

Approved BOARD MINUTES March 11, 2025

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Retzlaff, who led the pledge to the flag.

Present: Mayor Retzlaff, Trustees: Casell, Cieszki, Refermat, Kibbe, Clerk/Treasurer Galbraith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kaluzny, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent of Public Works, Dan Czelusta, General Crew Chief, Patrick Cavauaugh, Loren Prucnal.

Absent: Attorney Trapp

Approval of the following items:

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by **Casell** to approve the minutes as corrected from February 25th 2025. On the question, 5 ayes carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve the Bills on Abstracts.

Abstracts \$36,134.89

Payroll \$46,088.21

On the question, 5 ayes carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve the monthly reports including the following: On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

DPW Feb Monthly Report

Feb 2025: Village Building Dept Report

Feb 2025: Village building dept activity report for the town of Alden

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Casell**, to approve the Village Clerk's request that all unpaid delinquent water and sewer accounts be re-levied to the 2025-2026 village taxes. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat**, and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki**, to approve the auditors required examination of the courts.

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe**, and seconded by Trustee **Refermat**, to approve the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co. request, to apply for a liquor license for the following event:

- Alden Fire Company- "Dollars for Scholars 5-K Run - Post Race Party & Taste of Alden" in the Alden Town Park, Thursday, June 5, 2025 (3:00pm-12:00am).
- Alden Car Show, in the Town Park & Alden Village Park (2- Stages / Bars), Sunday, July 27, 2025 (11:00am-7:00pm).

- Summer Steak-Outing, at Alden Station #2, August 14, 2025 (3:00pm-12:00am).
- Chicken BBQ, in Village Park, September 7, 2025, no alcohol will be served at this event.
- Fall Meat Raffle, held at the Municipal Building, November 15, 2025 (6:00 pm-12:00 am).

MOTION by Trustee **Casell**, and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki**, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff’s signature on a letter of support for the Erie County Division of Emergency Medical Services’ Ambulance Service (ECEMS), for their certificate of public need (permanent status), including a request to expand the service to all Erie County municipalities and communities. (letter on communications folder)

RESOLUTION to create a force account authorization for the Village Public Works – Water Department employees to bill time related to work performed on the Village of Alden (WIIA Project No: 18455) Water Project from 2019 – 2023: estimated Total: \$14,984.13.

RESOLUTION # __1__

TO CREATE A FORCE ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE VILLAGE PUBLIC WORKS WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE TO BILL TIME RELATED TO WORK PERFORMED ON THE VILLAGE OF ALDEN WATER PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Village Department of Public Works “DPW” employees: Kevin Wypij, Patrick Cavanaugh, Tim Pfitzinger, Gary Pellittieri, Austin Kremer, Josh Zelak, Owen Goals Erik Maderer, Mark Pruitt, Shawn Eastland, Dan Czelusta, Cameron Eastland, and Ed Siegel were authorized to provide services related to the Village of Alden’s Water Project (“Project”) beyond their ordinary DPW activities. In doing so, a total of \$14,984.13 in services related to the Project in fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

WHEREAS, such activities include, but are not necessarily limited to, built a temporary hot box and replaced by a permanent building related to the Project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the allocation of a maximum of \$14,984.13 in expenses for the project. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

By Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Kibbe-aye

Trustee Cieszki-aye

Trustee Refermat-aye

Trustee Casell-aye

Mayor Retzlaff-aye

Aye: __5__ Nos: _0__

Introduced by ____Cieszki_____

Seconded by ____Refermat_____

Communications: None

Reports from Committee's/Departments/Trustee's: Trustee Refermat attended a seminar and shared highlighted points regarding the strike by corrections officers, the HALT act, 24 hour mandates, salt purchases coming only from the an American salt mine, information regarding Feed More WNY and what they do with the farm market truck. Feed More is building a new building in Hamburg and looking for donations from towns/municipalities. Alden does not participate due to having our own private Meals on Wheels and Alden food pantry. People sitting at the table were impressed with the name tag provided to Trustee Refermat for the meeting and good luck to all the candidates who are running for the board.

Clerk Galbraith advised that the election is this coming Tuesday from 12pm-9pm.

Unfinished/Tabled Business: none

Adjournment-with a moment of silence for Linda Gaffney. Meeting adjourned by Trustee Refermat at seconded by Casell at 6:42pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday March 25, 2025 6:30 PM

I respectfully submit,

Ashley Kaluzny, Deputy Village Clerk