

Approved BOARD MINUTES February 25, 2025.

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: Casell, Cieszki, Refermat, Kibbe, Attorney Chris Trapp, Deputy Attorney Joe Trapp, Clerk/Treasurer Galbraith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kaluzny, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent of Public Works, Dan Czelusta, General Crew Chief, Patrick Cavannaugh, Loren Prucnal

Approval of the following items:

Motion by Trustee **Cieszki**, seconded by Trustee **Refermat** to approve the minutes from January 28, 2025. On the question, 3 ayes, Kibbe & Casell abstained, carried.

Motion by Trustee **Cieszki**, seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025. On the question, 4 ayes, Refermat abstained, carried.

Motion by Trustee **Refermat**, seconded by **Cieszki** to approve the Bills on Abstracts.

Abstract	\$392,147.03
Payroll	\$53,642.60

Motion by Trustee **Refermat**, seconded by **Casell** to approve Monthly reports to include DPW, Planning Board, Fire & EMS. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for February 25, 2025

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Refermat**, to approve the fire/EMS calls from and 1/26-2/7/2025 & 2/8-2/21/2025. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Refermat**, to approve the request from the Alden Scholarship Foundation to hold their 5k race throughout the roads in the village. The race begins at 6 pm on Thursday, June 6th. On the question, Trustee Casell, what about EMS? They sent a request to the Fire Dept for that. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe**, to approve the request to allow St. Aidan's to use Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park, May 16 & 17 for their annual plant sale. Also request permission to allow an individual to stay to guard the plants the night of May 16. On the question, Trustee Casell, asked about liability for overnight watch. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee _____, and seconded by Trustee _____, to approve the request to allow St. Aidan's to place a sign in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park from May 7- May 17, 2025. **No motion, dies lack of motion.**

MOTION by Trustee **Casell**, and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki**, to adopt Local Law #1-2025 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established under General Municipal Law section 3-C. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Roll call vote: Trustee Kibbe - Aye
Trustee Cieszki-Aye
Trustee Refermat – Nay
Trustee Casell - Aye

Mayor Retzlaff -Aye

Motion by Trustee **Refermat**, and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki**, to set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:35PM for a Home Occupation permit for Daniel C. Pautler, 1732 Willow Woods Lane, for limited firearms sales. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee **Cieszki**, and seconded by Trustee **Casell**, to approve Joey Tatro into Fire and EMS membership as approved by the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company membership. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee **Refermat**, and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe**, to adjust Sue Galbraith, Village Clerk / Treasurer from \$57,001.00, to \$60,500.00 (pro-rated back to 1/1/2025). On the question, Mayor Retzlaff, due to state law and minimum requirement for exempt salary. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee **Casell**, and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki**, to approve the site plan modification for the ARC Main Building, Slade Drive, as per submission dated 1/21/25. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee **Cieszki**, and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe**, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff's signature for execution of the Sanitary Sewer Easement with ARC of Erie County and Marzec Homes and Land LLC, On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee **Refermat**, and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki**, to approve the site plan changes to the Wetzl/ARC site plan as per submission dated 2/13/25, with the following conditions:

This project is receiving approval in three phases, which may be modified with prior approval of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Alden: On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

- a) Phase 1 – Slade Drive extension from the existing Slade Drive termination, south/eastward up to and including at least the proposed entire traffic circle (developer may complete some or all of the proposed Slade Drive extension east of the traffic circle as part of this Phase 1). This Phase 1 will also include the warehouse & storage parcel, the senior apartment parcel, the market rate apartment parcel, and the two ARC structures indicated in the Phasing Plan dated 2/13/2025. This phase will also include all required SWPPP elements. Expected construction dates: 1/1/2023-12/31/2025.
- b) Phase 2 – Slade Drive extension from the traffic circle eastward to the east property line. This phase will include the remainder of “The Farm” parcels number 1, 2 and 3. Expected construction dates: 1/1/2026-12/31/2026. Consideration will be given on this Phasing deadline based on the extension of Slade Drive from Exchange Street westward to the aforementioned parcels.

- c) Phase 3 – The remainder of the commercial parcel. Expected construction dates: 1/1/2027-12/31/2027

Motion by Trustee **Cieszki**, and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki**, to approve Jacob Ludwig to permanent position as Laborer effective 2/27/2025. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Motion by Trustee **Refermat**, and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe**, to terminate the probationary appointment of Dylan Schultz, laborer, in the event of his failure to execute the Memorandum of Agreement extending his probationary appointment for 6 months to 8/26/2025. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dick Kegler resides on Mechanic concerned about the large trucks/traffic going down Mechanic street at all hours of the morning/night. Concerned that the road was recently re-done, but will need to be re-done in shorter timeframe that typical due to the traffic. There is already a weight limit sign on the street, but no way to enforce it. Also concerned there are children on the street that ride their bikes during nice weather. Concerned there is no local advertiser and suggested Newsletters 4 times a year as a form of communication that would reach most residents. Last subject: does not like to look at the “junk” on Kellogg. Resident distributing garbage was sent a letter by the Village and proper protocols needs to be followed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENT

Clerk Gailbraith-two new clerks are doing a great job.
CEO-Czechowski-he and his assistant are watching webinars from DOT
Attorney Trapp-reviewed bids for Fire dept, sending back with a change for fire dept.
Trustee Casell-Congratulated DPW on a job well done on well recommission. Warned that in 2006 it was a hard winter with a lot of run off, caused a drought the following summer. We have ECWA for backup if Aquifers don't recharge.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee **Cieszki**, seconded by Trustee **Casell**, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., with a moment of silence for Mia Klyczek. On the question: 5 ayes, Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Ashley Kaluzny, Deputy Village Clerk