

Approved BOARD MINUTES September 14, 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 with social distancing.

The public was invited to join by following social distancing guidelines.

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees Prucnal, Becker, Refermat & Pruitt, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Sitzman Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Shawn Eastland, Patrick Cavanaugh, Albert Boucher, Dan Czelusta, Kevin Wypij, Mr. Borschel, Michelle Hoffman, Stephanie Pautler-Bea, Margaret Roll, Mr. Harris, Mark Casell, Michael Karlnowski – Diversified Auto and Mark Pruitt.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the minutes dated August 24, 2021. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated September 14, 2021.

Payroll	\$44,424.91
Abstract	\$108,097.52

On the question – Trustee Refermat – there is a voucher for Jim Miller for deployment of dive team to Hurricane Henry, with excessive spending for food. \$354.82 from Tops and \$141 at a steak house for a 24-hour period. That is \$229.70/person/day. I know it is submitted to FEMA, but if not reimbursed should charge fire department. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following monthly reports for August: Treasurer, CEO, Court, Sheriff and DPW. On the question-no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes from progress meeting for Crittenden Rd., CEO correspondence to ECWA with questions of future development and log for town inspections. RBC Wealth portfolio and Erie County CDBG funding consortium information.

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

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to leave the meeting and enter the Public Hearing 7:40 pm On the question-no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Public Hearing – Local Law #2 Code changes to Chapter 200 Vehicle & Traffic, pertaining street parking on Broadway

& Local Law #3 creating a new Chapter 93 pertaining to electric scooters and bicycles
CEO Czechowski – explained the changes to Chapter 200, only 2 changes are proposed, they both concern North side of Broadway and are as follows: currently no parking in front of the bank. SBL# will be put in place of the name of the bank and it will be 20-minute parking. New signs need to be erected. The second change concerned parking from the corner of Westcott and Broadway to Valu home center. Michael Karlnowski – Diversified Auto is part owner of the business located on the North side of Broadway at the corner of Westcott. He feels his business is being targeted. He has been informed that by people parking there it is a safety hazard causing decreased visibility with traffic traveling west down Broadway. Karlnowski has asked clients to move vehicles, but many are just stopping there, anywhere from 10 minutes to 2 hours. Mayor

Manicki – due to incline to the east and parked cars, obscured view. A lot of cars in the lot and the street, how many are plated? Karlnowski – 50% plated, others are for sale or repairs. CEO Czechowski – this code is to address safety site distance issues. Stephanie Pautler Bea, who also owns a business on Broadway, asked if it affects her? - no jus the two parcels on Broadway specified.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to close the first Public Hearing and enter the second Public Hearing #2 for Local Law #3, 7:52 pm On the question-no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

This is a new code/law. Attorney Trapp explained this is not to prohibit e-scooters, or electric bikes but to address safety concerns. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to close the second Public Hearing and re-enter into the regular meeting, 7:54 pm On the question-no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for September 14, 2021

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the fire/EMS calls for August 14-27, 2021. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to declare the following from the DPW as surplus: Dell 225-0772 Opti Plex 790 Laptop. The following was transferred to the water/sewer department: Richol MP 305SPF scan, print & copy & fax machine. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to waive the Alden residency requirement for the position of Clerk in the Department of Public Works. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to appoint Greg Kent to the position of Alternate Court Officer at a rate of \$50/night. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to accept with regret the resignation of Eugene Newer, Mechanic, for purpose of retirement as of December 3, 2021. Eugene has been employed by the village for 25 years. On the question – the board and department heads thanked the retiring employees for their service and wished them well. 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to accept with regret the resignation of Susan Lorenzi, DPW Clerk, for purpose of retirement as of October 4, 2021. Susan has been employed by the village for 42 years. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to accept with regret the resignation of Keith Sitzman, Superintendent of Public Works, for purpose of retirement as of October 4, 2021. Keith has been employed with the village for 19 years and was a Village Trustee for 6 years. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to accept the request of the 2022 Alden Car, Truck and Cycle Show as follows: use of Fireman’s Memorial Bandstand Park on July 31, no parking road signs for W main St from the park to Broadway, roadblock and

blockages for West Main St., Broadway and Church St, sign in Firemen's Park for 10 days before and a dumpster for the Firemen's Park.

On the question: Trustee Refermat – does the car show make a profit? The village incurs expense for the requirements of the show, and they profit from funding and raffles. Should we be charging them? Mayor Manicki, the profit goes Mercy Fight, it is considered community involvement and our donation to the show. There will be an extra car show for the town's bicentennial next year. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve a sign permit for Damn BBQ, 13268 Broadway, as per submitted application. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 28, 7:35 pm to hear public comment on proposed uses for the American Rescue Act Funds. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to schedule a Public Hearing on October 12, 2021 @7:35 pm regarding Community Development Block Grant funds in the Village of Alden. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the fire/EMS calls for August 28- September 10, 2021. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to authorize Provisional Superintendent of Public Works Pruitt and 3 DPW crew to attend NYCOM Public Works School in Saratoga Springs NY Oct. 18-20, 2021, this is a budgeted item.

On the question: Trustee Refermat – will you report back to us on the information you receive? Mark Pruitt – it is training session for credit. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the Shared Services Agreement with the NYSDOT for a period of 2 years.

On the question: Mayor Manicki – we do not have the agreement yet but should get it shortly. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the agreement with CPL Team to provide Construction services for the Elm St. Drainage project at a cost not-to-exceed \$72,300. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign a contract extension with Waste Management of New York, LLC for the period 1/1/22 through 12/31/2024 at an increase of 2% per year from the current rate. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Prucnal

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Alden hereby establishes the following as standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS Number	Title	Term begins/ends	Standard Workday	Record of Activity Results	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency
Jeannine Pruitt	8707	62395261	Village Trustee	3/31/2021-3/21/2025	6	.54		monthly
Brian Schumacher	8807	40880726	Zoning Board of Appeals	12/31/2020-12/31/2025	6		x	annually
Herbert Schmidt	0055	42427559	Zoning Board of Appeals	12/31/2016-12/31/2021	6		x	annually

On the 14th day of September 2021

 (Signature of Clerk)

 9/14/2021
 Date enacted

I, Susanne M. Galbraith, Clerk of the governing board of the Village of Alden, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original passed by such board, at a legal convened meeting held on the 14th day of September 2021 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original. Full time employees, standard workday is 8 hours for the NYS Retirement System. I further certify that the full board, consists of 5 members and that 5 of such members voted in favor of the above resolution in WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and the seal of the Village of Alden.

Roll call vote: Trustee Becker- aye
 Trustee Prucnal- aye
 Trustee Pruitt – ay e
 Trustee Refermat - aye
 Mayor Manicki- aye On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

Michelle Hoffman – Clearvue (town resident), is offended by the name of the new restaurant “Damn BBQ”. Feels it reflects poorly on the village especially located next to the library where children go. Would encourage not approving or recommend an alternate name. Attorney Trapp – it is a constitutional issue not pornographic or obscene, considered freedom of speech.

2 Village employees have been recognized and thanked, for their continued dedicated service with the Village of Alden. Presented with their 25 years of service award were: Eugene Nuwer and Gary Pellittieri.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

OEM Pruitt – thank you Keith for all his help during the transition process.

CEO Czechowski – working on Local Laws and the bike path.

Superintendent Sitzman – Elm St drainage bids due 9/20 anticipating fall construction. ECWA connection nearly complete. Working on Phase III.

Attorney Trapp Ethics meeting will issue advisory opinion forth coming. Request an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation

Trustee Becker – what is the progress on the radar sign by the school, would like to recommend we investigate it.

Trustee Prucnal – Erie County has a recycling program for household hazardous waste. There are postcards available for residents, reservations are a must. Make reservations at www.hazmanusa.com/calendar or call 716-998-8073.

Mayor Manicki – thank you to all the employees retiring, we will miss you. No reply from the town on the fire contract, on the most recent letter I sent. Residents should be aware of the ISO rating. A company called ISO (Insurance Services Office) creates ratings for fire departments and their surrounding communities. These ratings calculate how well-equipped fire departments are to put out fires in that community. ISO provides this score, often called the "ISO fire score," to homeowners insurance companies. An ISO fire rating, is a score from one to 10 that indicates how well-protected your community is by the fire department. In the ISO rating scale, a lower number is better: one is the best possible rating, while a 10 means the worst, Alden currently has a 04/4x rating, which is good but, any area that is more than five driving miles from the nearest fire station is automatically rated a 10.

The fire chief and I thought it was important that people understand how the Village of Alden Ambulance operates:

Since 1960 the Village and the Alden Hook & Ladder have operated an ambulance providing Basic Life Saving (BLS) services

I was recently contacted by a resident who was concerned about the response time for our ambulance. In this particular case the ambulance was on scene four minutes after dispatch and on its way to the hospital in eight minutes. If the ambulance had come from Lancaster, it could have been up to fifteen minutes just to arrive.

911 calls are dispatched to Alden fire personnel pagers and phones by Lancaster Fire Control. A crew of at least a driver and one Emergency Medical Technician is required for a response. A Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance is also automatically dispatched at the time of the call. If the call requires Advanced Life Saving (ALS) services an LVAC Paramedic Ambulance is requested either for transport or ALS intercept enroute.

If a Paramedic Ambulance is not available a Paramedic Fly Car meets our ambulance enroute. If no LVAC ambulance is available Twin City or AMR are contacted.

The Alden Fire Department strives to provide a rapid response to every call for assistance. Either the fire chief or one of the assistant fire chiefs respond to each first aid call to assess patient needs and coordinate the appropriate response. All our chiefs are certified EMT's.

To keep our local ambulance viable, **we need more EMT's** to crew it. Training is provided at no charge. If you would like to volunteer to help your neighbors, contact the Fire Dept. at 937-9216 X116 or stop at the fire hall Mondays at 7:00.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Bike Path-

Emergency Contact System –

Siren – will once again set the siren to blow for fire calls, but not for the noon whistle.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Becker, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 pm, with a moment of silence for Sharon Jastrzab, Dolores Panek, Christine Kisiel and Kevin Bodekor and enter an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation/personnel. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Becker to adjourn from executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:10 pm

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Pruitt to award Wastewater Improvement Project - Contract 7 - Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation to Green Mountain Pipeline Services, LLC for the base bid amount of \$910,550.00 and to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign all contract documents. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Becker to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:13 pm

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk