

**Approved BOARD MINUTES February 23, 2021**

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Warmus. Legislator Todaro 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.

Motion by Trustee Kibbe seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations and litigations with respect to the rodeo. 6:50 pm On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to exit out of Executive Session 7:08 pm.

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Warmus, Trustees Overhoff, Prucnal, Manicki & Kibbe, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Mary Refermat, Mark Pruitt, Mark Casell, Erie County Legislator Frank Todaro, Erik Maderer, Paul Rickard, Ralph Airey, Dan Czelusta, Shawn Eastland, Alan Raymond, Mike Keller, Conrad Borucki, Matt Gold – Alden Community Church and Fred, Michelle and Louis Backlas, owner of the Cross Over the Line Rodeo Company LLC.

**MOTION** by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the minutes dated February 9, 2021. no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Kibbe, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated February 23, 2021.

Payroll	\$48,629.38
Abstract	\$39,747.98

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Kibbe seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve the following monthly reports: fire, treasurer, court, Planning Board and DPW. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Penflex, LOSAP info. Mayor Warmus thanked the volunteers for their time and sacrifice, they deserve everything they can get., NYCOM Legislative Program, Erie County: Cyberspace webinar, reduction in sales tax due to DPA, notice of allocations for newest COVID relief package, bill for tax bills, notification of award of \$150,000 for CDBG drainage, back to business grant program information. Village Officials meeting, ASC board notes, Town of Alden minutes & agendas, Attorney Trapp deferred Payment plan, resume for Angelo Daluisio for Planning Board vacancy, request from St. Aidan’s Church, CEO concerning rodeo and special permit, FreedMaxick co rates for 2020 audit and Yearly report from PERMA.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for February 23, 2021

**MOTION** by Trustee Manicki seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the fire/EMS calls for January 30-Feb. 12, 2021. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Prucnal seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve the request from St. Aidan's Church for the following: hold plant sale in the Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from May 14 & 15, sign in park, May 5-15, will forward insurance information. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Manicki, to approve the updated Firefighter's list for 2020 as submitted by Mark Pruitt, Chairman of LOSAP Program. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to authorize Mayor Warmus to sign the Right of Way Agreement for the north end of Homecourt. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

### **BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-**

Conrad Borucki a town resident of Boncliff Dr. questioned why the siren at Substation #2 has started to sound now after a 10 yr. absence. Borucki questioned with the advances in technology, why it was necessary. He feels it is invasive, obtrusive and unnecessary noise pollution. How many firemen live in that area? Erik Maderer 9-1 explained he has the latest i-phone, but it does not get service everywhere, that there are drop zones and text messages can be delayed in receiving. There are 15-20 active internal firemen who live in that area. Mark Pruitt- cell phones are unreliable, and pagers are hit and miss. Borucki said he has heard it is political. Mayor Warmus was upset by this comment, saying he took exception to it, peoples lives and safety are involved. CEO Czechowski – can hear the village and Millgrove's siren, but not the substation and that is the closest. They are there for a reason.

Legislator Todaro gave an update on his role with the Legislative branch. Invited anyone with questions or concerns to contact him.

Mark Casell – 13400 Baxter - Legislator Todaro – does the county have an emergency contact system that the village could access? When we need to send out a boil water notice, Lancaster could not do it for us, as the system is \$5000/year, and we had a lot of aggravated residents.

Legislator Todaro will investigate it.

Representatives from the Cross Over Rodeo and Alden Community Church were present. They were advised that they would be required to have a Pandemic Plan in place. They can contact Erie County or Empire State Development as well as Legislator Todaro's office. Mary Refermat – 13611 spoke in favor of the event.

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

**Superintendent Sitzman** –Reminder no parking on village streets from 2-6am now thru April 1, also no plowing or snow blowing into the streets is permitted either.

Clerk Galbraith – election March 16.

Attorney Trapp – will file Homecourt agreement and Local Law #1-2021.

Trustee Kibbe – encouraged residents to take advantage of the village property near spring creek for skiing or snowshoeing.

### **UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

Bike Path in the works to join the two parks. Legislator Todaro – suggested state grants – rails & trails for possible funding,

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Manicki, seconded by Trustee Overhoff to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. with a moment of silence for Genevieve Schmidt, Anna Karlnoski, Ed Frost, Alan “Skip” Sitzman, Davina Blakeslee and Joan Barber. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.  
Adjournment

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk