

Approved BOARD MINUTES January 24, 2023

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Prucnal, who led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Prucnal, Trustees: Refermat, Pruitt, Casell and Becker, Attorney Trapp, Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Pruitt, Patrick Cavanaugh, Shawn Eastland, and Dave Metz.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the minutes dated January 10, 2023. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated January 24, 2023.

Payroll \$ 44,856.53

Abstract \$ 79,280.82 On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the following monthly reports: Fire/EMS. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

RBC Wealth Management portfolio. requests – Alden Garden Club and St. Aidan’s, Town of Alden agendas. Erie County – Village Officials agenda and minute, Erie County Consortium notice, Association of EC Governments agenda and minutes, sales tax figure for 2nd January remittance, suggested resolution from association concerning proposal to ban natural gas heating. NYS _ NYCOM advocacy update, Senator Gallivan newsletter. Alden Central School Board Notes,

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for January 24, 2023

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the Alden Garden Club’s request to erect a sign in Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from May 7-17 to advertise their annual plant sale. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the fire/ems calls for Dec. 31, 2022-January 13, 2023. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve St. Aidan’s to use the Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park for their annual plant sale from May 19 & 20, 2023 and request to erect a sign in Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from May 10-21 to advertise their annual plant sale. On the question –Trustee Casell-is there a request for someone to sleep in the park? No, he is going to stay in his car, 5 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Galbraith – sending out banner renewal letters, due by March 1. Water bills Feb.1.

Attorney Trapp – Executive Session – litigation. Need to schedule Ethics/Workplace Violence/Sexual Harassment training. Can all be done at once.

Superintendent Pruitt- Executive Session to discuss personal.

Trustee Pruitt– Railroad court date? CEO – Feb. the voucher for the brackets for the ambulance/chief cars can be found for \$65 cheaper, each. Will talk to Erik.

Trustee Casell – U dig it for \$2 and Sue Lorenzi’s name is still on the voucher? Superintendent Pruitt – the dig request was for us, late request.

Trustee Refermat- Policy manual meeting scheduled. Thank you for the fire truck field trip.

Mayor Prucnal- Fire trucks -2015 rescue truck, equipment included, 20K miles, no air bag.

Ladder truck – new tires, will fix rust, NFTA standards., no bucket, 25 yr. life value. Trustee

Casell – does buying the two fire trucks change the math for the reserve funds? Trustee Pruitt – did Albert research auction internationals?

Dave Metz, OEM Coordinator – as a village resident, I have personal concerns that there is no bucket on the aerial truck. Kids are smaller and may not be able to use the open ladder. A bucket cannot be put on this truck.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, and seconded by Trustee Becker, To exit the regular meeting and adjourn into an Executive Session 7:54 pm. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:54 p.m., On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Casell to terminate the employment of Cameron Eastwood, Laborer, effective immediately. Superintendent Pruitt then expressed his strong anger with respect to the motion. Mayor Prucnal called for a Roll Call vote.

Trustee Becker indicated that he wanted to abstain because the individual resided next door to him, and he was advised by Attorney Trapp that that was not a basis for a recusal. Trustee Pruitt then indicated that she wanted to abstain because she was a friend of the individual and she was advised by Attorney Trapp that since that was not a financial interest nor did a conflict of interest exist, a vote would be required.

Trustee Refermat - Aye

Trustee Pruitt - Nay

Trustee Becker - Aye

Trustee Casell - Aye

Mayor Prucnal – Aye On the question –1 nay, 4 ayes, Carried.

Superintendent Pruitt then again expressed his anger over the decision and commented about another employee after which he abruptly left the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Refermat to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m., On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk