

**Approved BOARD MINUTES September 28, 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, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Patrick Cavanaugh, Albert Boucher, Dan Czelusta, Kevin Wypij, Mike Sitniewski and Jim Robinson from Alden Community Church, Erik Maderer and Todd Gaffney from the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Karen Howard – Senator Gallivans office, Assemblyman Mike Norris, Legislator Frank Todaro and his associate Nicole Meisenberg and Lee Weisbeck from the Alden Advertiser.

Absent: Trustees Reformat & Pruitt, Superintendent Sitzman and Temporary Superintendent Pruitt.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the minutes dated September 14, 2021. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated September 28, 2021.

Payroll	\$49,496.37
Abstract	\$83,925.81

On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the following monthly reports for July: Planning Board, for August: Addendum to DPW and Fire Calls. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Letter from Teamsters recognizing Kevin Wypij as the new Union Steward. CPL Architecture Engineering and Planning bid results for Elm Street Drainage Replacement. Minutes from Association of Erie County Governments. Sign request from Citizens for the Future of Alden, NY. Fund drive for the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company, helps pay for things like the substation. The mayor urged residents to get the COVID vaccination, as Alden is below average on all categories. The bids came in from CPL for Elm St Drainage and they were \$200,000 less than estimated.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to file as received all correspondence. On the question –no comment, 3 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, 3 ayes, Carried.

**Public Hearing – ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law, which included \$774 million from the federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) for certain cities, towns and villages in New York State.

The purpose of the Hearing is to provide an opportunity for citizens to discuss possible projects which would benefit the Village of Alden. Citizens are urged to attend this meeting to make known their views and/or written proposals on the Village of Alden's selection of potential

projects to be submitted for possible funding by the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Funds can be used for Funding government services to the extent that the government collected less revenue during the pandemic or investing in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. The Village of Alden will receive \$263,486.38 split over 2 years. The funding will be used on several water and sewer projects projected in the future. There was no public comment.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to close the second Public Hearing and re-enter into the regular meeting, 7:37 pm On the question-no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

#### Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for September 28, 2021

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to purchase mechanic tool from Eugene Nuwer, based on a written appraisal. On the question-no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

#### Resolution for Authorization to Apply for 2021-2022 JCAP Grant

Whereas funding is available to eligible municipalities under the Justice Court Assistance Program, wherein eligible projects can receive up to \$30,000.00 in grant monies; and

Whereas, the Village of Alden has determined that additional court supplies and equipment will provide enhanced services to the Village's Justice Court, and is a qualifying purpose and therefore an appropriate use of grant proceeds.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of the Village of Alden does hereby authorize the Alden Village Court Clerk to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2021-22 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

A motion to adopt the resolution was offered by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, and approved with the following vote:

Roll call vote: Trustee Becker – aye

Trustee Prucnal – aye

Trustee Pruitt – absent

Trustee Refermat – absent

Mayor Manicki – aye On the question-no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

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

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the "Water Reserve Fund" (hereinafter "Reserve Fund"). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a type of maintenance and repairs to water plant and transmission system as well as maintain, repair or replacement of equipment. Initial funding of \$10,000 will be allocated from the 2020-2021 budget.

The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. Any interest earned on the moneys so deposited shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund,

showing cash balance, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-c [6-g] of the General Municipal Law or any other law, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of Section 6-c [subdivision 7 of Section 6-g].

Roll call vote: Trustee Becker – aye  
Trustee Prucnal – aye  
Trustee Pruitt – absent  
Trustee Refermat – absent  
Mayor Manicki – aye On the question-no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Becker, to award the Elm Street Drainage Project bid to Union Concrete and Construction Corp. for the sum of \$276,975.00, and authorize the mayor to sign all contract documents. On the question-no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the fire/EMS calls for September 11-24, 2021  
On the question-no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Becker, to extend the approval of the following properties as exempt from the requirements of Chapter 203 of the Code of the Village of Alden, as it pertains to the storage of unlicensed vehicles on said properties, pending anticipated code revisions. Approval to expire December 31, 2021.

- Impala Brothers, 13409 Broadway
- Orlando DiCenso Auto Sales, 13429 Broadway
- MW Equipment Sales, 13448 Broadway
- JJB's Automotive, 13450 Broadway
- Diversified Automotive, 13374 Broadway

On the question-no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Becker, 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. 24- Nov. 2, encouraging residents to vote. On the question-no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Becker, to correct the minutes of August 24, 2021 to reflect the actual motion made to appoint Mark Pruitt as Temporary Superintendent of Public Works effective August 25, 2021.

*On the question:* it was just an error in the August 24, 2021 minutes, that needs to be corrected, originally said Provisional. no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

### **BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-**

The Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company is proud to announce a milestone for 5 on their members. 50 years of volunteer service with their fire department. This encompasses the years 2020 and 2021 as COVID has prevented them from having their annual installation and recognition dinners the past two years. They are:

James B. Uebelhoer - -5/5/1970

Ralph S. Airey – 10/6/1970

Leo E. Wagner - 11/3/1970

Roger Mueller - 2/2/1971

Robert L. Holtz – 6/4/1971

All were present excluding Robert L. Holtz to receive proclamations from: The Village of Alden, Senator Gallivan, Assemblyman Norris, Legislator Todaro and the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company. Congratulations on your years of dedicated volunteer service.

Senator Gallivan's office- getting back to normal. Proud to present this proclamation to the volunteers. Thank you for your service.

Mayor Manicki reminded Karen Howard who was in attendance from Senator Gallivan's office that we are still anticipating our member grant funding.

Assemblyman Norris – presented proclamations and congratulated and thanked those honored for their service.

Legislator Todaro – was a volunteer for 2 years and knows it is not easy and grueling work. Privilege to be here and thank you.

#### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT**

**CEO Czechowski** – working with Attorney Trapp and the board on a decision on whether the rodeo can keep their equipment up till next year anticipating being allowed to hold the rodeo next year in the same place as it was this year.

**Chief Maderer -** there is delays in ambulances as they are detained at the hospitals, causing lack of response to EMS calls, as they can take more than 2 hours. Only 3 transports of 35 last month. AMR is out of ambulances causing decreased response for ALS.

**Mayor Manicki** – nothing on the fire contract and I have sent out three letters to the Supervisor. In the Old files in 1996 the Village won water tasting contest at the Erie Marina.

#### **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 Becker, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 pm, with a moment of silence for Michael Metz and Janet Robinson. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk