

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 7, 2023

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

Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer, Absent
Stacy Tanner, Deputy Treasurer
Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works
Paul Miller, Altamont Fire Chief
Jason Johnston, Altamont Police Chief
Allyson Phillips, Legal Counsel, Excused

General Public: 7

7:00 p.m.

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

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted a Chief's report for January. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: Meter reading will begin the end of the month. Every year we've had people calling that their bill is higher than what they think. Nine times out of ten it traces back to a leaky toilet. It's surprising how much water will go through a toilet in twenty-four hours and it adds up. A good thing to do would be to, maybe once a month, if people would go down in the basement, make sure nobody uses the water, either take a picture or write down your meter reading, wait an hour and then go back and check it again because if you have a toilet leaking, sometimes you won't even notice it. It can go on for a few months. It adds up a lot. We had a false alarm called in. Somebody called and thought they had a water main break over on Schoharie Plank Road West. It turned out to be a false alarm, but I got thinking that probably half to three quarters of our water main breaks are actually found by people in the Village walking or driving around. We appreciate it and anytime you see anything out of the order, give us a call.

Mayor Dineen: Altamont has a process in place when meters seem higher than normal. Department of Public Works will go back out to reread the meter and alert the owner to what they have found.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve Amended Treasurer's Abstracts for Payment and Transfer of Funds for January 3, 2023.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve Treasurer's Abstracts for Payment and Transfer of Funds from February 7, 2023.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Comment:

No comments from the public.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the next general Village Election will be held on March 21, 2023, and WHEREAS, no person shall be entitled to vote at any Village Election whose name does not appear on the register, and WHEREAS, Section 15-118(5) of the Election Law requires that every Village hold a Registration Day for each general Village Election. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; First: The Inspectors of Election shall meet on the 11th of March 2023 for REGISTRATION DAY and to prepare the register. Second: Such Registration Day will be held at Village Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Third: Voting for the forthcoming election shall be conducted at the Village Hall/Community Room/Firehouse, 115 Main Street, Altamont, New York, Albany County, on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve the following individuals as Election Inspectors for Village Election Registration Day, March 11, 2023 and Village Election, March 21, 2023; Deborah Hext, Chairperson, at \$15.50 per hour; Kelly Best, Mary Hillmann, and Laura Shore, at \$15.00 per hour; and Linda Hoogkamp, Alternate Election Inspector, at \$15.00 per hour. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve request to grant permission to Albany County Board of Elections to tabulate elections results including absentee ballots for Village Election on March 21, 2023.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign RBC Wealth Management letter authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue payment of \$6,444.29 to John Mahoney, Altamont Fire Department member. Payment represents one-half of Mr. Mahoney's December 31, 2022 account balance. Mr. Mahoney is withdrawing amount accumulated in the fund and there is no Village budget impact. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve hiring Timothy McIntyre, Delanson, as part-time Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and Laborer at \$25.00 per hour. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve resignation, with regret, of Ronald Clough, part-time senior van driver, effective January 31, 2023. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve resignation of Francis Losito, part-time seasonal gardener, effective January 18, 2023.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve of Board Minutes for January 3, 2023. **All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk