

## Approved BOARD MINUTES September 12, 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: Becker, Casell and Refermat, Attorney Trapp, Clerk Galbraith, and Sr. WWTP Operator, Dan Czelusta.

Absent - Trustee Pruitt, CEO Czechowski,

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the minutes dated August 22, 2023, On the question - 4 ayes carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve payment bills on abstract dated September 12, 2023.

Payroll	\$32531.30
Abstract	\$101,218.46

On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the following monthly reports for August: DPW report, CEO, court and EMS/Fire. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Town of Alden – agenda. CEO Czechowski – MHP inspection notification requirements and own inspection log. Attorney Trapp – letter to Plaza owner concerning lift station and maintenance obligations. Request from ACS for parade route and signage. ASAC use of firemen’s park. Anonymous suggestion to control traffic. Erie County – sales tax, Disaster Preparedness Board agenda, Village Officials Agenda, Association of Erie County Governments, CDBG seminars. FEMA – funds approaching exhaustion. NYS – concerning the Inflation Reduction Act, comprehensive inspection of WWTP, NYCOM advocacy update, WNY STOrmwate Coalition minutes, EFC Green Mountain change order NYSEG acknowledgement of new service at 13395 Maple Ridge and RBC Wealth Management account summary

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

### Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for September 12, 2023

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the request from the Alden Substance Abuse Coalition as follows: Halloween Spooktacular banner on the Gazebo in the Alden Fireman’s Park on October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 and to decorate the Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park for Halloween September 28<sup>th</sup>-November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. On the question –3 ayes-Refermat, Becker, Prucnal, 1-Nay – Casell. Carried

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the request from the Alden High School to hold the annual Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 13, 2023. The parade begins at 6:15 pm at the high school and goes along the following route: Park St. right to Baxter Ave, right to Irving St., right to Emerson and left to Park St to High school. They also request we block off these streets in anticipation of the parade. On the question – the sheriff’s dept. usually takes care of traffic control, 4 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the request for the Alden Central School District to erect 1 sign in Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from November 27 – December 7<sup>th</sup> to advertiser for a capital project vote on December 6, 2023. On the question - Trustee Becker, would like to allow only 1 sign, instead of 2, motion has been modified to reflect this change with

consent of the two Trusts who first approved the motion. On the question –3 ayes-Refermat, Becker, Prucnal, 1 Nay – Casell. Carried

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to allow the Employer Education Unit of the New York State Retirement System to conduct an employer education seminar at the Village of Alden Municipal Building Community Center with the following information:

- NYSLRS will have use of a Village of Alden meeting room at no cost
- The physical address of the facility is 13336 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004
- NYSLRS presenters will have access to the meeting room from 8:00am - 4:00pm on **Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>** (the seminars will run from approximately 9:00am - 3:30pm)
- The meeting room will be set up with tables and chairs to comfortably accommodate approximately **50** people
- A screen (or blank wall) will be available to project the presentation on
- There is ample parking for attendees (and the NYSLRS representatives) On the question – 4 ayes Carried

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Referma, to approve the recommendation of the engineers from Nussbaumer Clarke, to accept the bid of \$76,750.00 by Milherst Construction, Inc. for the West Main Street Sewer System Improvement Project.

Roll call vote: Trustee Becker- aye  
Trustee Pruitt- absent  
Trustee Refermat-aye  
Trustee Casell-aye  
Mayor Prucnal-aye On the question – 4 ayes Carried

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to schedule a Public Hearing on October 10, 2023@7:35 pm regarding Community Development Block Grant funds in the Village of Alden. On the question – 4 ayes Carried

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the appointment of Justine Jarczewski, as the DPW Clerk, probationary permanent, pending pre-employment testing. Start date: TBD probationary date ends 6 months from hire date., pay \$19/hr. On the question – Trustee Casell – no residency requirements? Clerk Galbraith – the board listed as town or village of Alden residency preferred, but as no one on the Civil Service list is from Alden, it was waived.

Roll call vote: Trustee Becker-aye  
Trustee Pruitt-absent  
Trustee Refermat-aye  
Trustee Casell-aye  
Mayor Prucnal-aye On the question – 4 ayes Carried

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve hiring temporary part time help for the DPW at an hourly rate of \$22.50, not to exceed 19 hours. On the question – 4 ayes Carried

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Antonia Tigani – the traffic on Emerson from Park is terrible from 7-9am. Can we make Emerson a no left turn from 7-9 am on school days? Mayor Prucnal – we have talked to Adam Stoltman about it. You can go down Park St. and go thru the park. Trustee Casell – there is also parking on both sides of the street, causing problems. Talked about putting radar signs on the street.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT**

Attorney Trapp -nothing from Airosmith concerning building a cell tower on the property east of Cherry Tree Lane. Notice from an incident on E. LaRay , not in our jurisdiction. Chris and his son Joe have information available from their recent training in Saratoga.

**Trustee Refermat** - the board received an anonymous letter concerning speeding in the village. The board are doing their due diligence. It is in the hands of the law enforcement agencies.

**Trustee Casell-** road and sidewalks need to be addressed from Irving between Westcott & Crittenden, they are unsafe and gutter need to be installed, and then Mercer should be next. Dan Czelusta – if we do Irving, we need to replace the small, outdated water main.

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 p.m.,  
On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk