

Approved BOARD MINUTES May 14, 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, Refermat, Casell, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Chris Trapp, Deputy Attorney Joseph Greco- Trapp, Superintendent Fleck and General Crew Chief, Patrick Cavanaugh.

Absent - Trustee Becker, Clerk/Treasurer Galbraith

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2024, meeting. On the question – no comment. 4 ayes, Carried

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve payment bills on abstract dated May 14, 2024.

Payroll	\$43,866.28
Abstract	\$120,825.47

On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

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

Building Permits April 2024

Justic Report April 2024

DPW Report

On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for May 14, 2024

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the Birch Creek Run Homeowner Association to use the Community Room for their annual meeting on June 4 from 5:30 -7:00. On the question- they will pay the \$60 usage fee.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the request from the Alden/Lancaster Art Club for the following: use the Firemen’s Memorial Bandstand Park on September 8 to hold their 66th annual outdoor fall art show from 7:30 am -4:00 pm, have the bandstand open at 7:30 am and have access to electric, erect a sign in the park from August 30, 2024 – September 8, 2024.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the temporary business sign for Alden Mini Storage, 13535 Broadway, as per submitted application.

On the question: Trustee Refermat- where is the sign in front of? CEO – storage.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve changes to Chapter A220, Fees, as discussed.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, approved the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Committee List as submitted.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve the following property as exempt from the requirements of Chapter 203 of the Code of the Village of Alden, as it pertains to the storage of unlicensed vehicles on said property. The applicant has submitted an appropriate request letter accompanied by valid New York State Department of Motor Vehicles licenses for this type of activity. Approval to expire March 31, 2025

- Alden Automotive, 13151 Broadway

On the question - Trustee Casell – why now? CEO Czechowski – A vehicle appeared for sale, so we contacted him to get the paperwork submitted.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff to execute the Proposal for General Municipal Engineering Support Services 2024-2025 between the Village of Alden and Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. (2024 Hourly Rate Table with Schedule A, was attached) On the question – no retainer, hourly rate.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff to send official written notice to the Town Line Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. providing them thirty (30) days written notice that we are terminating the purchase agreement for the purchase of the 2011 Pierce Arrow XT (Ladder Truck) 105’ PAL (VIN 4P1CA01D8BA011702) with Arrow XT Chassis, for the purchase price of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000).

On the question – per Alden Fire Chiefs

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff to invest up to Three-Million-Five-Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) of Village of Alden Deposits, currently deposited at Alden State Bank, with NYCLASS on or about June 1, 2024. Furthermore, Mayor Retzlaff is authorized to notify the Alden State Bank that the Village of Alden will be removing up to Three-Million-Five-Hundred Thousand (\$3,500,000) Dollars of deposits.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the proclamation for Alden Meals on Wheels, Organization of the year.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Becker – absent

Trustee Cieszki – aye

Trustee Refermat – aye

Trustee Casell – aye

Mayor Retzlaff – aye

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the proclamation for Business of the Year, Pautler Chiropractic.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Becker – absent

Trustee Cieszki – aye

Trustee Refermat – aye

Trustee Casell – aye

Mayor Retzlaff – aye

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the proclamation for Susanne M. Galbraith, for Citizen of the Year,

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Becker – absent

Trustee Cieszki – aye

Trustee Refermat – aye

Trustee Casell – aye

Mayor Retzlaff – aye

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to approve the proclamation for

National DPW week, May 19-May 25

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the

Village of Alden, in the

County of Erie, New York

May 14, 2024

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden, in the County of Erie, New York, was held at the Village Hall, 13336 Broadway, Alden, New York, on May 14, 2024.

There were present: Hon. Michael Retzlaff, Mayor; and

Trustees: Trustee Cieszki, Trustee Casell, Trustee Refermat

There were absent: Trustee Becker

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Trustee Casell offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ALDEN,
NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 14, 2024,
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$825,000 TO
FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF A GARBAGE
TRUCK AND A VACALL TRUCK, STATING THE
AGGREGATE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST
THEREOF IS \$825,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAID
AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ALDEN, IN THE
COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not
less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Alden, in the County of Erie, New York (herein
called the “Village”), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to
exceed \$825,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the
Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the “Law”), to finance the
acquisition of a garbage truck at the estimated maximum cost of \$341,500 and a vacall
truck at the estimated maximum cost of \$483,500.

Section 2. The aggregate estimated maximum cost of the projects
described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the

financing thereof, is \$825,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$825,000 to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 28 of the Law, is fifteen (15) years; however, the bonds authorized pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall mature no later than five (5) years after the date of original issuance of said bonds or notes.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will not exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in the official newspaper of the Village.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Refermat and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Becker – absent
Trustee Cieszki – aye
Trustee Refermat – aye
Trustee Casell – aye
Mayor Retzlaff – aye

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

Absent - 1

The resolution was declared adopted.



BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Fleck – has summary of projects and items.

CEO Czechowski- spoke with new Town of Alden Building Inspector Scott Pease, has been issuing town permits to village residents. Should have issue resolved now.

Trustee Refermat –can a letter be sent to Gamma to maintain lawn, clean up mess on lift station tree. Superintendent Fleck – did tell them to cut grass, will put in writing. Can we have a casual dress code for the summer? Yes.

Trustee Casell- discussed emergency response plan with county about updating, will present updates.

Mayor Retzlaff – need to interview now for summer seasonal help.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Motion by: Trustee Refermat, second by: Trustee Cieszki, to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 pm, for the purpose of personnel. On the question: 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by: Trustee Casell, second by: Cieszki, to exit into Executive Session at 7:14 pm, On the question: 4 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48p.m. On the question: 4 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we all take those steps necessary to protect those in need, especially those of advanced age who have long been productive members of our society, but need additional assistance and support to show that they are not forgotten and so that they can continue to live independent lives, and

WHEREAS, Alden Meals on Wheels has long sought to not simply deliver daily warm and nutritious meals for those seniors in need, but to also provide what sometimes is simply a friendly smile and conversation to ensure the

safety and health of the seniors and their families in Alden, and

WHEREAS, Alden Meals on Wheels receives no government funding on either a State or Federal level and, instead, relies on the generosity of the neighbors and friends throughout the area via fundraisers and outright gifts, and

WHEREAS, the volunteers have devoted substantial time and talents for over thirty years since October, 1992 serving on average over 2,400 meals each month as part of a local nutrition program designed to provide two well-balanced, home cooked meals daily to disabled, homebound, and elderly residents who deserve the quality of life that so often can be lost without caring partners such as Alden Meals on Wheels,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden hereby recognizes the dedicated staff of over sixty volunteers of Alden Meals on Wheels and the critical work that they do to support those most in need who might otherwise be forgotten and further extends its thanks to this organization as the 2024 Alden Chamber of Commerce Organization of the Year by declaring Tuesday, May 14, 2024 as Alden Meals on Wheels Day.

**Mayor Michael A. Retzlaff
Village of Alden, New York**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, from time to time, individuals and businesses in Alden rise to the occasion and not simply provide a needed service to the residents, but which also commit themselves and their company to causes of great importance to the community, and

WHEREAS, Pautler Chiropractic, through the leadership and creativity of Stephanie Pautler has not only supported Alden both personally and professionally through her work as a Project Coordinator of the Alden Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition since 2013 setting important life examples for both our youth and adults in Alden, and

WHEREAS, as a second generation business owner in Alden who is an active member of the Alden Chamber of Commerce in addition to supporting other non-profit organizations by freely giving her time to others without the expectation of any reward, and

WHEREAS, the lifelong resident of Alden, graduate of Alden Central School District, Stephanie Pautler was a member of the Bicentennial Committee to celebrate the Town of Alden and is a valuable employer in the Town,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden, in honor of the designation by the Alden Chamber of Commerce in recognition of Pautler Chiropractic being named the Business of the Year for the year 2024 in Alden hereby proclaims May 15, 2024 as Stephanie Pautler and Pautler Chiropractic Day in the Village of Alden.

**Mayor Michael A. Retzlaff
Village of Alden, New York**

• PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, history reminds us of the greatness of those who came before us, and

WHEREAS, when the opportunity arises to recognize those who steadfastly strove to not just reach new heights, but to place the wellbeing of others in front of their own needs, and

WHEREAS, Lewis Carroll noted that “one of the secrets of life is that all that is really work the doing is what we do for others” and

WHEREAS, through her dedication to the residents of the Village of Alden and her never-ending desire to do what is right, even if it is not easy, Susanne M. Galbraith, has epitomized the thoughts of Lewis Carroll throughout her life, and

WHEREAS, most people might be aware of her participation as an officer in the Alden Art Club, Secretary to the Village Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, Vice Chair for the Village of Alden Sesquicentennial, Chair of the Town Zoning Board of Appeals, Village Clerk/Treasurer, Chamber of Commerce President, Alden Garden Club member, driving force behind the Hometown Heroes Banner Program honoring those who served so valiantly in our armed forces, and the Judges Memorial Golf Tournament, what is equally important, but perhaps not as recognizable are her more personal lifetime pursuits as a Girl Scout assistant, a repeated blood donor, and when she went shopping for a home-bound individual to deliver food and medicine when that individual could not do it for themselves, and

WHEREAS, she exemplified the same great author’s belief that “to me it seems that to give happiness is a far nobler goal than to attain it; and that what we exist for is much more a matter of relations to others than a matter of individual progress; much more a matter of helping others to heaven than of getting there ourselves.”

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden in recognition of the lifelong commitment to people that has been exhibited by Susanne M. Galbraith and to jointly honor her as the 2024 Alden Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year hereby extends its most heartfelt

thanks to Susanne for all that she has done for the Village and its residents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Alden Board of Trustees furthers declares June, 2024 as Susanne M. Galbraith Month in the Village of Alden.

**Mayor Michael A. Retzlaff
Village of Alden, New York**