

Approved BOARD MINUTES December 8, 2020

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor 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: Mayor Casell, Trustees Warmus, Overhoff, Prucnal & Kibbe, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Mark Pruitt, Patrick Cavanaugh, Doug Becker and Patrick Martino-Waste Management.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the minutes dated November 24, 2020.

On the question: Trustee Overhoff questioned the sentence: The village offered to continue to cover the entire current area for 1 year for the \$35,000. I do not remember. If you agree to that you will never get the full amount again. The other board members remembered the statement being said. 5 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated December 8, 2020.

Payroll	\$39,944.59
Abstract	\$16,132.21

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

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the following monthly reports: Nov. fuel, CEO, court, EC Sheriff, DPW.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Town of Alden -minutes & agendas. Erie County-Village Officials meeting, Hazard Mitigation Plan update, dec. sales tax. Easement and Roadway agreement with J&M Development. Notice to residents concerning replacement transmitter.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to file as received all correspondence. On the question –5 ayes, Carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for December 8, 2020

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve Mayor Casell to sign the Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Authorization and Letter of Intent to Participate. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve Mayor Casell to sign the agreement with Barb Kapperman for accounting services, term to expire 12/31/2021

On the question- Superintendent Sitzman – when are you planning to hire someone personally to staff?
Mayor Casell – the auditor’s recommended more staff. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the Fire/EMS calls for November 21, 2020 - December 4, 2020. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to re-appoint Brian Schumacher to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to expire 3/31/2025. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to re-appoint Robin Gilbert to the Ethics Committee. Term to expire 12/31/2023. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the revised Retirement Resolution. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Doug Becker – 13380 Exchange St. Questioned farming out garbage pickup, saying it would cost more in the long run. If we stop dumpsters, will cost businesses and taxpayers more. We do dumpsters for the school, if someone else does them, costs all taxpayers more money.

Shawn Eastland – 1329 Exchange St. started to ask about the figures being used to price garbage trucks. Trustee Prucnal – have talked to Keith about all the scenarios from repairing existing packer at \$100,000, to purchasing new \$250,000. There would be a \$23/yr increase and refuse would go from \$205 to \$230/unit. In years 3,4 &5 there is a 3.5% increase every year.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

CEO Czechowski – site plan – Kumar, finishing up paperwork. Good to go.

Attorney Trapp will check for OEM agreement with town.

Superintendent Sitzman – parking ban is in effect. Trustee Prucnal – where is the designated tow spot? Sitzman – cannot enforce, no impound lot. Hoping to start Baxter out flow and ECWA soon. Baxter outfall & ECWA out to bid soon, reviewing currently. The end of Homecourt has been paved.

Trustee Kibbe – when snows, can we mark trails for cross country skiing in the village? Mayor Casell – good idea, Cherry Tree Lane is beautiful, needs to be cleared.

Trustee Prucnal – looking at the refuse contract, not taking it lightly. Mayor Casell – need to resolve and decide by Dec. 22 meeting.

Trustee Warmus – congratulations to Trustee Kibbe on obtaining her master’s degree on plant healthy management. She has over a dozen strawberry, blueberry patents.

Mayor Casell – should start looking into Mechanics replacement, to shadow Eugene, Is it Civil Service? Sitzman – no, not Civil Service. will need to investigate next year’s budget. Fire contract – no formal proposal, not finalized, Alden Hook & Ladder coverage still debated. Election petitions out Dec. 31, for 3 Trustees & Village Justice.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Emergency Contact System working on it, hoping to send test email soon. We got a good response and will continue to communicate with residents.

Bike Path – moving forward, attorney investigating, possibly use Winterfest funds for bike path. Project to benefit community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to adjourn from the Regular meeting with a moment of silence for Leslie (Frost) Fightmaster. 8:00 p.m.

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk