

Approved BOARD MINUTES October 25, 2022

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: Pruitt, Refermat, Becker and Casell. Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski Superintendent Pruitt, Attorney Trapp, Shawn Eastland, Patrick Cavanaugh, Joelle Sledz, Dick Kegler, Ralph Airey and Karen Howard, Senator Gallivan's Office.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the minutes dated October 11, 2022. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated October 25, 2022.

Payroll \$ 46,637.25

Abstract \$ 40,868.07

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes from the Association of EC Governments, Town of Alden agenda and RC Wealth Management Portfolio.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for October 25, 2022

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to follow the recommendations of the Clean Air Act, prohibiting smoking including, but not limited to, cannabis, vaping and tobacco products on public property or workplace which would include all parcels owned by the Village of Alden, starting immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Becker – aye

Trustee Pruitt - aye

Trustee Refermat – aye

Trustee Casell - nay

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

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the Fire/Ems calls from September 4-October 7, 2022. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to authorize Mayor Prucnal to sign the amendment with Municipal Solutions, Inc to extend the original contract dated January 26, 2016, for the Village of Alden's Wastewater Treatment Plant project for an additional 6 months.

On the question: Trustee Casell – what do they do? Superintendent Pruitt –assist with funding and administrative paperwork. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the floating holiday to be used for November 25, 2022, for all village offices. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to authorize Mayor Prucnal to sign the Document Collection Form from NYS Department of Health, Environmental Facilities Corp

(EFC), for the Wastewater Treatment Project Improvements, Phase 3. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve a change in the personnel policy to reflect that notification of policy violations should be changed to provide that the complaint could be either in writing or verbally. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve NYRWA ‘s request to reserve the Village Hall Community Room, for March 30, 2023, from 7am-3:30pm, to host a Training session for Water Operators in the surrounding counties. They expect to have about 25 attendees. On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the following resolution: Community Development Resolution:

At a meeting of the Village Board held on October 11, 2022, the board authorized Mayor Prucnal to sign, submit and execute the contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program in the amount no greater than \$150,000 for the following project upon approval of ECCDBG.

1). Broadway ECWA Connection

On the question: the amount of the grant was incorrect at the last meeting but has been corrected for the \$150,000 amount.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Becker –aye

Trustee Pruitt - aye

Trustee Refermat – aye

Trustee Casell – aye

Mayor Prucnal- aye On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to accept CPL’s recommendation to award the contract for the Elm Street Road Reconstruction to Union Concrete and Construction Corp for a Total Base Bid of \$521,790.00.

On the question: Trustee Casell, the original estimate was \$900,000, very unusual to see an estimate at almost ½ the estimated price.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Becker –aye

Trustee Pruitt - aye

Trustee Refermat – aye

Trustee Casell -aye

Mayor Prucnal- aye On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

The following 3 motions were tabled, following, discrepancies in the amounts, that need clarification.

MOTION by Trustee _____ and seconded by Trustee _____, to approve the following

BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden has received bids for the DPW generator and DPW HVAC improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, bid results and engineering costs exceed the original amounts budgeted for these two projects, and

WHEREAS the Village Board wishes to proceed with the aforementioned projects, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby directed to amend the 2022-2023 Village budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriation Account A9730.6 BAN Principal in the amount of \$90,977.00 and

Increase Appropriation Account A9950.9 Transfer to Capital Projects in the amount of \$90,977.00, and further be it

RESOLVED that Capital Project: DPW Generator be increased by \$56,800.00, and Capital Project: DPW HVAC Improvements be increased by \$34,177.00

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Becker –

Trustee Pruitt -

Trustee Refermat –

Trustee Casell -

Mayor Prucnal-

MOTION by Trustee _____ and seconded by Trustee _____, to accept Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. recommendation to award the contract for the Alden DPW Garage Improvements Mechanical contract to Pipitone Enterprises LLC for a Total Base Bid of \$79,177.00.

MOTION by Trustee _____ and seconded by Trustee _____, to accept Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. recommendation to award the contract for the Alden DPW Garage Improvements Electrical contract to CIR Electrical for a Total Base Bid of \$104,300.00.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt to set a Public Hearing for the proposed Local Laws, as listed below, to be held at 7:45 pm, (and running concurrently thereafter) on Tuesday, November 8, 2022:

Local Law #6-2022 Chapter 78, Building Construction & Fire Prevention

Local Law #7-2022 Chapter 165, Sewers

Local Law #8-2022 Chapter 200, Vehicle and Traffic

Local Law #9-2022 Chapter 204, Wellhead Protection

Local Law #10-2022 Chapter 205, Water Use & Service On the question – 5 ayes, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Dick Kegler – Mechanic St. – thank you Superintendent and crew for mowing the viaduct, it looks nice. Thank you for cleaning up on the southside of Broadway streetscape. I submitted FOIL paperwork to review past budgets. Money was made available to pave Railroad and 3 other streets in the past: in the general fund \$40,000 was set aside yearly from 2013-2016, in 2016-2017 budget \$10,000, in 2017-2018 - \$120,000 and in 2018-2020 \$40,000 each year. Would like the Trustees to look back and see where the money went. Why are we using our accumulated CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) funds? There have been no street projects in the past 16 years. Superintendent Pruitt – money used for streets, such as cleaning DI's, Oiling the streets before winter, milling Baxter Ave, pouring gutters and such.

Kegler – I live on Mechanic and Zoladz trucks have been going up and down Mechanic from 6 am – 7 pm daily, it is not made for this truck traffic, they are supposed to go down Exchange St., Mechanic is posted 10 tons.

Kegler – south side of streetscape on Broadway is lifting up around tree roots, especially in front of the Historical Society – it is at least more than 12” variance. Superintendent – on our list of things to do.

Karen Howard, Senator Gallivan's office was present. The senator is running unopposed and has all of Erie County for his jurisdiction.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Pruitt - Phase III of Elm St. in the spring, Phase III WWTP- next week.

Parking Ban Nov. 1- April 1.

Clerk Galbraith – Banner Books are in, limited supply. Water bills Nov. 1

CEO Czechowski – Wetzl project will be reviewed at the next work session from 6-6:30 for neighboring parcels. Working with Attorney Trapp on code revisions.

Attorney Trapp –Waste Management contract for recycling is \$5 till 2024. We recycle 7 tons per week.

Trustee Refermat – meeting with employees, great group of people. Finishing interviews soon.

Trustee Casell – construction over well – ARPA money? Superintendent – all engineering and design phases completed, purchasing platform over well – pole barn, pour cement, railings - \$40,000.

Joseph Czechowski, CEO/BI, was awarded his certificate for 25 years of service and dedication to the Village of Alden. Thank you, Joe.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Refermat to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel, excluding Trustee Pruitt. 5-0 at 8:06 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat,, to adjourn the Executive Session, 4-0 at 8:31 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat to adjourn the regular meeting, with a moment of silence for Kathleen Manicki Greis (former Mayor Manicki’s siter and one of the first female Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company members), Andy Janisezeski (former village employee for 30 years, retired as our Grade III WWTP Sr. Operator) and Lenny Weglarski (the town and village dog warden for many years).5-0 at 8:33 p.m.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk