

**Approved BOARD MINUTES August 24, 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, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Patrick Cavanaugh, Albert Boucher, Dan Czelusta, Kevin Wypij, Mr. & Mrs. Borschel, Mark Casell and Mark Pruitt.

**Absent -** Superintendent Sitzman

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the minutes dated August 10, 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 24, 2021.

Payroll	\$48,712.38
Abstract	\$87,751.82

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the following monthly reports for July: DPW addendum, fire dept. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Response from two mobile home parks concerning license renewal concerns. Request from Alden Community Scholarship Foundation. Erie County Emergency Manager Association meeting and agenda.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat 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 24, 2021**

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the sale of the 19 pieces of surplus equipment on the Auctions International auction list. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the fire/EMS calls for July 31-August 13, 2021. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to set a Public Hearing for the following: Local Law #2-2021, code changes to Chapter 200, Vehicles & Traffic, regarding street parking on the north side of Broadway near Westcott Ave.

Local Law #3-2021, creating a new Chapter 93 in the Village Code to regulate Electric Bicycles and Scooters.

Both hearings to be held at 7:40PM on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the Mobile Home Park License for the period of September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022, for Alden Village Estates, 13535 Broadway, with the following conditions:

- 1) Potholes/paving work must be completed by September 30, 2021.
- 2) Lawn restoration Completed by September 30, 2021.

3) Replace faded street signs by September 30, 2021.

The Village of Alden will perform inspections as necessary to determine completion of the above items. Failure to complete said items within the required timeframes may affect the status of the Mobile Home Park License. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the Mobile Home Park License for the period of September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022, for Bayview of Alden, 13391 Broadway, with the following conditions:

- 1) Potholes/paving work must be completed by September 30, 2021.
- 2) Completion of secondary drainage system outstanding item by August 31, 2021.

The Village of Alden will perform inspections as necessary to determine completion of the above items. Failure to complete said items within the required timeframes may affect the status of the Mobile Home Park License. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following request from: The Alden Community Scholarship Foundation: to hold the annual Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser in the Alden Village Fireman’s Memorial Park for distribution of our drive-thru-meals on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2PM to 6PM and permission to have one of our signs placed in Fireman’s Triangle from Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> until the day of our event on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to accept the leave of absence request by Mark Pruitt, General Crew Chief, effective August 25, 2021.

Roll Call Vote – Trustee Becker -aye  
Trustee Prucnal – aye  
Trustee Pruitt – abstain  
Trustee Refermat – aye  
Mayor Manicki – aye On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to appoint Mark Pruitt as Superintendent of Public Works on a provisional basis effective August 25, 2021.

Roll Call Vote – Trustee Becker -aye  
Trustee Prucnal – aye  
Trustee Pruitt – abstain  
Trustee Refermat – aye  
Mayor Manicki – aye On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-**

Mr. & Mrs. Borschel – Westcott Rd. - questioned why the fire siren is still in use with advanced technology? It was off for at least 10 years and was never an issue of necessity during that time. Other towns/villages do not find it necessary. Mayor Manicki – the siren is having a problem with the noon relay and thus will not be used at noon from now on. The siren will be coming back to announce fire calls, as there are still issues with call notification as calls and pagers are experiencing delays and poor reception in some areas. The siren will only ring from 8am to 10 pm. Trustee Refermat – can we do a pulsating/blast of the siren as opposed to a load continuous siren? Mr. Borschel – poor reception? Would a repeater help? Mark Pruitt – cannot change horn (siren) and we do have a repeater on Maple Ridge which helps but still dead air space. Trustee Prucnal – we need more volunteers, years ago we had more people to respond, now we sometimes must wait for people to respond. Mark Pruitt – dispatch sends notification, but cell

phones are unreliable and if the system is down, can cause delayed or missing text messages. When the siren blows, say a prayer, someone may be having the worst day of their life. Mrs. Borschel – I support and appreciate our fire department; I am just shocked they still need the siren. Others in attendance like and appreciate the siren.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT**

**OEM Pruitt** – webinar and meeting on Hazard Mitigation plan.

**CEO Czechowski** – working on code revisions and the bike path.

**Attorney Trapp** meeting with CEO concerning Wetzl development, Integrated agreement, Elm St. specs and BAN renewal paperwork

**Trustee Refermat** – the NYCOM magazine talks about the American Rescue Plan Act - \$19.5 billion for water/sewer/broadband, are we looking into this? Mayor Manicki – yes, we have received our funds for this year and will receive the remainder next year.

**Mayor Manicki** –the water rescue team has been deployed for assistance with Hurricane Henri to Long Island and Orange County. They have been called out three times this year. Preliminary Census information available – town down 10.7% (1,165 residents), village is down 1.1% (28 residents). Fire contract – Supervisor Adamski is still requesting information from the village, but he has everything he needs. The ball is in his court.

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

Bike Path-

Emergency Contact System –  
siren

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:58 pm, with a moment of silence for Mary S. Steinman. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk