

Approved BOARD MINUTES August 22, 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 and Refermat, Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Dick Kegler, Ralph Sharpe and Working Crew Chief Patrick Cavanaugh

Absent - Trustee Becker

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the minutes dated August 8, 2023, On the question - 4 ayes carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve payment bills on abstract dated August 22, 2023.

Payroll	\$41,729.21
Abstract	\$119,650.26

On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the following monthly reports: DPW report for July, court for July, RBC Wealth Management and EMS?Fire. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Acknowledgement from FEMA that we will not appeal the denial of funding for the November 2023 storm reimbursement submission. Erie County – Association of Erie County Government minutes and agenda and sales tax remittance, 9.56% higher than last year. Correspondence – from Trustee Becker explaining personal opinion on hiring positions for the village. Requests from Alden Community Scholarship Foundation for use of village park, CEO Czechowski – memorandum concerning Preliminary Site Plan for New 2 You and Marzec Development. Town of Alden agenda and information concerning the name of Lindan, whether it is a street or avenue.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Pruitt to file as received all correspondence. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for August 22, 2023

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve The Alden Hook and Ladder request to vote Gregory Kent into Fire membership as approved by the company. On the question - 4 ayes carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve Alden Community Scholarship Foundation's request to hold a chicken BBQ, in the Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park on Thursday, October 12th from 2-6pm, and a sign in the park from October 2nd – 12th. On the question - 4 ayes carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the request to erect 1 sign in Firemen's Bandstand Memorial Park from May 13-20, to advertise the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 21, 2024.

ON the question – they requested 2 signs, but every year we ask them to let either St. Aidan's or the garden club have a spot to advertise their plant sale/auction. Trustee Casell – signs and more signs in our beautiful park, use digital sign to advertise instead - 3 ayes Pruitt, Refermat, Prucnal, nay – Casell. carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to modify the 4-25-23 approval of a Special Event Sign request for Alden MHC LLC, 13515 Broadway, to add three additional dates: 9/30-23, 10/14/23, 10/28/23. On the question - 4 ayes carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the Mobile Home Park License for the period of September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024 for Alden MHC LLC, 13535 Broadway, with the following conditions:

- 1) Potholes/patching/paving work must be completed by September 30, 2023.
- 2) Skirting and house numbering work must be completed by September 30, 2023.

The Village of Alden will perform inspections as necessary to determine completion of the above items. Failure to complete said items within the required timeframes may affect the status of the Mobile Home Park License. On the question – Trustee Reformat – this is the last extension for these items, At the August 8 meeting, the deadline was Sept, 13, now it is the 30th. What repercussions do we have? CEO – if not complete no license 4 ayes carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pruitt and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the Mobile Home Park License for the period of September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024 for Bayview of Alden, 13391 Broadway, with the following conditions:

- 1) Potholes/patching/paving work must be completed by September 30, 2023.
- 2) Skirting and house numbering work must be completed by September 30, 2023.

The Village of Alden will perform inspections as necessary to determine completion of the above items. Failure to complete said items within the required timeframes may affect the status of the Mobile Home Park License. On the question – Trustee Reformat – who is doing the inspections? CEO – just me, as we do not have a Superintendent of Public Works. 4 ayes carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Pruitt, to approve the request by Marzec Home and Land LLC for a waiver of site plan fees for the portion of the undevelopable property as outlined in his request letter, as provided for in A220, Fees. On the question – CEO - the correct deductible would be on 65.77 acres. 4 ayes carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Richard Kegler – Mechanic St. Thanked Trustee Reformat for answering his questions from April. Questioned the ability of the school being able to calculate the amount of road salt they use, as they have a key and can obtain salt nights and weekends. As a water customer, can I calculate my own water bill? What happens when they empty the schools salt water pool? If it all gets dumped at once it is harmful o small municipalities. Also, after the rain storm mud was flowing down Slade Dr. into the storm water drain from the Wetzl Development. Don't you require a fence to prevent this? CEO Czechowski – engineers contacted, stabilizer not replaced quick enough they were written up. Kegler – pharmacy water main break, are you charging the contractor? Are they replacing the sidewalk with blacktop? House on W. Main was a single and is now a double, 6" sidewalks? CEO – specifications and authorization with Superintendent of Public Works, no DPW permits are issued due to that fact. Trustee Casell – can we appoint a designee? Kegler – the board should walk around this village, a lot of sidewalks are in terrible shape, especially when enlarging driveways, make time to walk. Marie's handicapped ramp, cement is broken. In front of the historical society is a trip hazard. What are you waiting for? I know you are short handed.

Ralph Sharpe – Willow Woods – Why are you not securing funding for water lines, there is millions of dollars out there for infrastructure. The residents have to take it one more time for the village. Mayor – a lot of debt and includes sewer. Cayuga Creek water district has to pay \$1,800 in taxes for

30 years, Water District 5 is \$2,000 for 30 years. The grants are usually matching grants, so the grant may pay 25% and then the village has to come up with the 75%. We relined the sewer line to prevent ground water to save money. Sharpe - you are not answering my question. Trustee Casell – we do go after grants for infrastructure, trying to get money for years. We have a \$4 million WWTP improvement grant and Crittenden well site improvement grant. Sharpe – cannot afford village water, I am retired and on social security, why don't we get Erie County water? Trustee Casell – if we go with ECWA your bill will be even more. Sharpe – no one has gardens or flowers because they can't afford to pay their water bills. What happens when you can't pay your bill? Mayor – it gets re-levied onto your taxes. Sharpe - Realtor told us not to say anything about the water, won't sell. People end up in jail concerning reports. Conspiracy Theorist. Have done shit to get fresh water to the house. Trustee Casell – if we go to ECWA, it will increase your bill. Sharpe – my wife gets sick form the water. You are making me look like an asshole. At that point Mr. Sharpe left the meeting.

Patrick Cavanaugh, Working Crew Chief – Dan Czelusta, Sr. WWTP Operator, and I have took responsibility with the current situation. We noticed things were missing in the DPW office. Does someone else have a key? Trustee Casell – do you have cameras? No. Mayor – Erik has a key, he let me in. Trustee Casell – we need to audit the key system and possibly change keys. These keys should not be duplicated.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

CEO Czechowski -I will be at training, so will not be at the next meeting

Attorney Trapp -will check street scape file concerning the ramp.

Trustee Refermat - health insurance rates are anticipated to increase by 28%. Went to Maple Ride to check on the intensity of the street lights, there is no issue there. Calling for an Executive Session for personnel.

Trustee Casell- ECWA connection on Exchange? Cavanaugh – was only temporary, the permanent structure should be up before the end of September.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to enter into an Executive Session 8:23 pm. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Refermat to adjourn from executive session at 8:47 p.m., On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Pruitt to rescind the motion authorizing the hiring of a DPW Coordinator, On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Pruitt, seconded by Trustee Refermat to direct the Village Clerk to contact the Erie County Department of Personnel to obtain the Civil Service list for Superintendent of Public Works and to otherwise advertise for such position, On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Refermat to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m., On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk