

Approved BOARD MINUTES March 8, 2022

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 Prucnal, Becker, Refermat and Pruitt, Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Pruitt, Mark Casell, Shawn Eastland, Nicole Ryan, FreedMaxick, Joelle Sledz, DPW Clerk and Patrick Cavanaugh.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the minutes dated February 22, 2022. On the question – Mayor Manicki abstained as he was not present at the last meeting, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated March 8, 2022.

Payroll	\$43,018.79
Abstract	\$55,795.00

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

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the following monthly reports: DPW, yearly recycling, CEO, Court, Sheriff, RBC Wealth Management and Treasurer. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Nicole Ryan, Auditor from FreedMaxick was present to explain the results from the audit ending May 31, 2021. On the audited basic financial statements: they gave an unmodified opinion which is positive or clean. Nicole talked about GASB 84 & 89. She recapped finances and changes due to COVID. Revenue are down but so were expenditures, but we have a healthy range situation. We have 12 capital projects and 5 had expenditure. Enterprise Funds: refuse is moving in the right direction, after showing a deficit, sewer and water funds are up. Ambulance is down and raises concerns. Our LOSAP does qualify as a Fiduciary Fund, as we receive money from the Town of Alden. On the report to the Board of Trustees: the village had a very solid year and did well even during the pandemic, with Fund Balances in all funds.

Nicole did caution to watch the guidelines on the ARPA Funding. If over \$750,000, would require a single audit. Nicole thanked us for using FreedMaxick, as they will no longer be doing municipal accounting. They will still offer consulting services and warned the fees have increased across the board on accounting firms.

COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes from the Town of Alden, requests from the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire CO., Inc. concerning membership and the 5K race, notice of Village Officials meeting on March 16. Erie County rain barrels and composters on sale –posted on our facebook page. Notification of a tax reduction to MBM Investments LLC Plaza taxes.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for March 8, 2022

Motion by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the Fire/EMS calls for February 12-25, 2022. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the recommendations for Mitchel Browarek into the Alden Hook and Ladder as Active Restricted Fire & EMS as approved by the Fire Department membership. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the request for the following from the Alden Community Scholarship Foundation: utilize and close the following streets for the 15th annual 5k race on Thursday, July 28th – Park St. to Westcott, to Irving, to Emerson, to Park to W. Main, to Meadow Dr to Willow Woods, back to W. Main and finish in the Alden Town Park. Approval to place one sign in the Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from July 18-28, 2022. The sign will be at the corner of Church St. and Broadway. On the question: the Car show has previously requested and has been approved a sign for 10 days at the peak. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the sign permit application for Carrie Sabers Flower Studio, 13125 Broadway, as per submitted application. On the question – Trustee Backer – is this a lit sign? CEO Czechowski – no, they are only open during the day. 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to adopt Local Law #2-2022, restricting parking on certain areas on the north side of Broadway. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to adopt Local Law #3-2022, regulating electric bicycles and scooters within the Village of Alden. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mark Casell- Baxter – on the Winterfest funds they are restricted according to the auditor. I thought they were being used for the bike path engineering. Mayor Manicki nothing has changed, that is what it is slated for. Casell – are you capping well #2? Do you have a study on the production? What effect on prices? ECWA usage? Mayor Manicki – the board will have to decide. The two possible expansion projects would cause an increase in water/sewer usage.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Galbraith – Hometown Hero Banners going well. Election is March 15, Meet & Greet March 12.

Superintendent Pruitt – thanked the crew for their hard work. GHD Phase III WWTP underway, will be flushing the lines in April, will post so residents are aware.

Attorney Trapp -reviewed contract sent by Millgrove Fire Dept. Mutual Aid Agreement for St. John’s property with Millgrove, Crittenden and Alden, which stipulated that the Alden ladder truck will respond to all calls to St. John’s. CEO Czechowski foiled the agreement and Millgrove will immediately reply to St. John’s and GDI only. Attorney Trapp recommends not signing the agreement in its current state.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. With a moment of silence for Nancy Olejniczak. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk