

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 5, 2023

Mayor Kerry Dineen
Trustee Nicholas Fahrenkopf
Trustee Michelle Ganance, Absent
Trustee Tresa Matulewicz
Trustee John Scally

Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Stacy Tanner, Treasurer, Absent
Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works
Paul Miller, Fire Chief
Todd Pucci, Police Chief
Allyson Phillips, Legal Counsel, Excused

General Public: 02

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Dineen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Department: Chief Miller submitted the Chief's report for November. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Todd Pucci, Chief Altamont Police Department: Winter parking regulations are in effect. We had a traffic safety meeting within the past month. It went pretty well. Fortunately for us, a majority of the problems were not within our Village. There were a few things we did address and I just want people to know we are listening to people and moving forward to address complaints. Last month I brought up a comment about see something, say something. I'd like to thank one of our residents. I can't really get into details because it's an ongoing case, but what people don't know is Walmart does not have their own shipping cars. It's not like Amazon. You won't see a Walmart car. You might see their big trucks that do their warehouse shipping and stuff. But if you order something from Walmart to get it shipped, they use apps like Uber or Spark and that's who does their deliveries for them. Keep that in mind when you order from them. If anybody has had any deliveries from Walmart and they've been missing or stolen item, please let us know. We do have a case where that did happen in the Village. I bring it up because fortunately, one of the residents heard a loud muffler and thought something strange and decided to look at what's going on in a safe way through her ring camera, which did two things, kept her safe, and it also recorded the transaction. Basically, the driver delivered the product, took a picture of it, then picked it back up and put it back in his car and drove off with it. We were able to prove that thanks to her video that showed the time, which was the same time that he sent the picture saying that's when he delivered it. So that arrest was made. But if anybody else has anything missing, we would like to hear from you because apparently, it's something that's relatively common nowadays. The other thing that came out of the traffic safety meeting was education and awareness for people. I just want to bring up a couple things. This weekend is the Victorian holidays. I don't know if anybody else is here to bring that up. I just want to mention one of the parts of that is they're going to be having a pet parade. There will be people crossing streets, the Altamont Police will be assisting, but just be aware of that out there. The following week we have the Santa train coming in. Again, we're going to have some officers up there. We'll have cones in the road just to slow down traffic as well as police cars and officers there. Parking wise, you can use the municipal lot that's at the library. Also, the lot to the south of it and the Key Bank lot. We've got permission to use all of the lots for the parking. Just to keep traffic out of the way there. We ask again when the train pulls up to please don't go out in the roadway to take pictures. I know you want to get pictures. There's plenty of spaces there where you can stand without having to get in the road.

Last but not least, I just want to wish everybody a Happy Holiday season and remind them that if you're going to drink or even smoke marijuana, now that it's legal, you still can't drive. It's still a DWI. Please party safely and make arrangements ahead of time for a safe drive home.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: Loose leaf pickup ended last Friday. We're still picking up bags, so if you have any yard waste, put them out by the curb. We will be picking up Christmas trees whenever they come out too and we just ask that you keep them out of the way of the snowplows and the ditches for drainage. The guys have been working on the Christmas decorations. Those are just about done. They also took our leaf equipment off. They've been working on the trucks. I think this week we're sending our big truck out to get some new tires. We took possession of our two new trucks and replaced Larry's truck. You'll still see that going around this winter. We're going to take the box off, put a flatbed on it, and still keep running it. They've spent the last month with the trucks in the shop, sealing the chassis and putting a special coating on the paint, getting them set for winter. They're lettered now, so if you see them around town, they're white, they're sharp looking trucks. We did our first salt run with the new salter and it worked out really well. We got a heavier chassis on this model, so it handles a lot better with the loads, plows a lot better I imagine too. We are still working on getting a lightweight plow for Larry's truck. We're going to set that up with a snow plow too.

Mayor Dineen: I want to thank you and the team for the handling the water main break. That was late at night, a week or two ago.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: We heard some pushback because we didn't fix it that night, but by the time we found it, it was about 10:30 p.m. and the location of it was just before it dove down under the culvert on Brandle Road. The break was probably about 10 feet deep and it was just too dangerous to do it that night.

Mayor Dineen: I think people don't understand the locations of these breaks is not necessarily right under the dirt. That was down with the culvert.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: If it was a normal break, we would've stayed on it, but it was just too dangerous.

Mayor Dineen: I appreciate you putting everybody's safety first. I'm glad it got fixed very quickly the next morning. It wasn't even 12 hours.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: That was a bad one though. It blew out about two and a half feet of a four-inch line. Half the Village was completely out of water because of it.

Mayor Dineen: Going back to our last meeting about the testing with Barton and Loguidice on the water site, did the trailer come in from the university?

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: No, we're still waiting. We thought we'd hear from them by now. Through some of the walls, they had to do some penetrations to get their equipment in. We're all set and just waiting.

Public Comment:

No comments from the public.

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Treasurer's Abstracts #11, and #12. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve of Stacy Tanner, part-time Treasurer, as needed, at \$33.00 per hour. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve request of SMS Rail Lines to hold Santa Train event on December 16, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve request of Altamont Fire Department to participate in the following events: Fourth Annual Peter Becker Christmas Parade. That is the Berne parade on December 9th or December 10th and the Altamont Parade on December 17th, pending permits and approval of the Altamont Police Department. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Board Minutes for November 8, 2023.

Roll Call:

Trustee Matulewicz In favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf Abstain

Trustee Scally In favor

Mayor Dineen In favor

Motion Carried: 3 In favor/1 Abstain

Mayor Dineen: Altamont Library Lights is being held on Friday, December 8th in Orsini Park and Winterfest is being held on Sunday, December 10th around the Village.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk