

Approved BOARD MINUTES January 9, 2024.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to enter into an Executive Session 6:52 p.m., to discuss personnel. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Kibbe, seconded by Trustee Becker, to exit the Executive Session at 7:28 pm., On the question – 4 ayes, carried.

The regular meeting of the Village of Alden Board of Trustees was held in the Municipal Building, 13336 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004.

MEETINGS TO DATE: Regular meetings 14, special meetings 0

Attendance:		Attended / Absent
Loren Prucnal,	Mayor	14 / 0
Mary Refermat,	Trustee/ Deputy Mayor	12/2
Doug Becker,	Trustee	11 / 3
Mark Casell,	Trustee	10 / 4
Theron Kibbe,	Trustee	3 / 0

Also Present:

Sue Galbraith	Clerk/Treasurer
Joe Czechowski	CEO/Building Inspector
Chris Trapp	Attorney
Patrick Cavanaugh	Working Crew Chief
Dan Czelusta	Sr. WWTP Operator
Albert Boucher	Mechanic
Josh Zelak	Laborer
Brenda & John Cieszki	Residents
Kenneth Galbraith	Resident

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

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the minutes from the December 26, 2023, meeting. On the question - no comment 4 ayes

MOTION by Trustee Becker seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve payment bills on abstract dated January 9, 2024.

Payroll	\$39,249.77
Abstract	\$81,330.71

On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the following reports: RBC Wealth Management profile, Court, DPW, Building Inspector monthly and yearly. Ethics Committee Annual. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Erie County – Sales tax for 4th qtr. 2023 - \$104,561.71, ECWA minute and Association of Erie County Governments meeting and dues invoice. NYS – NYCOM – webinar for

new officials. Granny town Gazette, Town Agenda. Sales quote for Vac-All dual seer AS-13C from Guthrie Sales and Service for \$482,904.83 and a request from the Village of Springville for a one-year extension for the Inter-municipal Agreement.

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

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for January 9, 2024

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve Graybar to update the Village Hall at a rebate savings of \$773.49 and Substation at a cost of \$758.55. The total being a rebate total of \$14.91. **ON** the question – Trustee Becker – who will be doing the labor? Working Crew Chief Cavanaugh – we will. 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, and seconded by Trustee Becker, to extend the intermunicipal agreement with Springville for the Grade 3 sewer operator ending December 31st, 2024. On the question, no comment, 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to authorize Clerk Galbraith to destroy all outdated records following NYS Sara regulations. On the question, no comment, 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to set a public hearing February 13, 2024, at 7:35 PM in Village Hall to hear comments on Local Law #1-2024, exceeding the tax cap for budgetary purposes as required by New York State. On the question, no comment, 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve hiring Brendan M. Bruce, as a Laborer at a rate of \$22.50/Hr. , pending background check and drug & alcohol testing results. On the question, no comment, 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve hiring Dakota G. Booth, as a Laborer at a rate of \$22.50/Hr. , pending background check and drug & alcohol testing results. On the question, no comment, 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve hiring Carson J. Burke, as a Laborer at a rate of \$22.50/Hr. , pending background check and drug & alcohol testing results. On the question, no comment, 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve Mayor Prucnal's signature on the intermunicipal agreement with the County of Erie for the \$30,000 Municipal Planning Grant for the Comprehensive Plan. On the question, no comment, 4 ayes, carried.

Municipal Cooperation Resolution motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe

WHEREAS, New York Municipal Law, Article 5-g, section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages,

and districts to enter in to, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, power and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS the Village of Alden, New York, wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporation and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019.

WHEREAS the Village of Alden, New York wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Loren Prucnal, Mayor of the Village of Alden, New York is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS PROGRAM UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and restated as of March 28, 2019.

Roll Call vote: Trustee Becker-aye

Trustee Kibbe-aye

Trustee Casell-absent

Trustee Refermat-aye

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

MOTION BY Trustee Refermat and seconded by trustee Kibbe, to advertise for a full time Deputy Clerk at a salary between \$34,000 to \$48,000 per year. On the question, no comment, 4 ayes, carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

CEO Czechowski -awarded a \$30,000 Municipal Planning Grant for the Comprehensive Plan. Will have to form a committee. Annual report – 145 building permits collecting \$70,645.00 with a projected total cost of \$11,959,421.21, the highest number of permits issued in a year since Joe has been here. Also, 8 sign permits for \$805.00.

Attorney Trapp – gave a warning that the state is cracking down on /masking to CDL drivers.

Trustee Refermat – Gamma had an auction, any updates. No. I will not be at the January 23 meeting.

Mayor Prucnal – will be gone from Feb. 21-23, 2024.

Trustee Becker – will not be at the March 26 meeting.

Fire Dept. – had 533 calls for 2023

There are two work sessions scheduled for budget discussions: Tuesday Feb. 6 & Feb. 20, 6 pm, Municipal Building.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:42p.m., with a moment of silence for Brenda Zosh. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,

Village Clerk