

Approved BOARD MINUTES June 22, 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 wearing masks, and 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 & Cameron Eastland, Patrick Cavanaugh, Dan Czelusta, Mark Pruitt and Ralph Airey.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the minutes dated June 8, 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 June 22, 2021.

Payroll	\$46,216.69
Abstract	\$164,027.90

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

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following monthly reports for May: Fire calls and Erie County Sheriff. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Public Hearing – RENEWAL Home Occupancy Permit (HOP)

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to leave the regular meeting and enter the Public Hearing 7:35 pm. Carried.

Annual renewal of HOP's for:

The Cutting Image Renee Hoffman, 1730 Meadow Dr.

Laura Ross 1390 Irving St.

No public comment.

Public Hearing – RENEWAL Mobile Home Park (MHP), license renewal

To hear comments for and against issuance of a MHP License for:

Bayview of Alden

Alden Village Estates Associates, LLC

The CEO and Superintendent of Public Works have done an inspection of the parks and will send letters for corrections that need to be made. Alden Village Estates Associates, LLC has recently been sold, but will keep the prior name for the park.

No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to exit the Public Hearings and re-enter into the regular meeting. 7:37 pm. Carried. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Requests – Alden Car, Truck & Cycle show, WhyLife Ministries, correspondence from: BouvierLaw concerning a question pertaining to a claim and CEO Czechowski concerning a town inspection. Minutes from the Town of Alden and Association of Erie County Governments. ACS Board of Education meeting schedule. US Census data summit series webinars and a certificate from PERMA concerning filing claims in a timely manner. This award goes to DPW Clerk Sue Lorenzi who gets all the credit on the fine work she does.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to file as received all.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for June 22, 2021

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company fund raisers for 2021, and permission to apply for their annual temporary beer and wine permit license for the following event:

- Alden Car Show, in the Alden Village Park (1-stage/1 bar), July 25th, 2021 (noon- 6 pm)

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

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve Erie County Board of Elections request to use the Municipal Building for the following:

General Election, Tuesday November 2. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the Alden Car Show to place 2 signs in Alden Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from July 15-25. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, 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 October 1, 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, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve a Short-Term Rental Permit 1455 Exchange Street, owned by Jeffrey Lattimer and operated by Theresa Hoffman, per submitted application. Permit to expire December 31, 2021. The following items must be completed and verified before the space can be occupied:

- 1) The house number must be affixed to the exterior of the structure.
- 2) Final completion of miscellaneous interior items.
- 3) Verification of the installation of the hot water heater.

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

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to hire Cameron Eastland as a Seasonal Laborer effective June 23, 2021, at a rate of \$16.50 per hour. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the request from Whylife Ministries to use Alden Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park on Sunday, July 11 to hold a celebration entitled “Raise a Hallelujah- God, Family, Country”. The event will run from 3-5:30, but the request is from 2-6:30. They also request electricity.

On the question: Mayor Manicki – they have done this before and there were no issues. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Sitzman – Crittenden Road reconstruction is scheduled for July- November.

Attorney Trapp – information from Erie County Clerk Mickey Kerns concerning Zombie properties, will forward to board.

Trustee Pruitt – would like an Executive Session to discuss personnel **Trustee Pruitt** – would like an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Trustee Refermat – would like the Trustees and Mayor to review hiring protocol for new hires. Thinks paperwork, background checks and drug testing should be done before Motions for approval. Mayor Manicki – will try to get the information to all the Trustees prior to the meeting.

CEO Czechowski – Mobile Home Park inspections are complete; letters can now be sent to the Mobile Home Parks for corrections for renewing license.

Clerk Galbraith – tax bills due by July 1.

Mayor Manicki – read the reply from the FOIL that was sent to the town concerning the mailing of postcards for water information. The information is as follows:

Town of Alden Water Survey

Per our FOIL request, listed below is the information provided by the Town of Alden regarding their survey of town and village resident water preferences.

Cost: 833 postcards were sent to village residents at a total cost of \$593. These were paid for out of the Town-wide fund. 554 postcards were sent to town residents at a cost of \$393. These were paid for out of the Town Outside Village fund. Cost per mailer is \$.71

Results:

	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Responses</u>	<u>% Responding</u>	<u>EC Water % Yes</u>	<u>EC Water % No</u>
Town	554	242	44	72	28
Village	835	199	24	84	15

Survey Flaws:

- The village has 1206 water customers, yet surveys were only mailed to 835. This means that only 69% of village water customers were surveyed. The town used the assessment roll for their mailing list.
- The response rate of 24% from village residents was very low. Our 2018 survey got a 51% return.
- The survey did not address the rate increase (estimated at \$2.50/1000 gallons) that would be required if the village switched to EC water.

Attorney Trapp – the town has no control over village water. Mayor Manicki – according to the fire contract, we are able to meet to discuss the fire dept. contract. I have sent a letter requesting a meeting but have no response back from the town.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Bike Path- working on descriptions.

Emergency Contact System – nothing

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to adjourn the regular meeting and enter an Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

On Saturday, June 19 a celebration of life was held for former Alden Fire Dept. Chief Richard Greis who passed away recently. I would like to thank the many people who attended to pay their respects to Rick. Special thanks to our neighboring fire companies who attended in uniform with their equipment to honor him. Finally thank you to Brett Sitzman and Mark Pruitt for their tributes and to the rest of the Alden Hook and Ladder for their support during this time of loss. Motion to adjourn from executive session by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Becker at 8:12 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Reformat, seconded by Trustee Prucnal at 8:13 p.m.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk