

## Approved BOARD MINUTES August 13, 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, Deputy Attorney Joseph Greco-Trapp, Superintendent Fleck and General Crew Chief, Patrick Cavanaugh.

Absent: Trustee Refermat, Attorney Trapp

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024, meeting. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve payment of bills on abstract dated August 13, 2024.

Payroll	\$43,249.17
Abstract	\$103,141.51

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.

DPW report for July  
Fire/EMS calls, as reflected in payroll in payrolls 16 & 17  
RBC Wealth Management ending 7/31, 2024  
Building permit report July 2024 (collected \$510.00)

On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to file the following correspondence: notification of Rite Aid challenging property tax assessment . 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 Code changes to Chapter 210 of Village Code - Zoning On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Czechowski

- Added ADU definition and called it out in zoning districts as prohibited.
- Added definitions for Automotive Repair Facility, Automotive Sales Facility, Gasoline Fueling Station, and Car Wash. Included specifics for each (all were combined together previously).
- Removed all references to Patio Homes.
- Modified PUD home/lot requirements.
- Added provisions for digital submissions of site plans, reduced number of printed copies, and added Fire Department as a reviewing agency.
- Changed training requirements for Planning and Zoning Board members.

No public comment. On the question - 4 ayes, carried.

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

### **Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for August 13, 2024**

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to appoint Christopher Twaragowski as permanent Assistant Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to Civil Service Procedures, at a salary of \$60,000. It should be noted that as per Civil Service Law, the 6-month probationary period has been satisfied, effective July 24, 2024. On the question - no comment 4 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. She will start on a part time basis beginning August 19, 2024, and work up to full time. On the question – Mayor Retzlaff – we are repeating this motion because of the new start date, due to medical concerns. 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to appoint the following crossing guards for the 2024-2025 school year: Pam Comstock and Sue Walters, Alternates: Dave Kocher, and Terry Scutt. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve the fire/ems calls for payrolls 16 & #17, July 27- August 9, as presented on the monthly report. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to set a public hearing on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:35PM for the purposes of hearing comments on proposed Local Law #4-2024, revision of Village Code Chapter 200 (Vehicles & Traffic). On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Becker, to hire Jacob Christian Ludwig, as a Laborer at the rate of \$24.33, starting 8/26/2024, pending background check and drug/alcohol testing results. On the question - no comment 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell. to hire Dylan David Schulz, as a Laborer at the rate of \$24.33, starting 8/26/2024, pending background check and drug/alcohol testing results. On the question – Trustee Casell – did we verify the references? Superintendent Fleck, - doing it now. 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to utilize our physical pay to reimburse Dakota Booth for his CDL Physical. On the question – Superintendent Fleck – even though he is only a Laborer, it is cheaper to pay for his physical, than pay for CDL courses. Working crew Chief Cavanaugh – we pay for NYSDOT physicals for CDL. 4 ayes, carried.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**none**

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Casell** – has been approached by multiple people with an overabundance of deer. Causing a lot of damage everywhere. Have a lottery system to allow bow hunting in the village? Who do we get to do this? special hunting season in designated areas? Mayor Retzlaff – have CEO Czechowski and Deputy Attorney Trapp to look into it.

**CEO Czechowski** – working on Mobile Home Park renewals

**Mayor Retzlaff** – NY Class earning 5.19%, \$15,284.17 this month. Need to contact NYSDOT to put arrows back in to direct medians on Broadway. NYS Parks will decide on the historic Preservation status of the Alden State Bank on September 12, 2024. . CEO Czechowski – would be for both buildings, as they are on the same parcel. Possible benefit of tax savings. Deputy Attorney Trapp – to look into. Looking at fire dispatch contract

## **UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Casell, to exit the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., with a standing moment of silence for Ruth Davis and Patricia Ida Smith. On the question: 4 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit,  
Sue Galbraith, Village Clerk