

Approved Minutes

June 23, 2026

Regular Board Meeting

Village Hall 6:30pm

The regularly scheduled board meeting was called to order by Mayor Retzlaff leading the pledge to the flag at 6:30pm.

In attendance: Mayor Retzlaff, Trustees' Kibbe, Cieszki, Prucnal, and Casell, Village clerk Kaluzny, Village Treasurer Naumovski, Superintendent of Public Works Czelusta, CEO Czechowski, Village resident Richard Kegler, Robert Herman

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 9, 2026. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki, and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve the bills on abstract # 2 totaling \$207,425.68. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Note: This includes all Village insurance

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve Payroll # 12 in the amount of \$63,486.63. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Communications:

- The Board is going to be approving budget transfers so that we can have a clean record
- We will be taking action tonight and awarding the CDBG project to the lowest qualified bidder
- There will be a motion to adjust a local tax bill for a resident who won an assessment investigation
- We will be approving 2 new employee's for summer help
- There was a lawsuit brought to the Village by residents who do not reside in the Village pertaining to the Rodeo. Such lawsuit cost the Village over \$6,000 already in litigation
- The Village received a recognition letter from Rural Water for the Villages participation for the last 30 years.
- There will be 2 Public Hearings this evening, one for Local Street Parking and one for Bow Hunting.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of Cole Covert as a DPW Seasonal laborer at a rate of \$16.50/hr with a start date of 6/24/26. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to approve Mayor Retzlaff's recommendation of Rylee Szymanski as a DPW Seasonal laborer at a rate of \$16.50/hr with a start date of 7/7/26. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to approve the end of the year budget transfers for fiscal year 2025-2026. See attached sheets with budget transfers information. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Cieszki on the recommendation of the Village Engineer to award the bid to D&H Paving for the 2026 CDBG Street Improvements Project Contract 2026-1 Milling and Paving in the amount of \$130,535.00. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Note: Budgeted item – CDBG & CHIPS

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to approve the petition for the 2026 Village Tax correction for parcel 108.19-6-4, 13259 Broadway St with a village tax reduction amount of \$254.92 due to the assessment reduction to \$116,800.00. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to modify the 2025-2026 budget for the AFG grant funds received. Increase expenditure line A3410.200 – Fire Dept – Equipment - \$68,190.47 for the power loader (funds have been received) and \$24,098.59 for the AEDs (funds are in accounts receivable – submitted to FEMA but not yet received). Increase revenue line A4989 Federal Aid – FEMA Go grants by \$92,289.06. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Casell to approve the following resolution with reference to the proposed Village of Alden, Erie County, New York Pump Station Rehabilitation Project. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

WHEREAS, the Village of Alden Village Board supports the submission of a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant on behalf of the Village for the Sewer Pump Station project, hereinafter referred to as the “Project”; and

WHEREAS, affordability for Village residents and property owners is a significant concern in advancement of the proposed project: and

WHEREAS, an Engineering Report entitled “Pump Station Rehabilitation” recommends implementing the Project to help improve wastewater quality and protect public health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Village Board authorizes Municipal Solutions, Inc. to prepare an application for WIIA Grant funds from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
2. The Village Board authorizes the Village Mayor to execute the application and any necessary supporting documents required to apply for the WIIA grant funds from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve the modification to the previously approved Formal Site Plan for Pfannenbergl US Realty LLC, 13595 Broadway, as per submitted plans and documents, as recommended by the Planning Board. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to approve Mayor Retzlaff’s recommendation to pay the following DPW Seasonal Laborers 8/hours for the July 4th holiday, recognized Friday, July 3rd, 2026, in appreciation for their hard work through-out the summer season: On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

- Cody Captain
- Cole Covert
- Alexander Holtz

Such motion does not set future precedents moving forward.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to authorize the Clerk / Treasurer to continue to pay health insurance premium expenses (Medicare / Medicare-B) for retiree Eugene Nuwer and his wife, in accordance with the September 2021 MOA, utilizing his un-used leave time and credit for the purchase of his mechanics tools by the Village at the time of his retirement around December 2021; until his funds are expended. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Casell to enter into a Public Hearing pertaining to Local Law # 2-parking at 6:35PM. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

CEO Czechowski-the most substantial change to this local law would be redacting most of the restrictions to the Colonial Woods community as well as cleaning up some other areas. The only issue still unaddressed would be the parking across from the Municipal building and the potential to extend no parking on Broadway from Mechanic to Westcott. Mr. Kegler inquired about vehicles parking facing the wrong direction. The Village is looking into this complaint. Attorney Trapp polled the Board to see if it is their desire to extend the no parking down Broadway. Trustee Kibbe spoke on behalf of the Board as they wish to keep the proposed Local Law as presented.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to return to the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 6:38pm. 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Cieszki to adopt Local Law #2-2026, changes to Village Code Chapter 200 (Vehicles & Traffic). On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

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MOTION by Trustee Prucnal and seconded by Trustee Kibbe to enter into a Public Hearing regarding Local Law # 3-Bow Hunting Regulations at 6:45PM. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

CEO Czechowski first wanted to thank Trustee's Kibbe and Casell for their hard work and dedication to move toward allowing some bow hunting in the Village. The Village would defer to DEC regulations. Trustee Kibbe obtained guide books from the DEC. The DEC regulations would be most fitting for residents who live on the outskirts of the Village. Village resident Robert Herman was in attendance and voiced his support for the proposed Local Law. Mr. Kegler raised a few questions. One being the location in which residents would be permitted to hunt. CEO advised that the DEC regulations would take care of that and that the Village is not specifying where hunting may or may not take place. Mr. Kegler expressed his concern for when there is an injured deer that may not drop right away and travels onto another resident's property. Each situation would have to be addressed if/when it arises. Trustee Kibbe advised there is a map that shows the allowable hunting properties. The Village does not add level setbacks in the Local Law, the DEC addresses that.

MOTION by Trustee Kibbe and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to adjourn from the Public Hearing and enter back to the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 6:52 PM. On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to adopt Local Law #3-2026, changes to Village Code Chapter 147 (Peace & Good Order). On the question, 5 ayes, carried.

Business from the floor-Mr. Kegler inquired as to why some of the Village streets are parking on one side only, but not all. CEO Czechowski-the Board did not wish to change all Village streets to one sided parking. Mr. Kegler then expressed the repeated concern with the parking on Emerson and the lack of safety at that corner. Mayor Retzlaff advised that the Village is looking into possible changes/accommodations for the corner of Broadway/Emerson specifically.

Village Treasurer-Taxes are due July 1st without penalty-we've collected over \$1 million so far

Superintendent of Public Works Czelusta-Would like to remind the public to dispose of sharps appropriately. The DPW prefer if residents separate out their garbage and recyclables.

CEO Czechowski-will be getting the newly approved Local Laws prepared and filed.

MOTION by Trustee Cieszki and seconded by Trustee Prucnal to adjourn the regularly schedule board meeting at 6:55pm. On the questions, 5 ayes, carried.

I respectfully submit,

Ashley Kaluzny
Village Clerk