

Approved Minutes March 25, 2025

In Attendance: Trustee Refermat, Trustee Cieszki, DPW Superintendent Dan Czelusta, Mayor Retzlaff, Trustee Kibbe, Trustee Casell, CEO Joe Czechowski, Attorney Trapp, Village Clerk Sue Galbraith, Deputy Village Clerk Ashley Kaluzny, DPW Crew Chief Patrick Cavannaugh, & Loren Prucnal.

Village Board Meeting began at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Retzlaff.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Refermat** to approve an executive session beginning at 5:58pm

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to adjourn from executive session at 6:12pm.

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve the minutes from meeting dated March 11, 2025. On the question, 5 ayes carried

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve the abstract bills in the amount of \$44,525.16 On the question, 5 ayes carried

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve reports that only included payroll in the amount of \$50,731.74. On the question, 5 ayes, carried

MOTION by **Refermat** and seconded by **Cieszki** at 6:35pm to exit the regular meeting and enter into Public Hearing for HOP for Daniel Pautler. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

CEO explained the HOP and that a couple of the neighboring residences have called and expressed their approval of the HOP. On the question, Trustee Kibbe asked if the ATF put a regulation number on the number of firearms that Mr. Pautler is able to sell. Mr. Pautler responded with saying it would just be some online sales, the ATF was happy with that response signifying that sales would be limited. Trustee Casell asked if there would be regular traffic in the way of customers in an out-of-residence on a regular basis? Mr. Pautler responded that traffic would be minimal as sales would take place primarily online

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to approve the proposed Home Occupation permit for Daniel C. Pautler, 1732 Willow Woods Lane, for limited firearms sales.. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to re-enter into the regular meeting. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to approve Erik and Gary to attend NYS Rural Water conference in Verona NY 5/19-5/21. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to authorize Mayor Retzlaff to sign the European Cherry Fruit Property access agreement for the USDA. On the question, Trustee Casell would like to know what property/properties the USDA is referencing. Mayor Retzlaff-we will have to investigate further and lay out definitive properties.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to authorize Mayor Retzlaff to sign the MS4 Annal Report and Interim Progress Report Certification. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve the bid of \$34,023.40 by Stryker which includes MTS Power Load a 2 Upgrade kits for ambulance which is grant funded. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve the bid of \$40,710.44 by Stryker for 1 LUCAS chest compression system, 2 Top Battery Chargers, 3 External Power Supply, 4 Battery packs funded for by grant. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to accept with regrets the resignation of Angelo Daluisio from the Planning Board effective immediately. On the question, Trustee Casell, do we have any ideas for replacements yet. CEO Czechowksi-not yet. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Refermat** to authorize the Village of Alden - Alden Fire Department to purchase from DeLacy Ford, Elma (lowest responsible bidder) two (2) 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder Package, at a cost of \$48,280.10 (Total x2: \$96,560.20), for the purpose of use by the Fire Chiefs to be used as Chief's vehicles. One (1) to be purchased by the Village of Alden using Emergency Equipment Reserve Funds, and one (1) to be purchased by the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Inc. On the question, Trustee Refermat wanted to know the year of the vehicle, Mayor Retzlaff, the year is 2020. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to authorize the Village DPW to purchase the old chief's vehicle from the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company to be reassigned to the Village DPW at a cost of \$22,500.00, fund to come from DPW Equipment reserves. 2020 Ford F-150 27,901/miles (VIN: 1FTEW1P49LKD80838). On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to terminate the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village of Alden and Town of Alden for Code Enforcement Services, effective Sunday April20, 2025 at Midnight, as per Town of Alden's request. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Refermat** to accept the donation of an "Avon Inflatable Zodiac Boat" pre-owned (VIN # AVB38208K102) estimated value \$5,000.00; to be used by the Alden Fire Department for water rescue calls. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Refermat** to declare the following items from the Alden Fire Department inventory (list attached) as surplus and to be removed from the Fire Departments inventory and disposed of.

Communications-CEO Joe Czechowski advised that the town will be ending their contract with the village for code enforcement services effective 4/20/25 at midnight and that he is working on a transfer of files to the Town per their request.

Reports from Committees/Departments/Trustees-

Trustee Kibbe-thank you Trustee Refermat for your years of service.

Trustee Casell, also thanks to Trustee Refermat.

Trustee Refermat-As this is my final meeting as a Village Trustee, I'd like to say it has been a honor for me to have served during the last 4 years. Thank you to the Aldenites who gave me this opportunity with their vote, the Mayors who assigned me to special committees, the Trustee's past and present, and the many others. There is one person who was always there and had all the answers along with her "If you need anything, just let me know. "Thank you to our Village Clerk Sue".

Unfinished/Tabled Business-None currently.

MOTION by Trustee **Refermat** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.