

Approved Minutes

Village Board 12.9.25

The regularly scheduled Board meeting was called to order by Mayor Retzlaff leading the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Mayor Retzlaff, Trustee's: Kibbe, Cieszki, Prucnal, Casell, Superintendent of Public Works Czelusta, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Joe Trapp, Village Clerk Kaluzny, Working Crew Chief Cavanaugh

Village Residents: Barry Horton, Terry Scutt, Richard Kegler, Greg Czajka, Lisa & Eric Daigler, Vince Delgato, Matt Roll

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to approve the sign permit for Pfannenberg US Realty LLC, 13595 Broadway, as per submitted application. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell, and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to authorize CEO Joseph Czechowski to attend the New York Planning Federation Annual Training Conference from April 19, 2026 through April 21, 2026, in Cooperstown, NY at reasonable expense (this is a budgeted item). On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendations of Alan Hake to the position of DPW Laborer for the Village of Alden, starting date: Monday, December 29, 2025 pending drug testing, at an hourly rate of \$25.06/hr. On the Question: Based upon the CBA Rate for 2025-2026: \$29.48 (-15%) \$25.06/hr. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Cieszki, to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendations of Brandon Beal to the position of DPW Laborer for the Village of Alden, starting date: Monday, December 29, 2025 pending drug testing, at an hourly rate of \$25.06/hr. On the Question: Based upon the CBA Rate for 2025-2026: \$29.48 (-15%) \$25.06/hr. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Kibbe, to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendations of Steven Dies to the position of Alternate Court Officer for the Village of Alden, at a rate of \$75.00 per session. On the Question: Request from Village Justice Michael W. Cole. On the question, Trustee Casell asked if they work for the Town of if they are completely new. Mayor Retzlaff responded in stating they are new and not employed with the Town. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal, to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendations of Anthony Gil to the position of Alternate Court Officer for the Village of Alden, at a rate of \$75.00 per session. On the Question: Request from Village Justice Michael W. Cole. 5 ayes, carried.

Communications: None

Business from the Floor: Mr. Horton addressed the Board and advised that he was present to discuss the signage issues for Colonial Woods. Mayor Retzlaff shared that the parking situation is going to be re-visited after the holidays, but for the time being, the signs are going to be removed and holidays can be enjoyed with family members.

Greg Czajka then addressed the Board regarding the buses that are using Emerson as a pass through. Mr. Czajka has been filling in at the corner of Broadway and Emerson as a crossing guard for the Village. He explained there are many times where traffic is at a stand still and it's extremely unsafe. He recommended limiting parking to one side on the road on Emerson so that traffic can pass through safely. Trustee Casell expressed concern with the Village Crossing Guards being utilized as Traffic police. That is not what they are hired for and their safety comes first. Resident Terry Scutt voiced that he does in fact stop traffic at times to allow the buses to turn onto Broadway and avoid any unnecessary congestion. Trustee Casell shared that this was not a problem in years past when the High School was beginning earlier. This has not become a problem until the hours were changed to later for the High School students. Trustee Casell then advised that we need to find a better solutions. There need to be conversations with law enforcement and the school resource officer. Mayor Retzlaff indicated that he is complete agreement that The Village needs to find a way to get the buses moving and make the situation safer for all.

Mr. Kegler addressed CEO Czechowski inquiring about the stipulations surrounding when the former church at the corner of Broadway and Emerson was turned into fitness center. They have no off street parking and this contributes to the congestion at this corner. CEO Czechowski advised that they did go through the proper channels and did receive a variance from the Zoning Board.

Village Resident Lisa Daigler suggested eliminating the option to turn left onto Emerson from Broadway, though the concern would continue to be the issue of enforcement.

Mayor Retzlaff thanked Terry Scutt and Greg Czajka for filling in as Crossing Guards for the Village.

Superintendent Czelusta reminded residents that there are State and Local restrictions on blowing, shoveling, or plowing snow into the road way.

CEO Czechowski-Thank you to the Alden Fire Dept for hosting the CPR class today that was attended by Village employees.

Trustee Casell- Regarding the parking and traffic situation, we need to enlist the expertise of the Village's Erie County Sheriff liaison to express the Village's concerns for safety.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 6:48pm. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit,
Ashley Kaluzny, Village Clerk

