

Approved BOARD MINUTES January 12, 2021

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to enter an Executive Session with counsel regarding Board relations at 6:39 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Kibbe to adjourn from the Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Deputy Mayor Warmus, Mark Casell, 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: Deputy Mayor Warmus, Trustees Overhoff, Prucnal & Kibbe, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Mary Refermat, Dan Czelusta, Andy Janiszewski, Mark Casell, Mark Pruitt, Shawn Eastland, Laura Ross and Jennifer Boucher.

MOTION by Trustee Loren, seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the minutes dated December 22, 2020. no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated January 12, 2021.

Payroll	\$43,911.53
Abstract	\$43,177.98

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

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the following monthly reports: DPW, fuel, CEO and Annual CEO, which the Deputy Mayor described as an excellent report. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

RBC Wealth Management profile, Erie County: 4th quarter sales tax distribution \$109,398.25, \$80,000 in CDBG funds for Broadway streetscape reimbursement, Hazard Mitigation Plan update and Village officials meeting Jan 21, 1 pm. NYS: NYCOM updates and Webinar-Roles and Responsibilities for Village Officials, election update – only 35 signatures needed as opposed to 50. Correspondence from: Deputy Mayor – furlough status for court clerk, Alden Central School – yearbook ad solicitation, Attorney – co utility bill protocol during pandemic, “a ton” of letters from residents expressing concerns over changing refuse pick up from the village DPW to outsourcing it. The Deputy Mayor stating how passionate the residents are towards our guys and how important it is to see how people think. Information from the Alden State Bank concerning Letter of Credit on Homecourt Roadway Extension with J & M Development LLC. Town of Alden minutes & agendas. Several letters from Paul Loehr, who is a concerned town citizen, passionate for the fire department, trying to make his point with statistics and information on the uneven distribution of funds. Saving the following for last, the deputy Mayor read the following word for word: Dated Jan.1, 2021, Honorable Board of Trustees, it has been a great honor to serve the residents of the Village of Alden along with you, both as Trustee and briefly as Mayor. You all have administered your duties with honesty and integrity, and I am confident that the village residents can have faith that the board, department heads and all the village employees, will maintain the dedication and pride in serving the community, as we have seen through the last

151 years. We are fortunate to live with the abundance of blessing found in our village. Unfortunately, due to the directive of my employer, I herewith submit to you my formal resignation of Mayor of the Village of Alden, effective immediately. With high regards, Mark A. Casell. The Deputy Mayor thanked Mark for his service, saying he cares so much for his community, and possess community gratification.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for January 12, 2021

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the following election inspectors for the March 16th election: Susan Schumacher and Kay Galbraith. The village election inspectors shall not be required to be residents of the village, provided that they are a resident of the County of Erie, in the State of New York. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal, and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to authorize Clerk Galbraith to destroy all outdated records following NYS Sara regulations. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe, and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to identify the polling place for the March 16th election, as 13336 Broadway, Village Municipal Building and the hours from noon- 9 pm. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to confirm there will not be a village voter registration day. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to set a public hearing January 26, 2021 at 7:35 PM in Village Hall to hear comments on the 2% tax cap for budgetary purposes as required by New York State. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe, and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the agreement of services for grant writing with Grantmasters Inc. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal, and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve a sign permit for Lupine & Lead, 13179 Broadway, as per submitted documents. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Mark Casell – 13400 Baxter Ave. I want to thank you, I know the time I served was short, but want you to know I am always available for any assistance or questions.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Sitzman – Erie County has scheduled bids for Feb./March and construction in May for the Crittenden reconstruction from Broadway to the bridge.

CEO Czechowski – summarize annual report – 100 permits, 4 sign permits, \$1.6 million in estimated improvements, 6 violations that should be resolved once the courts reopen. Despite COVID income from fees has increased even though # of permits is down.

Clerk Galbraith – election petitions available, only 35 signatures as opposed to the usual 50. First day to accept petitions is Feb.2, last day Feb.9. February water bills Feb. 1

Attorney Trapp – reviewing cable contract, courts proposed to open March 1. Water/sewer bills for Feb. 1, will have stickers for residential accounts with PSC information on them concerning the effect Covid has had on ability to pay bills.

Deputy Mayor Warmus – thank you for patience with the transition, there is a learning curve, I appreciate all the time and effort by the board and department heads.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Emergency Contact System -information received by on solve concerning pricing, board to review.

Bike Path – Deputy Mayor would like to see one of the Trustees spearhead project,

Superintendent Sitzman – what about the refuse decision, there is a time limit? Deputy Mayor

Warmus – I will get together with Keith & Chris to decide.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Kibbe seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to adjourn from the Regular meeting with a moment of silence for Jeff Golata, Sylvia Sabers and Joel MacAlpine, former OEM Coordinator and fire chief. 7:55 p.m.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk