

Approved Minutes

3/10/2026 6:30pm

Village Board Meeting

The regularly scheduled Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Retzlaff who led the Pledge to the Flag.

In attendance: Mayor Retzlaff, Trustees: Prucnal, Casell, Kibbe, and Cieszki, Deputy Village Attorney Trapp, CEO Czechowski, Village Clerk Kaluzny, Superintendent of Public Works Czelusta, Village Treasurer Melock, residents: Karen Howard, Richard Kegler, Doug Becker, Marlene Roll, Amy Sheehan, Sara Spencer, Mary Yoder, Mike Sheehan, Alyssa Kuss, Heidi Scouten, Michelle Backlas, Louis Backlas,

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to approve the minutes from Village Board Meeting dated 2.24.26. On the question, Trustee Casell abstained. 4 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve the bills on abstract dated 3/10/2026 in the amount of \$58,674.65. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to approve the monthly reports consisting of the Building Permits for February 2026 and the Public Works Report for January 2026.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Casell to approve payroll # 5 totaling \$51,209.28. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation to authorize the Village Clerk to re-levy all unpaid delinquent water / sewer and/ or refuse accounts to the 2026-2027 village taxes. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation to allow the Alden-Lancaster Art Club the use of the Firefighter's Memorial Bandstand Park on Sunday, September 13th from 7:30am-6:30pm for their Annual Art Show. Also, allow them access to the Bandstand from 7:30am - 4:30pm; and direct the Village DPW to erect the snow fence for Art Show displays prior to the start of the show. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation to allow the Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company to host their Annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 13th from 7:30am-6:30pm in conjunction with the Annual Art Show. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to authorize Superintendent of Public Works, Dan Czeluta and Wastewater Treatment Operator, Tim Pfitzinger to attend the

New York Rural Water Association 47th Annual Technical Training workshop at Turning Stone, Verona, NY from Monday May 18-Wednesday May 20th 2026. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Note: This is a budgeted item

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve the following DPW staff to attend the Re-Tree NY Safety Class on Thursday, April 2, 2026; at the Buffalo Zoo, lunch will be provided. Attending: Patrick Cavanaugh, Dakota Booth, Jacob Ludwig, Josh Zelak, Tom Sabol, Alan Hake, and Brandon Beal. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Note: This is a budgeted item

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 Jill Depczynski, former Village Treasurer / Deputy Clerk, from all Village Bank accounts (Alden State bank and NYCLASS) and as a debit card authorized user;
- Authorize Elizabeth “Liz” Melock, Village Treasurer / Deputy Clerk, to have access to all Village Bank accounts (Alden State Bank and NYCLASS) and as a debit card authorized user;
- Authorize Ashley Kaluzny, Village Clerk / Deputy Treasurer, to have access to all Village Bank accounts (Alden State Bank and NYCLASS) and as a debit card authorized user;
- Authorize Michael Retzlaff, Mayor, to have access to all Village Bank accounts (Alden State Bank and NYCLASS) and as a debit card authorized user;
- Authorize Dan Czelusta, DPW Superintendent, as a debit card authorized user;
- Authorize Robert Henry, DPW Clerk, as a debit card authorized user;
- Authorize Joe Czechowski, CEO, as a debit card authorized user;

Note: All debit card users will have a debit card agreement on file in the Clerk’s office

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to approve Mayor Retzlaff’s recommendation to have the Village Treasurer establish an account at the Alden State Bank, for the sole purpose of the Village Debit Card Account, and that at no time shall the amount in the account exceed \$10,000.00, without Village Board prior approval.

On the question: Trustee Casell inquired as to the daily limit of the debit cards. Clerk Kaluzny-\$5,000.00. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Casell to entire into the Public Hearing for Local Law \$ 4-2025: Street Parking Colonial Woods at 6:37pm. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Village resident Barry Horton of Lafayette addressed the Board and made his stance known that the residents in that neighborhood of the Village oppose any additional parking modifications to the minor restrictions already in place.

Jerome Krull mentioned that he could not find Local Law #4 on the Village website and the previous parking law does not mention the Colonial Woods neighborhood at all. He indicated that there are other similar neighborhoods in the Village and there wasn't any influx of no parking signs. He also asked that the Village take a look at adopting a Local Law relating to unlicensed, unregistered vehicles and electric bikes as they are extremely dangerous and becoming more prevalent in the Village.

Mayor Retzlaff indicated that there have been many discussions with local law enforcement, however, it is not their main priority.

Vincent Delgato also a resident of Colonial Woods also expressed there has never been an issue in the neighborhood prior or a concern for emergency vehicles.

Stanley-resident of Arlington inquired as how and why this changed in the first place.

Mayor Retzlaff reminded residents that there were other parking issues in the Village so parking as a whole was re-evaluated. He apologized for the over reach and assured residents there will be no further parking restrictions in the Colonial Woods neighborhood.

Residents thanks the Mayor and the Board for taking the time to hear them out and coming up with a reasonable plan moving forward.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to adjourn from the Public Hearing at 6:46pm.

Mayor Retzlaff then addressed the room regarding the Public Hearing surrounding the Rodeo that was previously scheduled for 6:45pm. He indicated that the Village Clerk and the CEO received a lengthy email from opposing counsel at 4:52PM therefore not allowing the Village attorney to properly review said documents. He then read the last paragraph from the paperwork received from opposing counsel.

We appreciate the Board's attention to the significant zoning, permitting, and public welfare issues associated with the rodeo. Please include this letter and accompanying objections in the administrative record. Should the Board issue a new permit to the rodeo and disregard my clients' experiences and concerns and the legal issues documented in this letter, we will not

hesitate to pursue litigation. As neighbors of the Church and rodeo, my clients have legal standing even though they live just outside of the Village of Alden.

Public Hearing pertaining to the Rodeo-CANCELLED

Mr. Kegler addressed the Board thanking them for being transparent and appreciation for all of the residents that participated in the meeting this evening due to transparency.

Karen Howard was in attendance from Senator Gallivan's office. There was some discussion of previous grant funding that never came through to the Village going back 8 years.

Trustee Prucnal-will be attending the NEST meeting on Thursday.

Trustee Casell-will be attending the Association meeting on 3/26/26. He also advised that the Village will be putting together some sort of 250th anniversary celebration. More to come.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 6:55pm.

I respectfully submit,

Ashley Kaluzny

Village Clerk