

Approved BOARD MINUTES November 26, 2024.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Casell, at 6:26 p.m. to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel. On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Casell, to exit the Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Mayor Retzlaff, who led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Retzlaff, Trustees: Cieszki, Becker, Casell, Reformat, Attorney Trapp, Clerk/Treasurer Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, WWTP Sr. Operator Dan Czelusta, Paul Marzec and General Crew Chief Patrick Cavanaugh.

Absent: Superintendent Fleck

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024, meeting. On the question – no comment, 4 ayes, Casell. abstain. carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to approve payment of bills on abstract dated November 26, 2024.

Payroll	\$54,478.37
Abstract	\$182,554.76

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

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

Village Planning Board minutes – October 16, 2024

Village of Alden Justice Report – October 2024 - \$4,466.00

On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee Reformat and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to enter into the Public Hearing at 6:40 pm On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

Public Hearing for; Site plan application of the Marzec Development project, Exchange Street

Asked about the timeline, starting in 2025 3-4 years to complete. Doing in phases.

Phases I – Exchange St., up to 1st intersection.

6 lots, on Slade Dr. starting in 2025

Phase II – 2026- rest of Slade Dr., starting 20 PUD (Planned Unit Development)

Phase III-V -finish PUD housing

20 single family homes & 80 PUD total.

No public comment

MOTION by Trustee Reformat and seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn the Public Hearing 6:49 pm. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to enter into the second Public Hearing 6:49 pm. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

Public Hearing for; consideration of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) application of the Marzec Development project, Exchange Street

The PUD will be located on private streets. NYSDOH requires it to be private if more than 5, must be transportation corporation with corporate meetings. Attorney Trapp – needs to bond. Single service off public utilities. HOA will need to figure it out. Village may consider doing snow plowing & garbage collection with an agreement if Marzec requests it.

No public comment

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to adjourn the Public Hearing 6:55 pm. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to enter into the third Public Hearing 6:55 pm. On the question - no comment 5 ayes, carried.

Public Hearing - consideration of the rezoning application of the Marzec Development project, Exchange Street

Trustee Casell – explained that with such a large development, you need balance. Wetzl did a good job at this. Casell envisions this road being a high-speed thoroughfare, concerned it being residential will be in trouble with the traffic. Favors mixed-use zoning. No public comment.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn the Public Hearing and re-enter the regular meeting. 7:00 pm

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for November 26, 2024

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff’s signature on the agreement between the Village and the engineering firm GHD to complete a study / recommendations to study alternatives to optimize wastewater treatment plant processes to reduce the risk of permit exceedances, as noted by NYS-DEC Notice of Violation (dated: 10/9/2024); cost of professional services \$24,000.00. On the question, Trustee Casell – did we pay this last time? WWTP Operator Czelusta –no, it was a design flaw. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve the emergency purchase of a replacement tank water mixer motor from sole provider Siewert Equipment, for the amount \$15,580.00. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to hire Daniel Czelusta, as Superintendent of Public Works (Civil Service), effective Friday, December 13, 2024, base salary of \$85,000.00 (pro-rated to starting date for the 2024-2025 budget year). On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

Revised MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Becker, with regrets to end the employment of current Superintendent of Public Works, Phil Flick (Provisional), due to Civil Service Requirements. His final day of employment with the Village of Alden will be Friday, December 13, 2024. On the question: Trustee Refermat – original motion is negative; he did a good job. Attorney Trapp – these are unique circumstances, was forced out by Civil Service. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Casell, to accept with regrets the resignation of Trustee Douglas Becker, effective December 11, 2024. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Refermat, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff’s signature on the inter-municipal agreement

between the Village and the Alden Central School District regarding winter rock salt for the 2024-2025 school year. On the question – Trustee Becker – is this by the honor system? General Crew Chief Cavanaugh – we email to keep track. 5 ayes, carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Trustee Reformat – congratulations Dan, wishing everyone happy and blessed Thanksgiving

Trustee Casell – the mayor received a letter from John Satola concerning a crooked sidewalk on Railroad St. General Crew Chief Cavanaugh – the sidewalk is straight from side to side. Their approach is lower. The ROW is theirs. The sidewalk is one inch higher than the street edge.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Becker, seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a moment of silence for Mildred “Milly” LiPuma. On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith, Village Clerk