

Approved BOARD MINUTES September 10, 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, Refermat, Attorney Trapp
Clerk/Treasurer Galbraith, Assistant Code Enforcement Twaragowski, Superintendent Fleck and General
Crew Chief, Patrick Cavanaugh.

Absent: CEO Czechowski

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2024, meeting. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, to approve payment of bills on abstract dated September 10, 2024.

Payroll	\$44,571.31
Abstract	\$49,217.02

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

MOTION by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Becker, 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
- NYClass – summary statement ending August 31, 2024
- Monthly fire dept. report
- Building permit report August 2024
- Water dept. monthly NYS_DOH water system operation report

On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to file the following correspondence: revised MOA with the school concerning crossing guards. 185 days, 3 hrs./day, no change in amount. The mayor emailed. NYSDOT asking to have the arrows painted back between the medians. Mayor in contact with NYSEG. Receive a bill for \$5,400. Was revised to show a \$78 credit, due to error in billing. NYClass earned \$15,273 in August and has earned \$36,232 in interest since June 1, 2024. Interest from Alden State Bank in August was \$412. Trustee Casell – during the budget process, we were told we had no money. Mayor Retzlaff - most of our money is tied up in reserves. We need to make a capital project/equipment budget. Life expectancy, future cost, replacement cost and budget every year. We need to designate a fund balance to purchase equipment. The taxpayers are not overtaxed. Trustee Casell – we were told no money to support the budget, money is in a pile, we need to go to a 4% tax increase to meet the budget. Superintendent Fleck – need to “dumb it down” so people can understand it. Mayor Retzlaff – designated fund balance, to rebuild the budget. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for September 10, 2024

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve Mayor Retzlaff’s recommendation to close out the list of completed capital project fund, with the exception of the “HJ HVAC IMPROVEMENTS - DPW BLDG,” as recommended by Village Accountant. On the question : Mayor Retzlaff- all small accounts, projects done. 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the revised school MOA concerning the crossing guards for the 24-25 school year. On the question:

Trustee Reformat – the pay went to \$26.35/hr. from \$25/hr.? We agreed to \$25/hour originally. If we are paying monthly, does the agreement say if we are paying 10 or 12 months? Mayor Retzlaff – the agreement ends 6/30/2025. Trustee Casell – on average – \$16.30/hr. rest is FICA and such.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Becker – aye
Trustee Cieszki – aye
Trustee Reformat – Nay
Trustee Casell – aye
Mayor Retzlaff – aye 4 ayes, 1 nay, carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

none

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Galbraith – the clerk’s office will be open from 9-4 Monday – Friday, due to Jury duty.

Trustee Becker – have the shut offs on the trucks been completed? Superintendent Fleck – yes. Trustee Becker – do we test waterspouts? Fleck – yes when we do Plumbing Inspections, as per code. Becker – excessive water in system. Attorney Trapp – we could change the code. Too much I&I from external examination.

Trustee Casell - since we are not getting rid of the court system, are we advertising for a permanent part-time court clerk? Attorney Trapp – the judge decides on his court clerk. Mayor will speak with the Judge, but right now the Judge is happy with the current situation.

Mayor Retzlaff – read policy changes before Sept. 24 meeting.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

Trustee Casell – Emerson St. minibike, 3 minibikes on Baxter in road, spoke to father. Need to educate residents. Only 4 parking spots in front of Alden State Bank. ATM now located inside bank, should allow 2 spots in front. Restricted to 20-minute parking. The one-way sign as you exit, blocks your view of traffic traveling west down Broadway. Mayor Retzlaff- prosed parking to one spot in front of new bank. Railroad – no parking south side, north side no parking from 7am-5 pm, weekdays.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to exit the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m. On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith, Village Clerk