

Approved BOARD MINUTES May 9, 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: Casell, Pruitt and Becker, Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Dan Czelusta, Dennis Waziak, Patrick Cavanaugh, and Shawn Eastland.

Absent: . Trustee Refermat

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the minutes dated April 25, 2023. On the question, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated May 9, 2023.

Payroll \$ 40,408.36

Abstract \$67,360.30 On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the following monthly reports: DPW, court, E.C. Sheriff , and Building Inspector . On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

NYS – NYCOM – state budget updates, EFC grant information. Erie County – Association minutes, polling information and sales tax notification. Request from: Alden Community Church, St. John’s, and Alden Lancaster Art Club. RBC Wealth portfolio statement. Penflex, LOSAP submission.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for May 9, 2023

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the Erie County Board of Elections use of the Village Hall from 5:30 am – 9:30 pm for the following dates: Tuesday, June 27– Primary election Tuesday, November 7– General election. Also, to approve the Erie County Board of Elections use of the Village Hall for the following dates for early voting: Saturday, June 17th through Sunday, June 25th. Weekday polling hours will run from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will require access from 11:30 am until at least one-half hour after polls close. Saturday and Sunday polling hours will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will require access from 8:30 a.m. until at least one-half hour after polls close. Saturday, October 28th through Sunday, November 5th. Weekday polling hours will run from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will require access from 11:30 am until at least one-half hour after polls close. Saturday and Sunday polling hours will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will require access from 8:30 a.m. until at least one-half hour after polls close. On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve St. John’s the Baptist Lawn Fete’s request to place a sign in Firemen’s Bandstand Memorial Park from July 7- 16, 2023,

On the question: Trustee Casell – I think here re too many signs in the park. Ecker, Pruitt, Prucnal – ayes, Casell – nay. 3 ayes, 1 nay - carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the Sign Permit for the Alden Community Church (“Church”), 1400 Sullivan Road, for the purposes of conducting the Cross Over the Line Rodeo, as per submitted application.

On the question – CEO sign is for the duration of the event. 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the request from the Alden/Lancaster Art Club for the following: use the Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park on September 10 to hold their 65th annual outdoor fall art show from 7:30-4, have the bandstand open at 7:30 am and have access to electric, erect a sign in the park from September 1-10 and have the assistance of the DPW to erect the snow fencing on Sept 8.

On the question – Trustee Becker – how long does it take to put up the snow fence?

General Crew Chief Eastland – about 2 hours 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the court’s recommendation to hire Andrew Kuan as the Court Officer, pending passing background check and drug/alcohol testing. On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve hiring Jonathan Meyers as a Laborer, pending passing background check and drug/alcohol testing. On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve hiring Joshua Zelak, as a Laborer, pending passing background check and drug/alcohol testing. On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the chief of the Alden Fire Department’s request that the following be declared surplus and removed from the Fire Department inventory

- 2- Filing Cabinets
- 1- upper desk unit
- 1- manual stretcher
- 10- 2 ½” 100’ hose - Failed testing
- 19 1 ¾” 100’ hose - Failed Testing
- 13- SCBA masks
- 1 box- misc. air pack acc.
- 1- SCBA bottle
- 2- Jaws Hyd. Cutter
- 1- Jaws Hyd. Spreaders
- 6- Stream light light box
- 6- stream light flashlights
- 2 boxes -misc. Jaws, acc. (Hyd. Fittings, spreader teeth)
- 5 Bags- collapsible Cones
- 2- collapsible stretcher/backboard On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to authorize Mayor Prucnal to sign the 2022 Sponsor Authorization for the Service award Program. On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the following
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden has been home to many successful enterprises in its long history, and

WHEREAS, the Village is proud to count the Elwood Jordans Insurance Agency as a true corporate partner in the community which since its inception in or about 1875 by Frank Algers who protected his neighbors, friends, and business with insurance products until his retirement fifty years later, and

WHEREAS, after Andrew Smith joined the agency in 1928, the agency was purchased by Ladette G. Elwood who was later joined by Hans Jordans in 1952 with the agency still bearing the names of these two stalwarts of the Alden community, and

WHEREAS, community involvement is still a pillar supporting the fundamental core of the agency now owned by Brooks Bowman, a graduate of the Alden Central School District, past President of the Alden Chamber of Commerce, and a current Director of the Chamber, and

WHEREAS, the reach and commitment of the agency has been felt by the entire community for decades through its sponsorship of Alden Youth Baseball, ACTS, the Farmer’s Market, Chamber Scholarship Golf Tournament, and other various raffles and benefits, all of which add to the fabric of the life of the residents, and

WHEREAS, the Elwood Jordans Insurance Agency has long been recognized for its consistent fair and honest business practices,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT it is with a deep appreciation for the business commitment to Alden and the community service exhibited by the Elwood Jordans Insurance Agency and in recognition of the honor bestowed upon Brooks Bowman and his staff by the Alden Chamber of Commerce in naming the Elwood Jordans Insurance Agency as Business of the Year, it is the distinct pleasure that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden hereby proclaims May 10, 2023 as Elwood Jordans Insurance Agency Day in the Village of Alden.

Roll call vote- Trustee Becker- aye

Trustee Pruitt - aye

Trustee Refermat – absent

Trustee Casell – aye

Mayor Prucnal – aye On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the following
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, any community can be measured by the quality of its citizens and how they provide more than they receive, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden and the Town of Alden have been blessed over the years to have more than their fair share of individuals who have enriched the community, and

WHEREAS, the Alden Chamber of Commerce on behalf of all that is good and true in Alden annually selects an individual for the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award, and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Alden Economic Committee, member of the Town of Alden Master Plan Committee, Vice President and President of the Alden Chamber of Commerce, and Trustee, Vice President, and President of the Alden Historical Society, one Alden Central School District graduate who has remained in the community long after others have abandoned their roots, has been honored as the Distinguished Citizen, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gust, who graduated with honors in Economics from the State University of New York College at Buffalo and then began his career as a teller at the Alden State Bank before being elevated to the position of Vice President in charge of Deposit Operations in his hometown, possesses the qualities exemplified by other award winners,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT in recognition of Christopher Gust's nomination and selection as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year as determined by the Alden Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden proudly and humbly laud his achievements and hereafter proclaims May 11, 2023, as Christopher Gust Day in the Village of Alden.

Roll call vote- Trustee Becker - aye

Trustee Pruitt - aye

Trustee Refermat - absent

Trustee Casell - aye

Mayor Prucnal - aye On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Dennis Waziak - Birch Creek Run checking on FOIL request - CEO- will have it for him tomorrow. We would also like to be informed on court proceedings. Attorney Trapp - you can file a motion with the court, to intervene in the action, as you have a vested interest in the litigation. THE CEO can correspond with you on the progress

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Galbraith - the newest banners (42 of them) are being proofed at this time. Taxes will be mailed out June 1st.

CEO Czechowski - Irving St property does not have an illegal driveway to Lindan Ave., no indication of a business being run out of there, will keep an eye on it. Executive session to discuss litigation.

Mayor Prucnal - Elm St. progressing, DPW guys are doing an excellent job, especially since they are short hand.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT with a moment of silence for Frank J. Tichy, Jr.

Motion by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Becker, to enter into an Executive Session to discuss negotiations at 7:55 p.m., On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Casell to adjourn from the executive session at 8:22 p.m., On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Becker to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:23 p.m., On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk