

**Approved BOARD MINUTES March 12, 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, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Galbraith, Superintendent Fleck, Patrick Cavanaugh, Josh Zelak, Randall and Debra Crist and Brenda Cieszki.

Absent: Attorney Trapp

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024, meeting. On the question – no comment. 5 ayes, Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Kibbe seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve payment bills on abstract dated March 12, 2024.

Payroll	\$70,181.79
Abstract	\$419,099.26

On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Refermat seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the following reports: Court & Building Inspector. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Resident complaint, people parking over sidewalk on Exchange St., causing safety hazard. RBC Wealth portfolio review. PERMA audit report. Erie County: Village Officials meeting notice, ACH payment for re-levied taxes, sales tax and Association of Erie County Government meeting, NYS – NYCOM advocacy update and Lobby Day, suggested resolution to request increase in AIM funding. Town of Alden agenda. Information on Cornell roads program. Request from Alden Hook & Ladder and notice of award of JCAP funding for IT Equipment.

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

**Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for March 12, 2024**

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the following

**BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Alden Fire Department has received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security ‘Assistance to Firefighters’ program, and

**WHEREAS**, the grant is to be used for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (air packs), with a local match of 5%,

**WHEREAS**, the Village has included \$10,000.00 in the 2023-2024 General Fund budget for purchase of air packs to be paid from the Fire Department reserve, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby directed to amend the 2023-2024 General Fund budget as follows:

Increase General Ledger account A511 – Appropriated Reserves in the amount of \$6,156.29 and

Increase Revenue account A4389 – Federal Aid, Other Public Safety in the amount of \$323,125.71

and Increase Appropriation account A3410.280 – Fire Department/Air Packs in the amount of \$329,282.00

On the question: Trustee Casell – this is a confusing resolution. Needs to be clearer. Mayor Prucnal - \$6,156.29 will be coming out of reserves. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the Village Clerk’s request that all unpaid delinquent water and sewer accounts be re-levied to the 2024-2025 village taxes. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Reformat and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to set a Public Hearing March 26 at 7:35 pm to hear comments regarding the increase in refuse fees. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Reformat, to set a Public Hearing March 26 at 7:40 pm to hear comments regarding the increase in water and sewer rates. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Casell, to set a Public Hearing March 26 at 7:55 pm to hear comments regarding the 2024-2025 Tentative Budget. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Becker and seconded by Trustee Reformat, to approve Mayor Prucnal to sign the contract with TechNet, as per included expense, as reviewed by Attorney Trapp. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co. request, to apply for a liquor license for the following event:

- Alden Fire Company- “Dollars for Scholars 5-K Run - Post Race Party & Taste of Alden” in the Alden Town Park, Thursday, June 6, 2024 (3:00pm-12:00am).
- Alden Car Show, in the Town Park & Alden Village Park (2- Stages / Bars), Sunday, July 28, 2024 (11:00am-7:00pm).
- Summer Steak-Outing, at Alden Station #2, August 15, 2024 (3:00pm-12:00am).
- Chicken BBQ, in Village Park, September 8, 2024, no alcohol will be served at this event.
- Fall Meat Raffle, held at the Municipal Building, October 19, 2024 (6:00 pm-12:00 am)

On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

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

**Superintendent of Public Works Fleck** – new hire for DPW Clerk is doing a good job, catching up quickly. I apologize to Mary once again. Nice weather, so did chipping. Welding Vac- all to get through another season.

**Clerk Galbraith** – renewing banners through April 1. Three Public Hearings March 26 and want to congratulate the village court for receiving over \$10,000 on a JCap Grant.

**CEO Czechowski**- applied for a \$75,000 records management grant. Received the \$30,000 Comprehensive Plan Grant.

**Trustee Becker** – will not be here for the March 26 meeting.

**Trustee Reformat** – Section 177.2 sidewalks. We are not in the concrete business. Sidewalks are in disrepair, should be up to the property owner to repair them. Superintendent Fleck – most other municipalities, it is up to the owner to repair. Mayor Prucnal – if a tree is in the ROW and cracks the sidewalk, homeowner needs to repair? Yes. Reformat – keep personal items off receipts, pay for village items separately. Do we pick up items from NAPA and DeLacy? They deliver. The excess water bottles from the Sesquicentennial (2019) are still in the office. Can we donate them to the Alden Historical Society, or 5K?

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

Motion by Trustee Kibbe, seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit.

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk