

Approved BOARD MINUTES January 23, 2024.

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 15, special meetings 0

Attendance:		Attended / Absent
Loren Prucnal,	Mayor	15 / 0
Mary Refermat,	Trustee/ Deputy Mayor	12/3
Doug Becker,	Trustee	12/ 3
Mark Casell,	Trustee	11 / 4
Theron Kibbe,	Trustee	4 / 0

Also Present:

Sue Galbraith	Clerk/Treasurer
Joe Czechowski	CEO/Building Inspector
Chris Trapp	Attorney
Patrick Cavanaugh	Working Crew Chief
Brenda Cieszki	Residents

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 Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024, meeting. On the question - no comment 3 ayes- Becker, Kibbe and Prucnal. I abstain - Casell

MOTION by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve payment bills on abstract dated January 23, 2024.

Payroll	\$46,572.16
Abstract	\$37,766.51

On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Information from Andrew Trevisani concerning upgrades to phones and computers. Request from Alden Car Truck and Cycle Show and St. Aidan's. notice from United Farm Family concerning the fire on Crittenden in Town of Alden. Rite Aid bankruptcy information. RBC Wealth update. Town of Alden agendas. Erie County – Municipal Planning Grant awarded for \$30,000, Association of Erie County Governments, January sales tax, Erie County consortium meeting notice.

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 23, 2024

MOTION by Trustee Becker, and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the request from the Alden Car, Truck and Cycle Show, July 28 as follows: use of West Main St. from Community Center to the corner of West Main Street and Broadway and The Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park. Road sign for no parking the night before, from West Main St. By the park to Broadway, to have show cars on West Main Street.

Roadblocks for West Main St./Broadway, West Main St. up to the Community Center and church to Broadway and a dumpster for Gazebo Park.

MOTION by Trustee Casell, and seconded by Trustee Becker, to authorize Mayor Prucnal to sign the agreements with the Alden Car, Truck and Cycle Show, which includes an Escrow Agreement, subject to the village attorney's review.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve Superintendent Fleck's recommendation to promote Austin Kremer to the position of MEO (Motor Equipment Operator) effective 1/24/2024 at a rate of \$24.53. Should be \$27.42. approved with this correction.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe, and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve St. Aidan's to use the Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park for their annual plant sale from May 17 & 18, 2024 and request to erect a sign in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from May 9-19 to advertise their annual plant sale. On the question – Trustee Becker – I thought the signs were for only 1 week. Clerk Galbraith - No, 10 days

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe 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 25– Primary election Tuesday, November 5– 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 15th through Sunday, June 23rd. 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 26th through Sunday, November 3rd. 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.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Casell, to authorize Andrew Trevisani and TechNetMSP to examine and catalog all village IT systems and hardware and make recommendations with respect to future needs. The amount not to exceed \$3,000.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Brenda Cieszki – Exchange St. any code changes to enforce metal roof runoffs and snow stops? When the neighbor's snow melts it puts 2-3 ' of snow into my driveway, that I need to clean up. CEO Czechowski – there are no requirements in the NYS Building Code. Attorney Trapp – cannot add in terms of roof replacement but a possible local law for property maintenance, causing harm? The Attorney and DEO will look into it.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

CEO Czechowski -all yearly reports filed and submitted. Executive Session for personnel.

Superintendent of Public Works Fleck – well #1 is running, building all most complete. Then on to the 2nd well- weather permitting. DPW did an excellent job, thank you. Looking forward to new hires starting.

Attorney Trapp – will respond to the NYS variance for Broadway in the town that list the Village of Alden and The Village of Akron CEO approval. It is in the town only and they need to clarify this ASAP and send written proof that the village has nothing to do with it.

Trustee Casell – where are we with the DPW contract and FOIL request? We want to get this all settled. Attorney Trapp – sent to Teamsters Jan. 11 with the computation for schedule/wages, have not heard back. Working Crew Chief Cavanaugh – a lot of words not matching , causing confusion. Attorney Trapp – I cut and pasted, changes in red. Let me know if need any clarifications.

Mayor Prucnal – thanked the DPW for the excellent job they did with the snow removal. We had 12 people shelter in place at the hall, 4 spent the night. There was a Code Red sent out seeking volunteers. There will be a follow up meeting with the village, town, OEM, and fire chiefs, as plans are lacking. Trustee Casell – Town Line Lutheran Church is no longer an emergency shelter? If they are, they need funding for a backup generator. Mayor Prucnal – probably not since there is no generator. Is probably going to be the town hall.

Clerk Galbraith - There are two work sessions scheduled for budget discussions: Tuesday Feb. 6 & Feb. 20, 6 pm, Municipal Building. Water bills come out Feb. 1.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Casell, to enter into an Executive Session 8:01 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 8:40 pm., and return to the regular meeting. On the question – 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to set Sue Galbraith’s health insurance contribution back to 15%, as it was in the past, and to reimburse her the 10% more charged for the time period. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m., with a moment of silence for Howard “Pete” Sweet. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk