

APPROVED BOARD MINUTES APRIL 11, 2013

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

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees Warmus, Mezydlo, Sitzman and Retzlaff, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Galbraith, Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski, Supt. Sitzman, Sue Johnson representing Senator Gallivan's office, Shawn Eastland, Dick Kegler, Eugene Nuwer, Dave Metz, Ryan Sheedy, Bob Overhoff, Barry Horton, Mr. & Mrs. Paternack, Ron Wargin, Betty Sitzman and Sue DeWitt.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2013 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated April 11, 2013. Carried

Payroll \$32,410.30

General Fund \$21,585.02

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Sitzman, to approve following monthly report for March: Justice, fire & ambulance fuel report, Fire/EMS department monthly report, Treasurer's, DPW and addendum for DPW. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Village Officials Assoc. Director's meeting notice on April 18 and synopsis of March 21 meeting, CERT training information, Alden Chamber of Commerce minutes from March 21, RBC portfolio statement for March 2013, NYS Dept. of Labor unemployment statement and reimbursable billing statement, NYS Dept. of Labor violation order, NYSDEC annual re-leaf conference notice, Child and Family Services leadership dialogue, pipeline safety seminar, NYCOM newsletter, Erie County Comptroller tax revenue reports and ECEMC representative request, NYCOM workshop information for Village Officials, SOS (save our society from drugs) informational brochure on medical marijuana, invitation to Hearts and Hands Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, sign request from Alden Central School, invitation to tour Public Safety Campus, Assoc. of Erie County Governments meeting notice and Alden Town Board minutes for April 1.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Sitzman, to file as received all correspondence. Carried

RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Motion April 11, 2013

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adopt the revised Procurement Policy. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve Alden Central Schools request to erect a sign in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from May 12 – May 21, to advertise for the upcoming budget vote on May 21. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Sitzman, to approve for payment Fire/EMS calls for payroll period dated March 23, 2013- April 5, 2013. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve the following properties as exempt from the requirements of Chapter 203 of the Code of the Village of Alden, as it pertains to the storage of unlicensed vehicles on said properties. All of the following have submitted appropriate request letters accompanied by valid New York State Department of Motor Vehicles licenses for this type of activity. Approval to expire March 31, 2014. Carried.

- Impala Brothers, 13409 Broadway
- MW Equipment Sales, 13448 Broadway
- D & S Automotive, 13450 Broadway
- Select Auto, 13374 Broadway
- Orlando DiCenso Auto Sales, 13429 Broadway

Susan Johnson, Community Representative for Senator Patrick M. Gallivan's office was present to let the board and the citizens know that they can contact her directly with concerns, needs, or issues the village board or citizens may have. Trustee Warmus asked if they have received a lot of calls concerning the SAFE Act. Ms. Johnson confirmed 2,000-3,000 calls and emails, 99% against the law. Senator Gallivan did not vote for the SAFE Act, as he feels it infringes on the 2nd amendment rights to have guns. Senator Gallivan's office is located at 2721 Transit Rd. Suite 116, Elma. The board thanked Sue for coming to the meeting.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Warmus to adjourn from the regular session to Public Hearing for proposed increase in water and sewer rates and O & M charges. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING WATER AND SEWER INCREASE

Proposed increases due to \$1.6 dollar capital water improvement project on well #3 & 4 and Elm St. renovations,

Water charge within village-increase from \$2.75 per thousand to \$3.15 per thousand.

Water charge outside village-increase from \$5.50 per thousand to \$6.30 per thousand.

Sewer charge within village-increase from \$5.30 per thousand to \$5.70 per thousand.

Sewer charge outside village-increase from \$10.60 per thousand to \$11.40 per thousand.

Sewer O & M rate charge-increase from \$10 to \$12 per quarter per unit.

John & Julie Pasternack – 1240 Exchange St., opinion is water is undrinkable and due to the hardness of the water is costly in repairs and replacement. Would like to see a survey of the residents on how they feel about the water quality. Feels, with repairs and other additional cost, the price is too high, should abandon wells and go to Erie County Water. “Never paid bills like this and it’s a terrible product.” Would like to see how much it would cost for water that is not hard, would pay three times the amount he pays now.

Mayor Manicki – we looked into other options, and held Public Hearings on the options. Buying bulk water from Erie County, turning our system over to Erie County, or embarking on the large Capital project. County would not take the system since some lines are 100 years old and upgrades would be too costly with not state of federal funding available, the capital project was the most cost effective solution.

Supt. Sitzman – explained 85% of people in the United States have hard water. If the system is turned over to Erie County Water Authority (ECWA), the resident are also responsible for any loss or leaks that occur, and hydrant repairs. Capital project to remove iron and manganese will help improve taste, along with new filter system.

Barry Horton – 1857 Lafayette Dr., stated the sewer rate in the village is twice that of Erie County, and the water is the hardest in WNY at 40 grams. Questioned why sewer is more expensive, and is being billed at 100%, when 100% does not go thru system. Erie County charges \$2.45/1,000 gallons. Would like to see combining services.

Mayor Manicki explained there is no other option when it comes to sewer, no public sewers we can hook into.

Trustee Sitzman showed a chart on comparative rates with neighboring municipalities.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn from the public hearing. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo seconded by Trustee Sitzman to enter into Public Hearing for the 2012-2013 Tentative Budget. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mayor Manicki reported on the tax levy for the 2013-2014 tax roll. Tax levy cap \$850,647, 2.68%, actual \$850,230, 2.63% which is under the 2% tax cap by \$417. Constant increases in NYS Retirement and Workers Comp cost are all effect the budget totals. Health Insurance cost has been controlled through the cooperation of our employee contribution and shopping insurance carriers.

Ron Wargin – 1621 Homecourt – in street maintenance, there is \$120,000 for a street plow. Village tax rate is higher than our town tax rates.

Mayor Manicki – there is money put away every year for equipment reserves and it does not effect the tax rate. Village resident pay a reduced town tax rate, partial assessment. Taking equalization into account.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn from the public hearing. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo seconded by Trustee Warmus to enter into Public Hearing for increase in garbage/refuse fee. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING GARBAGE/REFUSE INCREASE

Garbage/Refuse increase from \$178.17, to \$183.17 per unit. This is the first increase in 3 years, due to increase in tipping fees and personnel.

Richard Kegler – 1426 Mechanic, has recycling been pushed? Can we educate the public more?

Mayor Manicki – recycling has increased tonnage wise, need to try to do a newsletter to educate the residents.

Ron Wargin – sidewalk plow damages his lawn, and is interested in the large totes the town uses, to recycle every other week instead.

Supt. Sitzman – Modern Disposal does the recycling for the town, the totes would be a large expense for the village at \$50 per household. Have made changes to recycling, have increased plastics to #7, all recyclables go into one truck, recycle box board. Benefit to the residents, as we get paid \$10/ton and we pay \$49/ton to dispose of garbage.

Julie Pasternack – the village could do a better job at informing people with a yearly newsletter including a recycling guidelines, or an insert into the Advertiser.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo, and seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to adjourn from the public hearing. Carried

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Julie/John Pasternack – Semi's going up and down street all hours of the day and night. Anything we can do to get the weight changed on the road, to alleviate truck traffic.

Board members – County Road, has always been a truck route. Can write your local Legislature. Need a reason for requested weight change, as the village has no jurisdiction.

Julie Pasternack – very unsatisfied with ambulance service, her son received, referred to it as awful. Cost \$800, paid \$173 after insurance. Paid nothing to Marilla Ambulance, when they use them.

Ryan Sheedy – please call the fire chiefs if there is ever an issue.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

All departments thanked Trustee Angelo Daluisio for his time and commitment to the Village Board.

Attorney Trapp – working on paper work and deed for well #4

Supt. Sitzman – bulk trash pickup is April 29, will do repairs to road next week, yard waste will be picked up on Mondays thru fall, showed water samples dealing with iron and manganese removal.

Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak - Representatives from the Erie County Board of Elections reviewed the facilities for a possible grant for handicapped accessible doors for the back of the building, should know within one week.

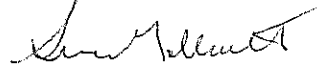
Trustee Sitzman – thanked the residents for expressing concerns and taking time to come to the meeting, welcomed Trustee Retzlaff.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

- Policy Manual Update-
- Surplus equipment to auction –

MOTION by Trustee Sitzman, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to adjourn the board meeting at 8:46 PM. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Galbraith, Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer