

Approved BOARD MINUTES August 10, 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, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Patrick Cavanaugh, Albert Boucher, Dan Czelusta, Mark Casell and Mark Pruitt.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the minutes dated July 27, 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 August 10, 2021.

Payroll	\$42,945.22
Abstract	\$41,589.42

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

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the following monthly reports for July: DPW, fire fuel, CEO, E.C. Sheriff and court. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence from CEO to Alden Bakery & Café and resident on Willow Woods, RBC Wealth portfolio. Sign request from Alden Central School.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for August 10, 2021

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve Alden Central Schools request for the following: place 2 signs in Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from May 9 – 17, 2022 to advertise the annual budget vote and election. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve Alden Lancaster Art Clubs request to: post no parking signs around the triangle on Broadway and West Main St. from Saturday Sept. 11 to Sun., Sept. 12, 2021, also to place a banner on the bandstand on the Church St. side from September 1—Sept. 12, 2021. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the EMS/Fire calls for July 17-30, 2021. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to appoint the following crossing guards for the 2021-2022 school year: Pam Comstock, Dave Kocher, and Linda Hey. Alternates Paulette Hastie, and Teresa Morrano.

On the question: Trustee Refermat: can we include the pay rate? \$45/day. 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to accept the American Rescue Plan Act payment of \$131,207.51 from NYS Office of the Comptroller this year and \$131,207.51 next summer. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to extend the refuse dumpster collection agreement with the Alden Central School District for 1 additional year, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at no increase in cost. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the bulk sales water agreement with Erie County Water Authority (ECWA). On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion Trustee Prucnal, seconded Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following resolution:

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

VILLAGE OF ALDEN SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY CONNECTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Village of Alden (Village) previously authorized an evaluation of alternate potable water supply to identify opportunities to supplement existing water supply with Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) water and has received an Engineering Report recommending two interconnections with a cost of \$298,000; and

WHEREAS the Clean Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2017 (WIIA) authorizes the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) to provide grants to eligible Municipal Drinking Water Projects; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the WIIA grant will fund 60% of the eligible project costs; and
WHEREAS, Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. has been authorized to prepare a 2017 WIIA Grant application for the ECWA Interconnection Project which is due to NYSEFC by June 23, 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the mayor is directed to apply for the WIIA Grant, authorized and signed the WIIA Grant Application and supporting documents, and if awarded, to execute a WIIA Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the Village's obligation under the WIIA Grant Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village authorizes and appropriates up to \$190,000 as required by the WIIA grant application for the water supply interconnections with ECWA. If grant funds are awarded, the balance of the project cost shall be appropriated from the Village's capital water reserve fund. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the mayor shall not exceed \$190,000 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$298,000. The mayor may increase this amount through the use of in-kind services without further approval from the Village.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Prucnal-aye
Trustee Becker-aye
Trustee Refermat-aye
Trustee Pruitt-aye
Mayor Manicki-aye

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

OEM Pruitt – webinar and meeting on Hazard Mitigation plan.

CEO Czechowski – working on local law drafts and set up public notices, Doing Mobile Home Park inspections for approval.

Superintendent Sitzman – Crittenden Rd water upgrades are going well, few residents not notified on shut offs, should be done next week. ECWA should be completed in September. Elm St. design in review process and will go out to bid this fall. Phase III WWTP in construction this fall.

Trustee Prucnal - Keith – we are repaving Austin, Heisler, Mechanic, Railroad and Baxter this year? Mayor Manicki – do we have a paving contractor? Sitzman – no contractor yet, but plan to mill and pave those streets.

Mayor Manicki – to clarify some of the comments made by Supervisor Adamski in the August 5 edition of the Alden Advertiser concerning the fire contract: First – the town is not subsidizing the village. It is paying the village to provide a service as it is the other three fire companies. The Alden fire department is currently sized to protect the village and its assigned portion of the town. As such, we expect to be paid the same amount as the other three fire departments for providing the same service. If we are excluded from the town fire contract, we will be forced to downsize our department to serve the needs of village residents only.

Second, as to providing the proper information, the village has furnished everything required under the current contract. This appears to be part of the supervisor’s continuing efforts to remove the Alden Fire Department from providing fire and EMS coverage to town residents. Once again, Supervisor Adamski is putting the lives and property of town residents in danger. I urge town residents to attend the public hearing on Monday August 16 at 11 am to express your views.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Bike Path-

Emergency Contact System –

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 pm, with a moment of silence for Michael Hopcia and enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion to adjourn from the executive session by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt at 8:11 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Reformat at 8:12 p.m.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk