

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 18, 2023

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

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

General Public: 42

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 June. Copy of report included with Official Minutes. Chief Miller stated the old E17 truck is out of service. VRS will be taking the truck this week to take the tools from it and mount the tools onto the new truck that is in town. If the engine for the new truck was ordered today instead of the year ago, it would have cost over a million dollars instead of the \$684,000. The fire department will have a movie in the park on August 25th and a movie in the Fall to be held in the firehouse. CS Arch conducted a presentation regarding a proposed new Fire Department and EMS Station at the corner of Route 146 and Gun Club Road.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: Larry Adams has been working on the lead and copper program and it's been going very well. Some of the old lines are either lead or galvanized and this program has been started nationwide for the municipalities to do a survey for this year and next year and provide the survey to the State. In the past, the homeowners have been responsible from the water main into their house. They've changed that where it's the municipalities problem now and the Village has to inspect the houses. While they're inspecting each house, they're looking at what kind of waterline is coming into the house. The Village is also checking the grounding system for the homeowner's electrical services. In the past, there have been a couple hits on copper when the Village has tested for copper. It's traced back to faulty ground systems in the house. Village also checking for cross connections between sewer and sump pumps and checking valves. Larry Adams is going street by street for the survey, but in the developments, the Village already knows what the material is and they can be skipped. Larry is concentrating right now on the older part of the Village. After the rain stops, DPW will begin patching streets and potholes. Tim McIntyre has been working at the sewer plant and has had some success with polymers and the Village is getting a lot better settlement with the sludge. Tim will be able to help the Village out in haulage fees. Next couple of weeks DPW is going to be working on changing some valves out on the north side of the Village. Mr. Moller asked residents to please stop throwing yard waste into the creeks.

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve Treasurer's Abstracts #26, #1, and #2 for Payments and Transfer of Funds while amending the bottom portion regarding the loan from the General Fund to the Water fund. Amend to take that off for the night, but approve the abstract and vouchers for this month.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Comment:

Kate Provencher, Resident: Inquired what are the next steps on the firehouse and when will the public be able to comment. Trustee Fahrenkopf stated there aren't any next steps at this point and this was Chief Miller's report to the Board. The feasibility study will give the Village a foundation to be able to talk to elected officials regarding funding.

A discussion was held with the Village Board; Allyson Phillips, Village Counsel; and the public, regarding keeping of chickens in the Village. The Board will set a public hearing in September for the October Board meeting regarding keeping of chickens in the Village.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve resignation of Jason Johnston, Police Chief, effective July 5, 2023. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointment of Todd Pucci, Cohoes, to the part-time position of Police Chief, at a rate of \$30.00 per hour. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve hiring of the following individuals for Bozenkill Park Summer Recreation Program: Avery McPherson, Guilderland, Lifeguard, at \$15.50 per hour; and Tyler Pentak, Altamont, Lifeguard, at \$15.50 per hour; per recommendation of Jami Rubin, Bozenkill Park Director. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve of contract for Village of Altamont's renewal of liability insurance of \$61,917.26 from Marshall and Sterling. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to decline purchasing terrorism insurance from Marshall and Sterling. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve authorization to expend: up to \$17,500 from Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve; up to \$17,500 from Sewer District Public Works Equipment Reserve; and up to \$17,500 from Water District Public Works Equipment Reserve, subject to Permissive Referendum, to purchase 2023 Ford F-150 XL Super Cab 4X4 6.5' Box, not to exceed total cost of \$52,500, per request of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve request of Altamont Fire Department to participate in the following events: National Night Out on August 1st; Movies in the Park on August 25th; 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on September 11th; and Albany County Volunteer Fireman's Association Dinner on September 20th, per request of Paul Miller, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve of Board Minutes for June 06, 2023.

Roll Call:

Trustee Matulewicz In favor

Trustee Ganance In favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf Abstain

Mayor Dineen In favor

Motion Carried: 3 In favor/1 Abstain

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve entering into executive session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and to receive privileged advice and legal counsel from Village attorney that's outside the scope of the Open Meetings Law. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve coming out of executive session at 9:03 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve authorizing partial payments to AJS Masonry in response to their termination cost proposal in the following amounts: Pay application #3 \$22,522.98; Pay application #4 \$649.20; Pay application #5 \$903.83; Pay application #6 \$39,250.50; Pay application #7 \$15,247.50; and Pay application #8 \$19,115.90. **All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve authorizing issuance of a new check to AJS Masonry for payment application #2 in the amount of \$3,860.80 which was approved for payment on 11/1/2022. **All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk