

## **Approved Minutes May 27, 2025**

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

Absent: DPW Superintendent Dan Czelusta

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

**MOTION** by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from 4/29/25 regarding the budget 2025-2026 Budget. Question: Please let the minutes be revised to show that the correct amount to be collected by Village Property Taxes is \$1,157,128.00; the previous warrant was incorrect and stated \$1,155,048.00, a difference of \$2,080.00. Note: The \$1,157,128.00 is an increase of 3.0%. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to approve the minutes from the Village Board Meeting dated May 13, 2025. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve the Bills on Abstract 24, total **\$\_362,593.29\_** and payroll #11 totaling **\$45,170.80** On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to enter into a Public Hearing for Local Law 2-2025. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to return to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to approve the uncollectable claims in file 2555-99 sent by Village Attorney Trapp as listed in communications. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of Owen Golase (age: 18y/o) to the position of DPW Seasonal Laborer for the Village of Alden , starting date June 17, 2025, with end date no later than August 29, 2025, and hourly rate \$18.50 (3<sup>rd</sup> -season w/ Village). On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to approve the following changes to the Village bank accounts and credit card authorization. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

- Remove Sue Galbraith due to her upcoming retirement

- Add Jill Depczynski, Deputy Village Treasurer (Village Treasurer effective June 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Add Ashley Kaluzny, Deputy Village Clerk (Village Clerk effective June 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Continue Michael Retzlaff, Mayor

**MOTION** by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to approve the Erie County Board of Elections to utilize the Community room for early voting on the following dates/times:

- Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM-5:00PM
- Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>-Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> Noon-9:00PM
- Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00AM-5:00PM/

On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve the bid from Kaminski and Sons Truck Equipment, to replace the Dump Body on #8 (2014 F-550 Chassis) for the price of \$7,645.00. Questions: Three-bids are on file. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to approve the sign permit for House of Colour, 13295 Broadway, as per submitted application. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to set a Public Hearing for Mobile Home Park License renewals on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:35PM. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve an extension of the deadline for the previously-approved Slade Drive Agreement between Wetzl Development and the Village of Alden, to expire on August 1, 2025, as requested, due to site readiness, plan changes, and weather issues. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve Mayor Retzlaff's signature on the updated 2025-2026 Tax Warrant. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Prucnal** and second by Trustee **Kibbe** approve the Moratorium regarding planning, development, and construction of energy storage facilities within the Village of Alden.

#### **Roll-Call-Vote:**

Trustee Casell -abstain

Trustee Cieszki -Aye

Trustee Kibbe -Aye

Trustee Prucnal -Aye

Mayor Retzlaff -Aye

5 Ayes, carried.

Business from the floor: Mr. Kegler-the area of Railroad & Savage rd has been cleaned up within 5 days and isn't sure why the board couldn't do anything about it for months and then it is all of a sudden cleaned up within days.

Mr. Kegler- Residents can see the mess on Railroad & Mechanic st from all directions. The owner of the property doesn't have a driver's license, yet is seen driving all around the Village by residents. Attorney Trapp advised that the Village is working with the Sheriff's office to serve the warrant issued to this homeowner in question.

Mr. Kegler-advised that there is a sink hole on Westcott and Broadway large enough to swallow cars. Again, not a pleasant sight for Village residents. CEO Czechowski advised they are working on re-writing the code and it will address the quantity of cars/conditions as well as fencing requirements.

Mr. Kegler was walking down Broadway in the Village and was pleasantly surprised when he came across 2 park benches in between Marie's diner and the Medical Supply store. Mr. Kegler would like to know if we can trim the tree's around the area because with them being so overgrown, it is nearly impossible for residents to see that there are benches there. Crew Chief Patrick Cavanaugh advised that they are working on it and is part of their schedule.

### **Reports from Committees/Departments/Trustees**

None at this time.

**MOTION** by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM.

I respectfully submit,

Ashley Kaluzny

Village Clerk