

## **APPROVED Minutes Regular Board Meeting**

**April 14, 2026 (6:30pm)**

Attendees: Mayor Retzlaff, Superintendent of Public Works Czelusta, Deputy Village Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski, Village Clerk Kaluzny, Village Treasurer Naumovski, Trustees: Kibbe, Cieszki, Prucnal

Residents: Richard Kegler, Mary Yoder, Michelle Backlas, Louis Backlas, Crew Chief Cavanaugh

Absent: Trustee Casell

**MOTION** by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on 3/24/2026. On the question, 4 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to approve the bills on abstract # 21 dated 4/14/26 totaling \$77,753.89. On the question, 4 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to approve the Public Works report from February 2026, the EMS/Fire calls payroll # 6, and Building Permits for the month of March 2026. On the question, Trustee Prucnal- the figures on the Public Works permit needed to be adjusted from February. 4 ayes, carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve payroll # 7 totaling \$52,285.10. 4 ayes, carried.

### **Communications:**

- The Village received a request letter to host the annual car show on Sunday, July 26.
- The Village received an email from a concerned citizen regarding the via duct when entering the Village. The citizen expressed concern on whether the bridge is structurally sound. Mayor Retzlaff assured the public that this bridge has passed inspections, has been cracked for an extended number of years, and safety is the Village's number one priority.
- Superintendent of Public Works is requesting information from other Municipalities regarding garbage and recycling totes
- Contract for the new software is on for approval today.

**MOTION** by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation to allow Village Clerk, Ashley Kaluzny, and DPW Clerk, Robert Henry, to attend the annual PERMA conference located in Verona, Turning Stone NY from Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>- Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**MOTION** by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to approve Mayor Retzlaff’s recommendation to authorize the following 2025-2026 Budget Transfers to cover the cost of new financial, HR, payroll and utility software, Tyler Technologies.

Transfer From:	Amount Reduced	Transfer To:	Amount Increased
A1990.4 GF Contingency	\$50,000	A1620.220 GF Computer Software	\$50,000
CL9010.8 Refuse State Retirement	\$5,000	CL8110.220 Refuse Computer Software	\$5,000
FX9010.8 Water State Retirement	\$5,912	FX8310.220 Water Computer Software	\$5,912
G9010.8 Sewer State Retirement	\$5,912	G8110.220 Sewer Computer Software	\$5,912

**MOTION** by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to approve Mayor Retzlaff’s signature on the Tyler Technologies software contract as reviewed by the Village attorney and Board of trustees.

*Note: The initial payment to obtain the software will come from the 2025-2026 budget year in the amount of \$66,824.00. The annual fee of \$38,910.00 will come from the 2026-2027 budget yet.*

**MOTION** by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to approve Mayor Retzlaff’s recommendation to accept the completed audit reports of the Village of Alden and the Village of Alden Court financial statements completed by Drescher & Malecki, LLP for 2024-2025 fiscal year, dated December 11, 2025.

*Note: This includes the Fire Department*

**MOTION** by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve a Special Public Hearing to take place at Village Hall for the sole purpose of reviewing the proposed budget 2026-2027 on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm.

*Note: Copies are available for review at the Village Clerks Office and on the Village website.*

**MOTION** by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to approve the following properties as exempt from the requirements of Chapter 203 of the Code of the Village of Alden, as it pertains to the storage of unlicensed vehicles on said properties. All of the following have submitted appropriate request letters accompanied by valid New York State Department of Motor Vehicles licenses for this type of activity. Approval to expire March 31, 2027.

- Impala Brothers, 13409 Broadway
- Orlando DiCenso Auto Sales, 13429 Broadway
- MW Equipment Sales, 13448 Broadway
- Diversified Automotive, 13374 Broadway
- Alden Automotive, 13151 Broadway

**MOTION** by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation for The Alden / Marilla Auto Show Committee to host the Annual Alden Car, Truck and Cycle Show for 2026 on Sunday, July 26, 2026, to benefit Mercy Flight of WNY. The following conditions are included in the motion:

- Set-up Friday, July 24, and Saturday, July 25, 2026;
- No parking on West Main Street from Community Center to Broadway;
- A dumpster for the Gazebo area;
- Access to the Village Gazebo for the purpose of electricity during the event;
- Clean-up to be completed by Sunday, July 26, 2026, directly following the event.

**MOTION** by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation to allow the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company to host their annual fund-raising events for the year 2026.

- Alden Fire Company- "Dollars for Scholars 5-K Run - Post Race Party & Taste of Alden" in the Alden Town Park, Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (3:00pm-12:00am).
- Alden's "America's 250<sup>th</sup> Semiquincentennial Celebration", in the Town Park, Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (12:00pm – 1:00am)
- Alden Car Show, in the Town Park & Alden Village Park (2- Stages / Bars), July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (11:00am-7:00pm).
- Summer Steak-Outing, at Alden Station #2, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (3:00pm-12:00am).
- Chicken BBQ, in Village Park, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, no alcohol will be served at this event.
- Fall Meat Raffle, held at the Municipal Building, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (6:00pm-12:00am).

**MOTION** by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of the Village of Alden Fire Department chief ranking officers as listed:

Fire Chief-Byrce Gossel  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief -Austin Kremer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief - Keith Sitzman

*Note: No nominee qualified or interested in the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief at this time.*

**MOTION** by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of the Village of Alden Emergency Medical Services Department chief ranking officers as listed:

EMS Director -Byrce Gossel

1<sup>st</sup> Asst. EMS Director -Austin Kremer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Asst. EMS Director - Keith Sitzman

*Note: No nominee qualified or interested in the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. EMS Director at this time.*

**MOTION** by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation to approve the 2025 LOSAP points for the Village of Alden Fire Department and the Village of Alden EMS Department as per list submitted by the Chief.

**MOTION** by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to enter the Re-organizational meeting.

**MOTION** by Trustee Brenda and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to exit the Re-Organizational Meeting and return to the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**Business from the Floor:**

The public would appreciate if the communications were shared. Concern was also shared regarding the lack of advertising without the Firemen's park signs. Village Official's agree the Village needs better ways to advertise for events and will look into how to get that out to the Public. The Village will be implementing Welcome to the Villag of Alden signs in the near future. Traffic has become a concern with the development going in behind Tops. Once the project is complete, the Village will request state traffic audit.

Alden Community Church requested an update regarding the rodeo.

Reports from Committee's:

**Superintendent of Public Works-**

- Bulk pick-up is Monday 4/27/26
- A reminder to the public of the Village Curfew Hours
- Reminder to the public to obtain a Public Works permit for sewer repair, driveway install, any work in the right away

**CEO Czechowski-**

- Burn ban still in effect per state requirements
- Finishing up the re-evaluation of parking

**Deputy Attorney Trapp-**

- Attorney Trapp will make a statement regarding the rodeo upon his arrival
- Any housing complaints regarding loud bikes, cars, etc should be directed to both the state trooper barracks located in Alden, and the Trapp office. Troopers are more likely to attend a court appearance

**Trustee Prucnal-**reminder to the public that the Village has solicitor permits. If anyone is soliciting, ask for identification and a copy of their Village permit. If no permit can be provided, please notify the Village Clerk's office.

**Mayor Retzlaff-**will be attending the Association of Government meeting Thursday.

**Village Attorney Trapp**-In regard to the church's request to continue the Rodeo, no special use permit is required by the Village of Alden & the Board shall take no action at this time. Mayor Retzlaff questioned if the Alden Community Church wishes to continue the rodeo, what does the church do. Attorney Trapp advised that if the Church wants to host the Rodeo, they will be hosting the Rodeo.

**MOTION** by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 7:02pm. On the question, 4 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit,

Ashley Kaluzny  
Village Clerk