The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of Alden was held on June 12, 1866, at the
Field Hall with Treasurer Clark presiding.

The minutes of the March meeting
were read and approved.

A motion was made and passed that
to read the minutes of the special
meetings held up to a proposed
charter.

The financial report of the Trustees
was read and approved. A copy was
filed.

The Trustees have written again to
the sign inspector concerning the sign
for the George Williams property, but nothing
has been done about it yet. The Trustees have
informed that they would increase in
school fees in order but there is not
enough more in the treasury to pay for it.

The charter incorporating Alden was
accepted but the first meeting of the Town
commissioners will not be held until
May 11, 1866, at that time meeting will
come to ordered. The date will probably
coincide with those of the Town Assembly.

The commissioners have written to
the Court of New Castle, requesting
the Village of Alden to enclose
the property of the New Castle County.

It was felt that it would be too difficult to
regulate our County Code. The motion
of the commissioners concerning the
Commissioners was approved.

The Board of Appeals reported that
it had arranged a spring clean up.
as requested at the March meeting. Members of the Committee submitted detailed reports. The committee suggested that if the town desires the service again, a special committee be formed.

Regular town maintenance has been taken care of. Treasurers have been asked to take action against Ned Warrington because of the condition of his lot at Hillside and West Lane.

A motion was made and seconded to thank the Civic Committee for the Spring clean-up job.

The Board of Assessors reported that it has established the base full rental value for vacant lands of $1300 per thousand square feet in the fiscal year beginning March 5, 1967. A $1565 rate was established for a rate of $4.84 per thousand square feet.

The Assessors pointed out that in addition to the $4.84 per thousand square feet, which will be realized from the assessed rental order in eligible tax assessed, an estimated $1900 per acre will be paid because of the heavily appraised incorporation bill. The report of the Board of Assessors was signed by the members. Paul D. Stephen refused to sign the report.

The Assessors hoped that there will not be any bitterness over their assessment. It is difficult to define what is meant by full rental value. The definition of improvements that should be excluded...
when determining full rental value is not
dear in the lease. Arlington rate
is $1,000 per thousand square feet. The
assessor asked Frank Stephen to give
reasoning and calculation involved in
garnering at Arlington-Assessor's Rate,
but the figures have not been made
available. The practical consideration
has to be made to avoid so excessive a
rate of land rent that shareholders
would be encouraged to break
up their property into small parcels.

A minority report from the Board
assessors was submitted by Shad Adelstow,
Bernard Bredemian and Donald Stephen.

The minority report submitted the
rate of $1.40 per thousand square
feet and suggested that the Town Assembly
accept the $1.30 figure assessed by
the Board of Assessors and submit the
1.40 figure to referendum.

They feel that the Board majority
has not considered the fact that the first
attempt to set the assessment on the
highest figure in which the village was
assessed during 1962-63. It was felt
that the true rental value of known land
were assessed the community would not
permanently fund itself on the basis of
financial adequacy.

The minority report arrived at a figure of
90% per year that the rental ratio
would be raised to 90% + 8 3/4 of its market
value. Full rental value should be
They asked the Town Council to record or supporting a rate of 14.45 per thousand square feet.

Donald Stephens said that he had no written evidence from the Board of Assessors to have the ad valorem at their figure of $3.00 per hundred. The land assessed was fairly by a law that said that 8% was a fair amount to use for figuring returns at the rate. The population was necessary at least as a Board of Assessors. He had questions as to how to do it with some kind of an appraisal. The assessment Campbell chart showed that the land rent had been below all the other evidence from 1952 to 1866. The Press stated that statements that some of the Assessors did not study or the figure was not correct. The cost of services increased and rent considerably.

Mr. Williams Frank stated that dependence on a per cent of the value of all produce was not a farm produce and probably would not be a long to get the impression some people seemed to think. He felt that the Board of Assessors had done their work, documenting their report. One way to protect an assessment is to refuse to pay your rent.

Robert Wynne asked if the Board of Assessors had any need to show how they arrived at the true rate.

After some discussion, Harold McArthur, secretary of the Board of Assessors, read the...
The last meeting of the Board of Assessors

Willie mới suggested that the Board of Assessors agree to meet again
and try to reach a compromise assessment to be reported at a later meeting.

A motion was made to receive the report of the Board of Assessors. 

No report from Budget Committee.

The Police Committee report which was presented was received with thanks.

Registration Committee reported 370 votes.

The referendum succeeded and was passed with a vote of 104 yes and 58 no.

The proposal to be submitted to General Assembly for a new charter was adopted at Town Meeting 3rd May 14 was passed 166 yes and 33 no.

Safety Committee reported that an attempt to establish a front protection with a denton was not deemed feasible at the present time. The present protection amount to about 11 hours a week. A total of 10 or so new positions have been created. Parking on the green is being controlled by blocking off parking areas. A sign can be obtained from the State Highway Department.

The Safety Committee plans a detailed report consistent with state laws.
Under incorporation laws as suggested incorporation amendment. William Beacham suggested that something be done about very traffic move at the curve caused by the Highway or Orleans Road.

School Trustees. They reported that a necessity in school taxes will have to be paid in October. There is a possibility that all school districts will be reorganized. Arden will probably be compelled to go into the Alfred District at their rate is much higher than Arden.

Quint Harry Real Committee is preparing a case to go before the Court of Appeals to hold the construction of an embankment which will come Harry Road to become a more attentional. This would reduce more traffic and cause the need to widen Harry Road. The committee will have a lot more money and a drain will be started soon.

Under New Beginning: The Budget Committee reported that the Trustees acting as Commissioners under the incorporation order specify need for money to carry out expenses. The meeting motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hanks
Secretary.