

**Approved BOARD MINUTES June 25, 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, Reformat, Becker, Casell, CEO Czechowski, Clerk/Treasurer Galbraith, Attorney Chris Trapp, Dave Metz, John Cieszki, Superintendent Fleck and General Crew Chief, Patrick Cavanaugh.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2024, meeting. On the question – Reformat abstains, 4 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve payment bills on abstract dated June 25, 2024.

Payroll	\$51,196.18
Abstract	\$46,008.31

On the question – no comment, 5 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.

- DPW for May
- Fire/EMS calls for June 1-14, 2024, as reflected in payroll
- Unapproved Planning Board minutes for June
- Court report for May
- LOSAP statement for May

On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

**Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for June 25, 2024**

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to allow NYRWA to use the Village Hall Community Room on 9/18/24 from 7am-3:30 pm for a Water/Wastewater training session. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve hiring Dawn Bieniek to the position of Deputy Clerk./Treasurer at the rate of \$18.75.hr. pending background check. She will start on a part time basis beginning July 8<sup>th</sup> and work up to full time. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve a sign permit for The UPS Store, 13186 Broadway, as per submitted application. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve a sign permit for ACTS, 1470 Church Street, as per submitted application. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve a sign permit for Next Level Piercing, 13360 Broadway, as per submitted application. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve CEO Czechowski to attend the annual Southern Tier Building Officials Training Conference in Chautauqua, NY September 10-13, 2024. This is a budgeted item. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker to enter into a Public Hearing for Home Occupancy Permits (HOP) 6:35 pm. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

CEO Czechowski – there is currently only one HOP in the village.

The Cutting Image                      1730 Meadow Dr.                      Renee Hoffman  
There was one written comment submitted by Chase and Emily Rangel, 1722 Meadow Dr, who had no problem with the granting of the HOP. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to close the public hearing 6:40 pm. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Refermat and seconded by Trustee Becker, to renew the Home Occupation Permits for the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
The Cutting Image	1730 Meadow Dr.	Renee Hoffman

On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Reviewed by the board.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT**

**Clerk Galbraith** – tax bills mailed June 1<sup>st</sup>, due by July 1 with no penalty.

**CEO Czechowski** – requesting residents to check with his office, before starting any work.

**Trustee Refermat** -Mayor, did you submit information from the recent NYCOM seminar you attended? Mayor – yes I did in my board notes.

**Mayor Retzlaff** – we submitted the WIIA grant, thank you Sue and Phil Erie County sales tax is up this quarter but still down 2.3% year to date. we have transferred 3.5 million to NY Class, thank you Sue. The railroad crossing delay on Countyline and Exchange is due to a permit issue. The census report for 2010-2020 shows the following: population is up by 50 people, with the residents 65 and up is down from the last census. Rentals are up compared to home purchases.

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to exit the regular meeting to enter into an Executive Session at 6:44 p.m, to discuss personnel., On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Cieszki, seconded by Trustee Casell, to exit the Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.,, On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Refermat, to exit the regular meeting at 7:36 p.m.,, On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk