

Village of Alden

Approved Minutes

December 23, 2025

The regularly scheduled Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with Mayor Retzlaff leading the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance: Mayor Retzlaff, Trustee's: Cieszki, Casell, Prucnal, & Kibbe, Superintendent of Public Works Czelusta, CEO Czechowski, Clerk Kaluzny, Crew Chief Cavanaugh

Absent: Attorney Trapp

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe**, and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to approve the minutes from the December 9th Village Board Meeting. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal**, and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve the bills on abstract #14 totaling \$53,954.71. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal**, and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to approve the monthly reports consisting of the Public Works November 2025 report. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal**, and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve payroll # 26 totaling \$53,214.12. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe** and seconded by Trustee **Casell** to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled Board Meeting from 12/9/2025. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal** and seconded by Trustee **Cieszki** to approve the bills on Abstract # 14 totaling \$53,954.71. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve the following companies to perform electrical inspections in the Village of Alden for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, as per submitted applications: On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

- Commonwealth Electrical Inspection Agency
- New York Electrical Inspection Agency
- DEAN Electrical Inspections of WNY
- Atlantic-Inland Corp.

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to approve Temporary Business Signs for the following businesses as per submitted applications, to expire on December 31, 2026: On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

- Alden Pharmacy, 13203 Broadway
- Henry's Candy & Gifts, 13237 Broadway
- H&R Block, 13186 Broadway
- The Pink Cow, 13119 Broadway
- The UPS Store, 13186 Broadway

MOTION by Trustee **Kibbe**, seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to allow the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Inc. to host the Annual New Years Eve ball drop on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, in the Village of Alden Firefighters Memorial Park, from 11:00pm on December 31, 2025 – 1:00am on January 1, 2026, provided all proper Insurance coverages are in place. On the question, Mayor Retzlaff denied the initial request to use the park for extended hours. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Prucnal**, seconded by Trustee **Kibbe** to temporary lift the Village of Alden, Open Container Law (Village Code: Chapter 58- Alcohol Beverages) temporarily lifted in the Village of Alden Firefighters Memorial Park, from 11:00pm on December 31, 2025 – 1:00am on January 1, 2026, provided all proper Insurance coverages are in place. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Kibbe**, to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendations of Owen Golas, to the position of DPW Seasonal Laborer for the Village of Alden, starting date: **Monday, December 29, 2025** ending date **Friday, January 23, 2026**, at an hourly rate of **\$18.50/hr**. On the question, Owen is returning summer help employee who has a month break in his schooling. 5 ayes, carried.

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SPECIAL RESOLUTION

December 23, 2025

MOTION by Trustee **Casell** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to approve "*A Resolution Recognizing the Village of Alden Employees during this 2025 Holiday Season.*"

WHEREAS, The Village of Alden Employees work to support the Village of Alden residents with vital Village services throughout the year, and;

WHEREAS, **The Village Clerk** provides the professional link between the residents, and the local governing bodies and departments, and;

WHEREAS, The Village Clerk continually strives to improve the communication and administration of the affairs of the Office of the Village Clerk and serves as the information center on all functions of the Village government and the community, and;

WHEREAS, The Village Treasurer serves as the financial manager of the Village government, and as the steward of the Village funds, and;

WHEREAS, The Village Treasurer is dedicated to keep accurate financial records, and manage the annual Village budget on a daily basis, and;

WHEREAS, The Village Code Enforcement Officers protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents, and;

WHEREAS, The Village Code Enforcement Officers regularly demonstrate their outstanding commitment to ensuring compliance with New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Codes along with all local Village laws and ordinances, and;

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works performs critical, often behind-the-scenes, work such as water & sewer maintenance, road & sidewalk repairs, snow removal, garbage & refuse, and Village parks, and;

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works maintains the Village's infrastructure and quality of life, often during challenging conditions and extreme weather, and;

WHEREAS, The members of the Village of Alden Fire and EMS Department volunteer to save lives and property throughout the Village of Alden, and the surrounding communities wherever the need shall be, and;

WHEREAS, These "First Responders" regularly dedicate countless hours away from their families to train for and respond to emergency calls all hours of the day and night.

WHEREAS, In recognition of all Village of Alden Employees' dedication, hard-work, personal sacrifice, and often going above and beyond to get the job done, no matter what the day or time their services are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Alden Board of Trustees on behalf of all the residents of the Village of Alden would like to show our gratitude and thanks for a job well-done through the past year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Christmas Holiday falls on Thursday, December 25, 2025: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Alden Board of Trustees would like to designate Friday, December 26, 2025, as an Official Village Holiday in the Village of Alden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Village of Alden Offices shall be closed on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 12:00pm, and will re-open for business on Monday, December 29, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all non-essential employees will be granted the day off with pay, and the sincere thanks and gratitude of this Board and all Village of Alden Residents, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Motion does not set any precedent now or into the future, and;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, *Merry Christmas to All, and a Happy New Years in 2026.*

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee **Kibbe**: Aye

Trustee **Cieszki**: Aye

Trustee **Prucnal**: Aye

Trustee **Casell**: Aye

Mayor Retzlaff: Aye

Reports from Committees/Departments/Trustees:

Clerk Kaluzny-Merry Christmas

Superintendent-Czelusta-None

CEO Czechowski-None

Trustee **Kibbe**-None

Trustee **Cieszki**-None

Trustee **Prucnal**-Merry Christmas

Trustee **Casell**-Happy New Year

MOTION by Trustee **Cieszki** and seconded by Trustee **Prucnal** to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 6:43pm. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit,

Ashley Kaluzny

