

unApproved BOARD MINUTES November 10, 2020

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Casell, 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 Casell, Trustees Warmus, Prucnal & Kibbe, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, Shawn Eastland, Eugene Nuwer, Nicole Ryan – FreedMaxick, and the following representing the Lions Club: Spencer Vail, Michael Yost and Sharon Battaglia.

Absent: Trustee Overhoff,

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the minutes dated October 27, 2020. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated November 10, 2020.

Payroll	\$40,122.74
Abstract	\$35,965.37

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

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the following monthly reports: ACS Fuel, CEO, DPW, Court

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Erie County – map of COVID clusters, sales tax. NYS – NYCOM update & COVID protocols. ACS -Veteran’s celebration invitation. Town of Alden minutes. BC/BS rates for 2021. Cartagena information & correspondence, Letter from Susan Lorenzi, DPW Clerk co. insurance. LaBella concerning non-respondents for low income survey. Penflex information. RBC Wealth Management Portfolio. 2 applications for Planning Board. Request from Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to file as received all correspondence. On the question –4 ayes, Carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for November 10, 2020

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to re-levy to the County of Erie for collection of delinquent 2019-2020 village taxes in the amount of \$11,590.83. On the question –4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to adopt the following resolution:

Pursuant to section 15-104(3)(a) of the Election Law of the State of New York, please take notice that one (1) four year term for Village Justice and three (3) four year term for Village Trustee, will be vacant at the end of the current official year, and shall be filled at the Village election to be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 in the Community Room of Village Hall, 13336 Broadway, Alden, New York from 12 noon until 9:00 PM. no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the Alden Chamber of Commerce's request for the following: install 10 trees in Firemen's Park before December 7, electric to trees for Dec. 12 at 5 pm, removal of the trees after January 4, 2021 and installation of the snowflakes throughout the village prior to Dec. 12. no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve the fire/EMS calls for Oct. 24- Nov. 6, 2020. no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Nicole Ryan – FreedMaxick – overview of 2019-2020 audit.

The village has a solid net position for both Government and Business-type activities. General Fund \$2.1 Million, \$1 million, unassigned. 52% very healthy. Refuse \$215,000. Unrestricted -\$30,000. Sewer \$2.24million, \$135,000 unassigned, water \$1.6 million, -\$6,000 unassigned, ambulance \$225,000, \$12,000 unassigned. Need to watch reuse & ambulance. Trustee Warmus – to the new Trustees you need to watch Control Deficiencies. Mayor Casell we are working on them.

Sharon Battaglia addressed the board with the following prepared statement: Thank you for allowing us to come here to speak to you about the Lions Clubs. With me tonight are Spencer Vail and Mike Yost. My name is Sharon Battaglia, and we are members of the Lions Clubs in WNY which includes Niagara, Erie, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties. What are the Lion's Clubs? Basically, we are a group of people working together to make communities better places to work and live. We believe that kindness matters, and we can make a difference. More than 100 years ago we took up the mission of helping the blind and visually impaired, times have changed and so have we. We now focus our attention on whatever the needs of our community are. Clubs in WNY have helped screen eyes of children, given scholarships helped the hungry, collected winter wear for the homeless and those in need, cleaned parks and roadways, just to name a few. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 Pandemic has highlighted that every community faces significant opportunities for more service. The needs are greater than ever, and they will still be present when the pandemic goes away. 5 years ago, the Alden Lions Club closed. We think it is time to bring back the Lions – and the community service we provide – back to your community. We have contacted former members of the Alden club, some of the are waiting to hear how tonight goes -eager to serve and hoping there is support given to the idea. What do we need from you? We are here tonight to ask for your support and information. We are looking for names of people we should speak with, events we should attend and places we could be visible. We desire your perspective on the greatest community needs being faced in Alden and of course we would welcome any of you that would like to join us. Thank you again for your time. We are happy to answer any questions or hear your thoughts on how we can best re-establish Lions in Alden.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Attorney Trapp – the Judge is changing and combining nights, making large crowds, will talk to Mike Cole. Mayor Casell – other municipalities have decreased finances.

Superintendent Sitzman – WWIP contract 6 in final, Phase III start Dec./Jan., streetscape – wrapping up, refuse bid opening Nov. 19 – 3pm, ECWA moving forward. Leaves picked up while weather permitting.

Trustee Warmus – Birch Creek Pond is a mess, low regrade, causing safety concerns for everyone especially pets and children. Needs reinforcement. CEO Czechowski & Superintendent Sitzman will both check the requirements. Calling for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Board & attorney.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Emergency Contact System

Bike Path

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to adjourn from the Regular meeting at into Executive Session with a moment of silence for Franklin “Sunny” Landahl 7:48 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Prucnal, seconded by Trustee Kibbe to adjourn from the executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m.,

Motion by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Kibbe to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m.,

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk