

Approved BOARD MINUTES February 27, 2024.

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

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: Kibbe, Casell Refermat and Becker, Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent Fleck, Patrick Cavanaugh, Joelle Sledz and Brenda Cieszki.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2024, meeting. On the question – no comment. 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve payment bills on abstract dated February 27, 2024.

Payroll \$50,599.08

Abstract \$31,766.51

On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Requests from Alden Garden Club, Dollars for Scholars, and Meals on Wheels. Resignation from Susan Schumacher. Application from Kyle Kavanagh, for the Alternate Crossing Guard position. Town of Alden agenda. NYS NYCOM requesting a motion to increase state AIM funding and Restore NY program launch. Association of Erie County Governments minutes and agendas, sales tax revenue and sanitary code,

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to file as received all correspondence. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for February 27, 2024

MOTION by Trustee Becker, and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the following for the Alden Dollars for Scholars Foundation: use of village street to hold 17th annual 5k race on Thursday, June 6 at 6 pm and erect 2 signs in Firemen’s Memorial bandstand Park from May 27 – June 6, 2024. On the question – Trustee Casell – will this also appear on the digital sign? yes. 4 ayes Prucnal, Becker, Kibbe and Refermat, Nay Casell, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to adopt Local Law #1-2024 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established under General Municipal Law section 3-C.

Roll call vote: Trustee Becker - aye

Trustee Kibbe -aye

Trustee Refermat - aye

Trustee Casell -aye

Mayor Prucnal -aye On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve a Special Event Sign request for Alden Village Estates, 13515 Broadway, as per submitted application. Dates are 3/16, 4/14, 4/27, 5/11, 5/19, 6/9, 6/22, 2024. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve changes to the previously approved site plan for Wetzl Development, Slade Drive, as per submitted plans and documents. Includes changes to the curbing in private areas of the development and changes to the water meter enclosures. On the question –no comment. 4 ayes Prucnal, Becker, Kibbe and Refermat, Nay Casell, carried

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve Alden Meals on Wheels, to place a sign in Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from March 7-17, 2024, to advertise their Corned Beef dinner. On the question –no comment. 4 ayes Prucnal, Becker, Kibbe and Refermat, Nay Casell, carried

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve Alden Garden Club to place a sign in Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from May 5-15, 2024. On the question –no comment. 4 ayes Prucnal, Becker, Kibbe and Refermat, Nay Casell, carried

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve Kyle Kavanaugh to the position of Alternate Crossing Guard. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to accept the resignation of Susan Schumacher from the Planning Board. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve Superintendent Fleck’s appointment of Susan Schumacher to the position of Part Time DPW Clerk. On the question – 4 ayes, Becker, Kibbe, Casell and Prucnal, nay – Refermat. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve Superintendent Fleck’s request to promote Patrick Cavanaugh to General Crew Chief, effective 2/14/2024 at a rate of \$35.23/hr. On the question – was approved 2/13/2024 with wrong rate. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, Kibbe, Casell, Refermat, Prucnal, abstain – Becker. carried.

MOTION by Trustee ‘Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the DPW Union contract. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Superintendent of Public Works Fleck – two wells are coming along. Continuing to update the CEO office. Checking with engineers on bandstand question.

Attorney Trapp Executive Session personnel.

Trustee Refermat – thank you to Bryce, Chief, for inviting us to a fire dept tour, but we should wait till after the election. I did not pass the motion to hire Susan Schumacher, because I was not invited to sit in on the interview. Superintendent Fleck – I apologize. Refermat – I am on the personnel committee, and I take my position very seriously.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to enter into an Executive Session 7:42 p.m., to discuss personnel. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker, to exit the Executive Session at 8 pm., and enter into a work session. On the question – 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Reformat, to adjourn the work session at 9 :14 p.m., and exit the regular meeting, with a moment of silence for Leonard Olesky. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk