

Approved BOARD MINUTES May 25, 2021

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Manicki, 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 Manicki, Trustees Prucnal, Becker, Refermat & Pruitt, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Brett Sitzman, Patrick Cavanaugh, Dan Czelusta and Ralph Airey.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the minutes dated May 11, 2021. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated May 25, 2021.

Payroll \$44,092.83

Abstract \$81,392.17

On the question – Trustee Refermat-abstract says authorization and approval, should we be approving before we make the motion? Mayor Manicki – we will modify form to not say approval. On the question –5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following monthly reports: Planning Board. On the question – no comment,5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Erie County – minutes from Erie County Village Officials and Assoc. of Erie County Governments and Erie County Clerk’s office report. Solicitor’s Permit for Karinne Houser approval, minutes from the Town of Alden, and information from AGRO Group. Correspondence from: Attorney Trapp -concerning LL#2 filing, Superintendent Sitzman to new owner of Alden Village Estates co garbage pricing, CEO Czechowski – to Grandview co tires, GRK2 Enterprises and Marie’s Diner co signage. From Mayor Manicki - letter to two residents concerning recent water main dig, thank you to Reverend Gold for leading National Day of Prayer and the following letter sent to Town of Alden Supervisor Dean Adamski:

May 20, 2021

Supervisor Dean Adamski

Town of Alden

3311 Wende Rd.

Alden, NY 14004

This is in regard to the survey the town sent to village residents concerning their satisfaction with village water. As we discussed during our phone call on May 17, I advised you that the town has no jurisdiction over village services, including the water system, so I am confused about your motive in expending town funds to survey village residents.

The village board has researched the issue of going to ECWA bulk water many times. Had you contacted me I would have shared the 2017 engineering study by Nussbaumer and Clark which reviews various scenarios for our water system along with financial costs and other information. I am enclosing a copy of their summary for your use. The complete report is available at our office. The most expensive option was to turn our

system over to the water authority. This would require system upgrades of from \$2.3 to \$4.3 million. Yes, there is grant money available, but it is usually in the range of 50-60% and takes years to nail down.

The village water system began in 1899 and has expanded over the years to serve 1200 customers. Along the way we have made numerous improvements, the last in 2011. While we do use well water, it is treated to remove sulfur, iron and manganese and is chlorinated at the well site before it enters the distribution system. According to the US Geologic Service, 140,000 municipal water departments across the country serve over 100 million people with well water. Our water is tested three times per month by a certified lab and three more times by our water department. Test results are shared with the Erie County DOH. Our water meets all federal and state standards. Our water quality report is posted on the village website.

You mentioned the results of the 2018 water survey. 54% responded that they wanted ECWA. Not an overwhelming majority. In addition, it would require a rate increase of \$2.45. We have many customers who have difficulty paying their bill now or like the water as it is. What do we tell them? There are solutions for those who do not like hard water. Perhaps if more people had attended the public hearing in 2010 concerning system upgrades and expressed their opinions we may have decided on a different course of action at that time.

To sum up, the village is a separate entity from the town with its own governing board. Your interference with village government is neither welcome nor wanted. Perhaps your efforts would be better spent solving some of the issues within town government.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael Manicki

Cc: Alden Village Board

Town Councilwoman Colleen Pautler

Town Councilwoman Gina Wais

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for May 25, 2021

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the agreement with Emerling Agency for fire company insurance with VFIS for 2021-2022 fiscal year. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve ACT's request for the following: the use of Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park on August 7,8,14 &15 for an outdoor performance, starting at 11 am and clean up after 9 pm, dates and times are Saturday August 7th: 2 pm and 6 pm, Sunday August 8th: 12 pm, Saturday August 14th: 2 pm and 6 pm and Sunday August 15th: 12 pm, and have access to electric. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the agreement with Integrated for IT support. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the agreement with Emerling Agency for the following insurances for the Village of Alden for the

2021-2022 fiscal year: Trident Insurance (property and Liability), Beazley Insurance (cyber liability) and Perma (Workers Comp.). no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to set a public hearing on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 7:35PM for the purposes of hearing comments on the requests for renewal of Home Occupation Permits for the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
The Cutting Image	1730 Meadow Dr.	Renee Hoffman
Laura Ross	13390 Irving Street	Laura Ross

no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to set a Public Hearing for Mobile Home Park License renewals on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 7:35PM. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the fire/EMS calls for May 8-21, 2021. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve a Mobile Food Vendor License for Some Like It Hot Truck LLC as per submitted application. no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to allow Alden Junior Football and Cheerleading to erect a sign in the park for 10 days in June for registration. *On the question* – they requested a month, will allow for 10 days, will ask which 10 days would suit them best. 5 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Mark Casell – is the car show going forward? Could the free county covid vaccine van be available that day? Mayor Manicki – yes, we have met with the car show committee, and they have arranged meetings with the school and town. It is scheduled for July 25. We can check for availability for the vaccinations for that day.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Sitzman – Baxter outfall is complete, Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) Exchange St. connection in process, Dept. of Public Works (DPW) roof bid opening 6/24, moving Gary Pellittieri up to Motor Equipment Operator (MEO), paving projects for the year: Railroad, Austin, Heisler, Erie County to do Crittenden next year.

Clerk Galbraith – tax bills will be mailed out on June 1, due by July 1.

Trustee Refermat – Keith there is no flag on the flag post at the Wastewater Treatment Plant? Dan Czelusta – we were replacing it every 6 months; the rope would break. We will remove the pole, as it is not lit either.

Mayor Manicki we have changed the mask policy to only those people who are not vaccinated and encourage all to become vaccinated. There was an article in the Buffalo News showing Alden as one of the lowest vaccinated resident levels in New York State. Erie County offers a mobile vaccination clinic, that we can try to come out for an event.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Bike Path- since Crittenden Rd. is postponed till next year, can use millings from Railroad St.
Emergency Contact System – work with OEM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. no comment,
5 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk