

**Approved BOARD MINUTES December 28, 2021**

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Deputy Mayor Prucnal, 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:** Deputy Mayor Prucnal, Trustees Becker, Refermat, Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Pruitt, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Patrick Cavanaugh, Kevin Wypij, Kyle Kavanagh, and Ralph Airey.

Absent: Trustee Pruitt and Attorney Trapp

Excused: Mayor Manicki,

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

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

Payroll           \$45,031.05

Abstract         \$59,314.91

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the following monthly reports for November: Treasurer’s report. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Hodgson Russ – copy of intermunicipal fire protection and boundary agreement with the Town of Alden – this will need to be reviewed by Attorney Trapp before signing, the town received a year of free fire protection from the Alden Hook and Ladder fire company due to outgoing supervisor. Contract from Barb Kapperman for accounting services, Alden Hook & Ladder application for a new member, request to wave penalty for a water/sewer customer, update for ARPA fund submissions, WIIA signed financial grant agreement, notice from a resident concerning location of Village Well #2 fence. Erie County: FEMA plan adoption resolution, FEMA deadline extension for COVID 19 PPE reimbursement. Notice of Claim concerning water/sewer customer. NYS: Homeland Security course information, NYCOM requesting support for Governor Hochul’s request to increase municipal aid, which we did. Agenda from the Town of Alden. Confirmation from VFIS concerning insurance coverage on recent incidents concerning Fire Chief’s vehicle.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for December 28, 2021

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to accept the health insurance program for 2/2022-2/2023, with approval from the union. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to appoint Joseph Czechowski, to the Village of Alden Ethics Committee, term to expire December 31, 2024. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the fire/ems calls for Dec. 4-17, 2021. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve Deputy Mayor Prucnal to sign the agreement with Barb Kapperman for accounting services, term to expire 12/31/2022. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to authorize CEO Czechowski to sign the annual software support contract with Williamson Law Books with regards to Building & Codes Enforcement with BCE Mobile software. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the following companies to perform electrical inspections in the Village of Alden for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, as per submitted applications:

- Commonwealth Electrical Inspection Agency
- New York Electrical Inspection Agency On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve Temporary Business Signs for the following businesses as per submitted applications, to expire on December 31, 2022:

- Alden Pools & Play, 12890 Broadway
- Alden Pharmacy, 13203 Broadway
- Berried Treasures, 13226 Railroad St.
- The Whistle Stop Inn, 1338 Exchange Street
- EG Tax, 13221 Broadway
- Henry's Candy & Gifts, 13237 Broadway
- Elwood Jordans Insurance, 13361 Broadway
- H&R Block, 13186 Broadway
- Alden Automotive, 13151 Broadway
- Lupine & Lead, 13179 Broadway
- The Pink Cow, 13119 Broadway on the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, 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 March 31, 2022.

- 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 Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the Fire Department Protection agreement with the Town of Alden, pending Village Attorney Trapp's approval. Agreement to expire Dec. 31, 2026.

On the question – Trustee Refermat asked how we could not approve a contract that has not been signed by the town yet? Notice changed to five years with the same amount, did the other fire

departments agree to 5 years and the cost? Deputy Mayor Prucnal – the agreement came from the town so we can sign it with the attorney’s approval, and yes, all the other fire companies have agreed to the contract and price.

Roll call vote: Trustee Becker -aye

Trustee Refermat - aye

Deputy Mayor Prucnal - aye Broadway on the question –3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to authorize Clerk Galbraith to sign the annual Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health care plan renewal, as approved by the union. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to authorize Deputy Mayor Prucnal to approve Kyle Kavanagh into Fire & EMS status as approved by the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co., Inc. membership. On the question – no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT**

**Clerk Galbraith** – we have petitions that can be signed today, for a two-year term for Mayor in the March 2022 election.

**CEO Czechowski** – finishing year end paperwork for the state, Happy New Year everyone.

**Superintendent Pruitt** – working on capital projects, WWTP Phase III is progressing slowly. no delivery date for the new pick-up truck that was ordered in August.

**Trustee Becker** – on bike path is that north of the sewer easement? It seems close.

Superintendent Pruitt – yes, so we can access it if we need to. We have some millings from Crittenden and plan on milling three village roads

**Deputy Mayor Prucnal** – recapped capital work done this year, Phase II of WWTP completed, Broadway Streetscape, Elm St. Sidewalks, Baxter outfall, roof replacement at DPW building, ECWA connection on Exchange, Crittenden water lines and Elm St. drainage. Next year hopefully we will have two developments and Cherry Tree additions, things are progressing. We have had a very busy year, thank you everyone who works for the village.

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

Bike Path-

Emergency Contact System –

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to adjourn the meeting with a moment of silence for June Beyers at 7:50 pm. On the question –no comment, 3 ayes, Carried

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk