

Approved BOARD MINUTES June 11, 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 6:30 pm by Mayor Retzlaff, who led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Retzlaff, Trustees: Cieszki, Becker, Casell, CEO Czechowski, Clerk/Treasurer Galbraith, Attorney Chris Trapp, Deputy Attorney Joseph Greco- Trapp, Superintendent Fleck and General Crew Chief, Patrick Cavanaugh.

Absent: Trustee Refermat

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2024, meeting. On the question – no comment. 4 ayes, Carried

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve payment bills on abstract dated June 11, 2024.

Payroll	\$46,273.78
Abstract	\$183,518.37

On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve and file the monthly reports as submitted and reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

- EMS/Fire calls for payroll
- Archivist/Historian
- Building permits – May
- LOSAP – May account statements
- Penflex Service Awards annual summery report

On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to open the Public Hearing at 6:35PM for Local Law 2-2024 providing for a moratorium with respect to the planning, development, and construction of energy storage facilities in the Village of Alden. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Attorney Trapp – to have a moratorium, you must have a Local Law and public hearing. It gives the state an opportunity to review the existence of and elect for the building of storage facilities. State may take control out of the local municipalities. There are more fires through electric and storage facilities in NYS than before.

This moratorium is for commercial enterprises only, not individual residences, good for one year. No public comment. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to close the public hearing 6:40 pm.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to enter into a Public Hearing for Mobile Home Park License renewals at 6:45PM.

CEO Czechowski, Assistant CEO Twaragowski and Superintendent Fleck will inspect and review their findings. Trustee Casell – Stevenson’s Bayview of Alden looks terrible.

It's a rat-infested trap. Are they going to remove all the piles of junk? CEO – they are working on cleaning it up. They are removing older trailers and putting in nicer trailers. Wants to make it a nice place. Mayor – what about the drainage? CEO it will be addressed when they finish the road. Superintendent – how much authority do we have, and can we make recommendations? CEO we license them, and we can make recommendations. No public comment. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to close the public hearing 6:50 pm. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

We received notification from Norfolk Southern that the tracks on Exchange St. and County Line Rd. will be closed from June 18-June 21. This does not include Sullivan Rd. A NYMIR representative (our insurance company) will be here on Friday to inspect our equipment and buildings. Kill Switches need to be installed.

MOTION by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to file as received all. correspondence. On the question –no comment, 4 ayes, Carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for June 11, 2024

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the fire/ems calls for May 18-3, 2024. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to Authorize the salary increase for Asst. CEO Christopher Twaragowski, for the 2024-25 budget, effective June 1, 2024, to \$60,000 / annually, as a result of his successful completion of his NYS-CEO Certification Program. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Becker, to Authorize Mayor Retzlaff to sign the WIIA grant funding application on behalf of the Village of Alden. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to Authorize Mayor Retzlaff to sign the contract addendum on behalf of the Village of Alden, with Municipal Solutions, Inc. for WIIA grant funding application to add-on / include Sewer Lift Station Project. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Casell, to To Authorize Phil Fleck, DPW Superintendent, to work 20/hours per work week at an hourly rate of \$40.16 (2024-2025), and minimal benefits as agreed upon by the Village Board of Trustees, until further notice. Schedule to be submitted to Mayor weekly for his approval. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to allow the Alden Auto Show access and authorization to set-up for the event in the Village Band Stand Park on

Saturday, July 27th, provided all clean-up is completed by the end of the event / day of Sunday, July 28, 2024. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Galbraith – tax bills mailed June 1st, due by July 1 with no penalty.

CEO Czechowski – working on code updates

Attorney Trapp – we need to schedule an Ethics Board meeting for 2 issues.

Deputy Attorney – NYC OM is adding charges to tax bills. This can generate extra money for municipalities.

Mayor Retzlaff – insurance for fire department replacement cost grossly underestimated, will increase insurance cost up \$2,523. NY Class started procedure. NY Class gives 5.2% interest. The engineering report on the gazebo came back, it is in excellent condition, and bands can be on top.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m., On the question: 4 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk