

Approved BOARD MINUTES May 28, 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, Refermat, Casell, CEO Czechowski, Clerk/Treasurer Galbraith, Attorney Chris Trapp, Deputy Attorney Joseph Greco-Trapp, Superintendent Fleck and General Crew Chief, Patrick Cavanaugh.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2024, meeting. On the question – no comment. 5 ayes, Carried

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve payment bills on abstract dated May 28, 2024.

Payroll	\$51,707.64
Abstract	\$63,334.92

On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

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

EMS/Fire calls for payroll
Planning Board

On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for May 28, 2024

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to allow Clerk Galbraith, to make yearend budget transfers. (inter-fund/over).

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff, to sign the agreement with Emerling Agency for the following insurances for the Village of Alden for the 2024-2025 fiscal year: NYMIR Insurance (property and Liability, Fire dept.), CFF Insurance (cyber liability and Perma (Workers Comp.).

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the Fire/EMS calls for May 4-17, 2024

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the Alden Chamber of Commerce request to place two Farmers Market signs in the Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from May 29-June 8. And June 9- June 19. On the question: 4 ayes, Trustee Casell opposed.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve St. John’s Lawn Fete to place a sign in Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park from July 12-21, 2024. On the question: 4 ayes, Trustee Casell opposed.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the appointment of Michael Manicki to the ZBA, term to expire 3/31/2026.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the sign permit for Brightpath Daycare, 12835 Broadway, as per submitted application. On the question: Trustee Casell – did Krombeck’s sell? CEO – they are selling it to BrightPath.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the sign permit for Crosby’s, 13285 Broadway, as per submitted application.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve hiring the following three seasonal employees: Owen Golas, Edward Siegal, returning at \$17.50/hr. and Connor Linneman., at a rate of \$16.50/hr.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to set a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:35PM for the purposes of hearing comments on the requests for renewal of Home Occupation Permits for the following

NAME	ADDRESS	OWNER
The Cutting Image	1730 Meadow Dr.	Renee Hoffman

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to set a Public Hearing 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, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:35PM. On the question: 4 ayes, Trustee Casell –opposed.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to set a Public Hearing for Mobile Home Park License renewals on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:45PM.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the site plan changes for Glenn Wetzl/ARC as submitted, for a reduction of the main ARC building from two stories to one story. On the question – this has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Board

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to accept with regret the resignation of Village Court Clerk Diane Casell, effective June 1, 2024. On the question: 4 ayes, Trustee Casell –abstain.

Motion by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Becker, to accept the recommendation of Mayor Retzlaff and Judge Mussari to appoint Ms. Sara Hinsken as Interim Village Court Clerk, as a rate of \$22.00/hr, not to exceed 19.5/hrs weekly, effective June 1, 2024. On the question: Trustee Refermat – Who is Sara Hinsken?

Attorney Trapp – she was our court clerk from 2019-2020, before Diane. She is also the court clerk for Depew. Refermat – does she get benefits? Paid holidays? She is already getting paid from her other job for holidays. How will we track her time? Can we pay her per diem? Trustee Becker – what will her working hours be? Attorney Trapp – her hours are up to the court. She is eligible for holiday pay, even if she is getting paid through Depew. No per diem in our personnel policy. Trustee Casell – Who recommended her? Why is she receiving \$3.66 more per hour than past court clerk? Attorney Trapp – The court clerk is the judge’s appointment. Could not get another clerk for less than \$22/hr. We have the lowest pay of any court. It is hard for someone to step up.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Fleck – has summary of projects and items.

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

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Motion by: Trustee Refermat, second by: Trustee Cieszki, to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 pm, for the purpose of personnel. On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Cieszki to adjourn from executive session at 8:19 p.m., On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Refermat, seconded by Trustee Becker to adjourn from the regular meeting with a moment of silence for Pat Tavlaris (former village court clerk), Mark Reddy and Sally Giras at 8:20 p.m., On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk