

Approved BOARD MINUTES June 27, 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: Pruitt, Casell, Refermat and Becker, Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Patrick Cavanaugh, Kyle Kavanaugh, Dan Czulesta and Dave Metz.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the minutes dated June 6, 2023. On the question, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the minutes dated June 13, 2023. On the question, 3 ayes, 2 abstain – Refermat & Casell. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the minutes dated June 21, 2023. On the question, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve payment bills on abstract dated June 13, 2023.

Payroll	\$ 44,346.45
Abstract	\$60,798.00

On the question, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the following monthly reports: Fire, DPW and Planning Board. On the question –no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Becker, to adjourn the regular meeting and to enter into the Public Hearing, 7:35 pm. Carried.

Public Hearing – Home Occupancy Permits (HOP)

CEO Czechowski explained that this is a yearly process to consider renewal.

There is currently only on HOP in the village.

CEO Czechowski, explained there were no written or verbal comments received Regarding the issue of the following renewal and there was no public comment.

The Cutting Image	1730 Meadow Dr.	Renee Hoffman
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On the question –5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to adjourn from the Public Hearing and re-enter into the regular meeting, 7:37 pm. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Erie County: Assoc. of Erie County Gov. minutes. NYS: NYCOM – update. Request Alden Ladies auxiliary, attorney Trapp co cell tower location request.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Becker to file as received all. correspondence. On the question –5 ayes, Carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for June 27, 2023

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to authorize Mayor Prucnal to sign the indemnification Agreement with the Town for the car show. On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the request of the Alden Ladies Auxiliary to use the Village Hall (Community & Board rooms) on November 3rd, 2023, to hold a Trivia Night Event. On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the Fire/EMS calls for June 3-16, 2023. On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the changes to Section 402 (Residency Preference) of the Village of Alden Personnel Policy as follows:

402 Procedure for Filling Vacancies

Residency Preference – In the event there is a vacancy in a new or existing position, which the Village intends to maintain, the preference will be that vacancies will **first** be filled by residents of the Village. It is sometimes recognized, however, that a resident of the Village or Town of Alden may either not be available or may not be the most qualified candidate thereby necessitating that the Village hire from elsewhere within the County of Erie. Exceptions to this may be made by the Village Board, based upon the needs of the position. **For certain positions, it is hereby specifically recognized, however, that the best candidate to satisfy the needs of the position may not be a resident of either the Village or Town of Alden.** All employees shall be required to live within the corporate limits of the Village or Town of Alden, ~~It is recognized that certain positions,~~ especially those within the Department of Public Works, **which** by the nature of their duties, require a residence within the jurisdictional limits of Alden **in order to provide necessary services, especially for emergency situations. Other positions, . That other positions,** however, due to the nature of their duties, **residency in Alden** that residency may not be necessary as **so** determined by the Board of Trustees **on a case by case basis. Individuals may be afforded time to move into the jurisdiction, if necessary.** On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to renew the Home Occupation Permits for the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
The Cutting Image	1730 Meadow Dr.	Renee Hoffman On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve a sign permit for The Pink Cow Emporium, 13121 Broadway, as per submitted application. On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to accept with regrets, the resignation of DPW Clerk, Joelle Sledz, effective July 14, 2023. On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve Nussbaumer & Clarke Inc. to coordinate bid process for Well Site #1 improvements. On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve Nussbaumer & Clarke Inc. to coordinate bid process for Main Street sewer repair/modification. On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to authorize Mayor Prucnal to sign & send a letter of support for grant funding for the Western New York Stormwater Coalition. On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the preliminary and formal site plan for the Alden State Bank, 13216 Broadway, with the following conditions:

- 1) Updated site plan must be submitted to the Village of Alden for review.
 - 2) All items contained in the Memorandum dated May 17, 2023, from the Village of Alden Planning Board to the Village Board of Trustees must be addressed to the satisfaction of the Village of Alden, with the following exception:
 - A. At the applicant's request, the requirement for approval from the New York State Department of Transportation may remain as a condition of final site plan approval, understanding that lack of NYS DOT approval for the submitted plan may result in additional reviews and approvals needed by the Village of Alden.
 - 3) No building permit shall be issued until all of the above items are satisfied.
- On the question – Trustee Refermat – formal site plan? Conditional only on NYSDOT? Trustee Casell – do not like to approve with conditions, we get into a jam. CEO Czechowski – we can approve it now with conditions or wait and approve. Cannot get a permit until eligible. 5 ayes, carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Galbraith – taxes due July 3.

CEO Czechowski – tracking Alden State Bank site plan, emailing Personnel Policy to the board, Birch Creek Run, working on it.

Attorney Trapp – Gamma is confused on their tax bill, but it has already been paid. Mayor Prucnal – having another issue with oil being dumped illegally on Friday and Saturday nights. Sent in a sample, to see what kind of oil it is. It appears to be Broadway. & W. Main St. areas.

Trustee Refermat - thank you to the volunteer rescue squad at the rodeo and the car show (July 30). Did we receive the \$1,000 escrow check from the car show yet? We should be compensated for the DPW guys work for the car show. School is out, obey the Pedestrian Crossing signs. Dave Metz – the intensity needs to be increased at the Emerson/Broadway crossing, people do not stop.

Trustee Casell – referring to an earlier complaint from a Lindan resident, there is an Air B&B advertised on Irving St. CEO Czechowski – it is in court. Trustee Casell – it is a dangerous area to walk.

Trustee Becker - passed out descriptions on Working Crew Chief and General Crew Chief. With the DPW Clerk leaving, we need to hire soon. Any decision on the CDL licensing issue? Trustee Pruitt – I was confused by the DPW Coordinator position. Mayor Prucnal – we already voted on it.

Trustee Becker excused himself from the meeting, as he had a prior commitment

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Casell to enter into an Executive Session to discuss negotiations 7:55 p.m., On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Casell to approve the salary increase for CEO Czechowski to \$86,939.20 On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Refermat, to adjourn the Executive Session and re -enter the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m., On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m., On the question – no comment 4 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk