

## **Approved BOARD MINUTES September 27, 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 and Casell. CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent Pruitt, Attorney Trapp, Shawn Eastland, and Dennis Waziak.

Absent: Trustee Becker

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the minutes dated September 13, 2022. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated September 27, 2022.

Payroll	\$ 46,301.14
Abstract	\$ 71,160.55

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following monthly reports: Planning Board. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Agenda for the Town of Alden, savings analysis from New Wave Energy and references. Grannytown Gazette, Alden Substance Abuse and Prevention Coalition information on Trunk or Treat and Spooktacular events. Contract for engineering services for Wetzl Development from Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. Erie County – Village Officials agenda and minutes, 2022 Fall Citizen Academy from Erie County Sheriff, Memo from Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning concerning CDBG meeting. NYS – NYCOM update on Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to file as received all. correspondence. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

### **Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for September 27, 2022**

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to authorize Mayor Prucnal to sign Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. proposal for Engineering review services for the Wetzl Development, on Slade Dr., the developer will reimburse the cost. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to authorize Rural Water to use the Conference Room on April 4, 2023, for training. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Casell, to accept the delivery of the Ford f-350 plow truck delivered Sept. 20, 2022. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve converting 40 lights to LED, on Maple Ridge, Willow Woods, Homecourt and Cherry Tree Lane. The cost for the LED lights will be \$60 each with a rebate of \$60, hence not costing the village any funds. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to authorize Mayor Prucnal to sign the Stormwater Management Program Annual Report (Year 19) for March 10, 2021, through March 9, 2022. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2022-2023 SEWER FUND BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Alden has approved the purchase of 2 replacement secondary sludge pumps in the 2021-2022 budget using funds from the Sewer Reserve, and

**WHEREAS**, this equipment is now available, now therefore be it

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

Increase General Ledger account G511 – Appropriated Reserves in the amount of \$29,960.00 and

Increase Appropriation account G8130.291 - Sewage Treatment /Equipment in the amount of \$29,960.00

Roll Call vote: Trustee Becker - absent

Trustee Pruitt - aye

Trustee Refermat -aye

Trustee Casell- aye

Mayor Prucnal -aye

On the question: Trustee Casell asked if the amount should be \$9,960, as that is what it was above the budgeted amount? The transfer is for the total amount to be paid. 4 ayes, Carried.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Dennis Waziak, President of the Birch Creek Run Homeowners Association was present to thank the board for their support. Waziak had several questions on the matter for the board.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT**

**Superintendent Pruitt** the Exchange St. structure for the ECWA connection will be done in the spring. There are two bids out, one for Elm St. Reconstruction and the other the projects at the DPW garage. We will be converting to LED lights, giving us a cost

savings on bills. There will be 4 guys going to NYCOM. Milling and paving Mechanic, Railroad, Austin and Heisler will be done before Oct. 21.

**CEO Czechowski** – Wetzl development is progressing. Sent an email with the video of the site this development is designed after, please view the video. Will not be at the Oct. 11 meeting.

**Attorney Trapp** – we will not be finished with Better Buffalo before the end of the year.

**Trustee Refermat** –CEO and I worked on the Personnel Policy and will review it with Attorney Trapp. Would like to see us follow NYS Clean Air Act and have no smoking on any of the village owned property. Would recommend no smoking signs be posted. Would like an Executive Session for personnel excluding Trustee Pruitt.

**Trustee Pruitt**– any update on the bench warrant on Railroad? CEO - Court 10/3.

Superintendent Pruitt – sending letter no parking on ROW, towed at owners' expense.

Will send regular main and return receipt. Trustee Casell – is it a repair shop.

Superintendent Pruitt – NYS License to sell vehicles? No letter concerning zoning from the village to confirm.

**Trustee Casell** – thank you to the DPW, doing bulk pick up in the rain. Everything looks good, there is a lot going on.

**Mayor Prucnal** –Code Red is signed for 3 years. Met with Alden Central School Superintendent Stoltman and Town of Alden Supervisor Brett Sitzman concerning the school. There is a Diversity/Equality/Inclusion program in the school. Working on a family center for family issues with counselors, should open next year.

## **UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Casell to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel, at 7:58 pm. With a moment of silence for: Kim Lehman Smith. On the question – 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Casell to adjourn from Executive session at 8:38 p.m., On the question –no comment, 3 ayes, Carried. Trustee Pruitt was not in attendance for the remainder of the meeting. The Board then directed the Village Attorney to work with the Village of Springville for purposes of preparing an inter-municipal agreement with regard to the temporary sharing of a member of the Water & Sewer department.

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Casell to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m., On the question –no comment, 3 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk