

Approved BOARD MINUTES April 26, 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 and Casell. Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Pruitt, Attorney Trapp, Paul Marzec, Diane Casell, Judge and Deborah Woods.

Absent: Trustee Pruitt

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the minutes dated April 12, 2022. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated May 10, 2022.

Payroll \$45,806.96

Abstract \$90,483.79

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

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the following monthly reports: Erie County Governments. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Requests: for block party on Lafayette. Minutes from: Bicentennial meeting, Association of Erie County Governments, RBC Wealth portfolio, information on FEMA Grants, Erie County: co. codes rules and regulations of NYS amendments. Storefront revitalization program, Association of Erie County Governments meeting agenda,

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for April 26, 2022

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to authorize the Alden Hook and Ladder to serve alcohol at the following events. This is a revision from the February 8 motion.

Alden Fire Company- “Dollars for Scholars 5-K Run - Post Race Party & Taste of Alden” in the Alden Town Park, Thursday, July 28, 2022 (3:00pm-12:00am).

“Beer Tent, Fireworks and Town of Alden 200th Anniversary Celebration in the Town Park, Friday, July 29, 2022 (3:00-pm – 1:00 am)

“Beer Tent, Fireworks and Town of Alden 200th Anniversary Celebration in the Town Park, Saturday, July 30, 2022 (3:00-pm – 1:00 am)

Alden Car Show, in the Town Park & Alden Village Park (2- Stages / Bars), Sunday, July 31, 2022 (12:00pm-6:00pm).

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to adopt the 2022-2023 village budget at a tax rate of \$6.76 per thousand.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Becker - aye

Trustee Pruitt - absent

Trustee Refermat - aye

Trustee Casell - aye

Mayor Prucnal - aye

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to repeal Local Law #1-2022, 2% tax cap, as we will be under the cap this year.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve Mayor Prucnal to sign the NYSEG Light Emitting Diode Cobra Head Street Light Conversion Agreement. This is for the two flood lights on NYSEG poles that face the Municipal Building.

MOTION by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Refermat, to authorize Mayor Prucnal's signature on the 2022-2023 tax warrant.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve Michael DeWitt into the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company EMS only, as voted on by the fire department membership.

MOTION by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve Superintendent Pruitt to put an ad in the Alden Advertiser for two seasonal labors at a rate of \$16.00 per hour for this summer. These are budgeted positions.

On the question: Trustee Refermat – length of time? Hrs./week? Superintendent Pruitt – 40hrs/week, 20-week period.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the following:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD 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 creates a plan for implementing, evaluating, 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 jurisdiction’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
- 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 its jurisdictional authority.
- 4) Will continue its 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 26 day of April 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:4

NOES:0

ABSENT:1

ABSTAIN:0

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

Village of Alden
Village Board of Trustees
1336 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden, with the assistance from Tetra Tech, has gathered information and prepared the Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the Village of Alden is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden have reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Board of Trustees that Village of Alden adopts the Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this 26th day of April 2022 at the meeting of the Village Board

AYES: 4

NOES:0

ABSENT:1

ABSTAIN:0

Associate Justice Robert Woods was in attendance to take his Oath of Office and accept his 25-year working for the Village of Alden certificate.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Galbraith – Tax bills June 1st, due by July 1. Water bills mailed May 1.

Superintendent Pruitt – Thursday NYSEG will be at the DPW. CDL license are becoming overly complicated and expensive we currently have 3 laborers who do not have them.

Trustee Refermat – attended a zoom meeting concerning renters and property owner problems.

Trustee Becker – why does the fire department charge \$10 to applicants? Superintendent Pruitt – it used to be because there was a waiting list, and this kept their spot.

Mayor Prucnal – met with Erie County Clerk Kerns concerning Zombie Homes. There is just one in the village, which is occupied but is behind in taxes. The largest zombie property in Alden is owned by Erie County and is the Erie County Home and Infirmary. Something has to be done with this property. Due to the pandemic, they are not evicting residents, they want the residents to remain in their homes, but it is causing an increase in foreclosures. Will be worse before it gets better. CEO Czechowski explained Zombie homes are single family dwellings, unoccupied and owing back taxes, Trustee Casell – can the courts do anything about them Attorney Trapp – no foreclosures.

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 Refermat seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm, with a moment of silence for Susan Dobson, Helen Schilling and the two Mercy flight individuals who lost their lives today in Batavia on the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk