter an Executive Session, with a moment of silence for Maurice Boling, Autumn Carr and Linda Weisbeck. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Pruitt to adjourn from the executive session at 8:26 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Becker to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk