

Approved BOARD MINUTES February 8, 2022

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to exit the Work Session and enter an executive session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss personnel. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Becker to exit the executive session at 7:30 p.m. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

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 and Pruitt, Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Pruitt, and Attorney Trapp and Mike Cowle.

Excused: Mayor Manicki

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the minutes dated January 25, 2022. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated February 8, 2022.

Payroll	\$45,152.88
Abstract	\$231,023.25

On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the following monthly reports: Public works, fuel, court, and Erie County Sheriff. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Public Hearing – Local Law #1, 2022, 2% Tax Cap

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to leave the regular meeting and enter into the Public Hearing for Local Law#1-2022, 2% Tax Cap. 7:35 pm. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established under General Municipal Law section 3-c by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden.

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2022, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law section 3-c.

The purpose of this local law is to provide flexibility for the Board of Trustees and to protect both the Village and the residents from any actions of the State of New York.

The board is not anticipating exceeding the tax cap, but need to protect themselves if they cannot stay under the cap. They can repeal the local law if it is not necessary. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to leave the Public Hearing and re-enter into the regular meeting. 7:37 pm. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Erie County – webinars concerning clean energy projects, Village Officials and Association of Erie County Governments agendas and minutes, sales tax for Feb. 4th – up 18.79% up from last year and check for \$150,000 for the CDBG for Elm St. NYS – Senator Gallivan zoom meeting concerning Governor Hochul’s proposed budget and initiatives, courses from Homeland Security concerning OEM, NYCOM magazine, Winter Legislative Meeting, annual dues statement. PERMA notice of allocation to local governmental members to assist with balancing annual budgets. Requests from: The fire Dept., St. Aidan’s Church, Superintendent Pruitt, and a resident concerning water/sewer billing.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Becker, to file as received all.

correspondence. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for February 8, 2022

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to adopt Local Law #1-2022, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established under General Municipal Law section 3-C.

Roll call vote: Trustee Becker - aye

Trustee Pruitt - aye

Trustee Refermat - aye

Deputy Mayor Prucnal – aye On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to allow St. Aidan’s to hold their annual plant sale in Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park May 13 &14 and to erect a sign in the park from May 5-14, 2022. On the question – the school already has permission to put 2 signs in the park from May 9-18. If approved this sign will be halfway down the Broadway side of the triangle. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve Superintendent Pruitt to move forward with CPL - phase 2 of Elm Street, full depth reconstruction so we can get it out to bid. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve Superintendent Pruitt to send three employees to Western New York Water Works Conference Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Genesee Community College for water and sewer credits, at a cost of \$135.00, this is a budget item. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve Superintendent Pruitt to host a New York Rural Water Association class at the Municipal building on February 22, 2022, and to have 6 employees attend the class at a cost of \$100.00, this is a budgeted item. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to authorize the Alden Hook and Ladder to serve alcohol at the following events:

- Alden Fire Company- “Dollars for Scholars 5-K Run - Post Race Party” in the Alden Town Park, Thursday, July 28, 2022 (3:00pm-12:00am).
- Alden Car Show, in the Town Park & Alden Village Park (2- Stages / Bars), Sunday, July 31, 2022 (12:00pm-6:00pm).
- Summer Steak-Outing, at Alden Station #2, August 18, 2022 (5:00pm-12:00am).
- Chicken BBQ, in Village Park, September 11, 2022, no alcohol will be served at this event.
- Fall Meat Raffle, held at the Municipal Building, Saturday, October 22, 2022 (6:00pm-12:00am). On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Resolution for Participation, Erie County Mutual Aid Plan

Resolution by Village of Alden Fire Department, are electing to participate in the Erie County Fire Mutual Aid Plan as adopted by the Erie County Fire Advisory Board on April 15, 2021.

Trustee Becker offers the following resolution and duly seconded by Trustee Refermat and moved its adoption.

Be it resolved that: village of Alden Fire Department elects to participate in the Erie county Fire Mutual Aid Plan, and agrees to recognize a call for assistance through the Erie County Fire Control Center, Area Base Station, or the commissioner of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Deputy Commissioner of Fire Safety or their designee; and will comply with the provisions of such plan as now in force and as amended from time to time; and that no restrictions exist against normal mutual aid assistance outside of the regular district whenever possible without jeopardizing home area fire protection.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Deputy Commissioner of Fire Safety.
Roll call vote: Trustee Becker - aye

Trustee Pruitt - aye

Trustee Refermat - aye

Deputy Mayor Prucnal – aye On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve an adjustment of the water/sewer invoice for 1857 Lafayette Dr., Barry Horton in the amount of \$15 relative to the February Billing cycle. The motion originally called for a \$20 adjustment, but: On the question: Trustee Refermat – \$20 is too generous, he only asked for \$15. The motion will reflect the amount of the adjustment will be \$15.00 On the question –4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Becker, to declare as surplus the truck bed only of the 2011 Ford 350 truck with the village to accept sealed bids from members of the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co. Inc at a time and date to be determined with the Village Board of Trustees reserving the right to accept or reject any bid in the best interest of the village. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

none

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Galbraith – working with the town on Hometown Hero Banners, will let the residents know as soon as we do. February water bills sue Feb. 28.

CEO Czechowski – received ECWA Executed agreement for Exchange St.

Superintendent Pruitt the DPW has been very busy and has done a great job on snow removal. Getting a garbage truck quote. There is schooling scheduled for the guys to get their needed credits to keep their licenses. Requesting an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Trustee Becker – asked about the ambulance fee from a volunteer firefighter. The number on the building look nice. And thank you to Trustee Pruitt for volunteering your time to help at the DPW.

Trustee Refermat– since going to the cloud can we do sealed bids for the computers? Deputy Mayor Prucnal – would have to remove the hard drives. Attorney Trapp the information cannot truly be completely removed.

Deputy Mayor Prucnal working with the town on the emergency contact system, had a conference call for pricing. Fire protection boundary and 4-year fire protection contact being signed. Budget Work Sessions being scheduled for Tues March 1st at 6 pm

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Bike Path- Emergency Contact System – with new leadership in the town, will work on both Emergency contact and bike path

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to adjourn the meeting with a moment of silence for Marilyn Witmer. at 7:58 pm. And enter into an Executive Session. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried

Motion by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Refermat to exit the executive session at 8:24 p.m. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to appoint on a Provisional basis Joelle Sledz as a Clerk in the Department of Public Works pending a successful drug and alcohol testing at the rate of \$19/hour.

Motion by Trustee Reformat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to adjourn the regular meeting 8:30 pm. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk