

Approved Minutes May 13, 2025

In Attendance: Trustee Prucnal, Trustee Kibbe, Trustee Cieszki, Trustee Casell, Mayor Retzlaff, DPW Superintendent Dan Czelusta, CEO Joe Czechowski, Attorney Joe Trapp, Village Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy Village Clerk Ashley Kaluzny, DPW Crew Chief Patrick Cavanaugh

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

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** seconded by Trustee **Kibbe**, to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2025 Board Meeting. On the question, Trustee Casell abstained. 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** seconded by Trustee **Cieszki**, to approve payroll # 9, payroll #10, and payment bills on abstract dated May 13, 2025. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Payroll: #9 (4/5-4/18/2025) total _\$53,743.22__, and #10 (4/19-5/2/2025), total _\$48,337.56__

Abstract \$__109,478.58__

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal**, to approve the lease agreement between the Village and the WNY Steam Engine Association for 10 years beginning in 2025 and expiring in 2034. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe**, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff's signature on the engagement agreement / letter of proposal with Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. to provide General Municipal Engineering Support Service to the Village of Alden for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Casell**, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff's signature on the engagement agreement / letter of proposal with Greco Trapp, PLLC (Chris G. Trapp, Esq – Partner & Joeseeph Greco-Trapp, Esq.) to provide General Municipal Legal Counsel and Prosecution Service to the Village of Alden for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year. 5 ayes, carried. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to allow Birch Creek Run Association to use the Community Room on June 3rd from 5:30-7:00PM. They will pay the \$60.00 Building use fee. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to allow the Erie County Board of Elections to utilize the Municipal Building's community room on Tuesday June 24, and Tuesday November 4th as a polling station. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to set a public hearing to hear Local Law 2-2025 Moratorium regarding planning, development, and construction of energy storage facilities on May 27, 2025. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** for ECIDA to hold a Public Hearing at the Village Municipal Building in the Community room on Wednesday 5/28/25 at 9AM. On the question, Trustee Casell, what is this for. CEO Czechowski, Phannenberg is meeting with ECIDA to see about getting a tax break on material only. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve a Mobile Food Vendor License for Chiavetta's Catering Service Inc., as per submitted application. License to expire December 31, 2025. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve the request from the Alden/Lancaster Art Club for the follow: use the Firefighter's Memorial Bandstand Park on September 7, 2025 to hold their 67th annual outdoor fall art show from 7:30am-4:00pm and have access to electric. Also, ask the DPW to erect snow fencing on September 5th at 12PM. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to approve Mayor Retzlaff's Proclamation's dated May 5th, 2025, recognizing the achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, for Caleb J. Nelson and Owen J. Stanley, of Troop 160, Alden, New York. On the question, Mayor Retzlaff, Mayor and Trustee Casell attended the ceremony itself. 5 ayes, carried. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of Timothy Pfitzinger to position of Senior Water/Sewer Operator – Grade-3 at the Village of Alden Wastewater Treatment Plant, effective June 1, 2025, and hourly rate as per CBA. On the question, Tim successfully passed his Grade-3 Operator Exam on May 1, 2025. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of Gary Pellittieri to the position of Water / Sewer Treatment Plant Operator – Grade-2 at the Village of Alden – Wastewater Treatment Plant, effective June 1, 2025, and hourly rate as per CBA. On the question, Trustee Casell-does this open another WWTP position? Mayor Retzlaff, no, we are going to fill the vacancy with summer help and hope to hire on one of our summer help employee's at the end of the season. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of Matthew C. Ciccarelli to the position of DPW Laborer for the Village of Alden , starting date May 19, 2025, and hourly rate as per CBA. Pending successful

background check and physical. On the question, Mayor Retzlaff-subject to a 6 month probation. He has his CDL permit and some experience with machinery. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of Edward Siegel (age: 18y/o) to the position of DPW Seasonal Laborer for the Village of Alden , starting date May 27, 2025, with end date no later than August 29, 2025, and hourly rate \$18.50 (3rd -season w/ Village). On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of Shane Toczek (age: 21y/o) to the position of DPW Seasonal Laborer for the Village of Alden , starting date May 27, 2025, with end date no later than August 29, 2025, and hourly rate \$16.50 (1st -season w/ Village). On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to authorize the purchase of a 2015 Pierce PUC Rescue Pumper (VIN: 4P1BAFFX015185) from Town Line Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), and to authorize the expenditure of Three-Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) from the Emergency Equipment Reserve to pay for it. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Kibbe: Aye

Trustee: Cieszki: Aye

Trustee: Prucnal: Aye

Trustee: Casell: Aye

Mayor Retzlaff: Aye

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki**, to authorize Mayor Retzlaff's signature on the 2025-2026 tax warrant. On the question, Mayor Retzlaff, there is a discrepancy between the Village and Erie Country regarding the garbage units. We are working on sorting that through. Trustee Casell-when does this have to be submitted by. Mayor Retzlaff-It needs to be completed asap in order for Erie County to generate out tax bills. Will pass pending the solution with the refuse units discrepancy.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Kibbe: Aye

Trustee: Cieszki: Aye

Trustee: Prucnal: Aye

Trustee: Casell: Aye

Mayor Retzlaff: Aye

Business from the floor-Mr Becker, owns a property on exchange st that included a restaurant. He has since closed the restaurant portion, and would like to eliminate one of his garbage charges. He still has one garbage charge in addition to also having a dumpster. Village Clerk/Treasurer Sue Galbraith, it has already been removed.

Mr. Roll-WNY Steam Engine Association-attended the meeting to sign any necessary paperwork to renew the agreement between the Village and the Steam Engine Association. Mayor Retzlaff-there is no paperwork currently available, but will sign the agreement once it has been drafted. Mr. Roll then explained the use of the pump that the Village loans the Steam Show and how it functions now as it once did many years ago.

Reports from Committees/Departments/Trustees

Trustee Kibbe-Thank you to the DPW and the Kawanis Group for all of their efforts in the duck race.

Mayor Retzlaff-Emerling Insurance will be on site to review all renewing policies effective June 1st on Tuesday May 27th at 4:30pm prior to the board meeting.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to adjourn the board meeting at 6:53pm.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to enter into executive session at 6:55PM.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to adjourn the executive session at 7:12PM.