

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

June 09, 2022

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

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

General Public: 2

7:00 p.m.

Trustee Fahrenkopf called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Dept.: After some meetings with the Mayor and the Supervisor, we are going to look at doing a feasibility study on the firehouse to see what the better outcome would be to rebuild here or build a new firehouse possibly on the old Crouse's property. At this point, it would be like an emergency services building as opposed to just a firehouse. The EMS and Fire Dept. would be combined into one building. Again, it's just in the beginning stages. We have to get the feasibility study done first and then probably at least five to ten years down the line before we really get to anything. Chief Miller submitted a Chief's report for May. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: We've been mowing and trimming this past month. We started our blacktop program and patching streets. We finished filling the pool this morning and start the filters up tomorrow. We've got an inspection from Albany County next Tuesday, so we should be set for that. Our engineers were out Monday and they collected a bunch of samples from both our Brandle Road wells and we're waiting for the results from them. Haven't heard anything from the lab. We've started working on our wastewater collection system to try to find the leaks in the system. NYSDEC is really starting to lean on us. Now they want to see some results and we have to give them a report of what our plans are. I want to remind everybody that we're currently under water restrictions for our water. If your address is even, water even days, if it's odd, water odd days, but according to the Altamont Code, they can only water between seven in the morning and nine in the morning and seven at night and nine at night. If you water by hand, you can water any day, but you still have to follow those same hours. With one functioning well right now, it's pretty imperative that people try to follow this. We've never really had problems in the past. We've never enforced it but we can really see our Gun Club well level dropping and our observation well. This little bit of rain we've had this week helped a lot, but the past two weekends when it's been nice out and sunny, that well has turned on Friday and its ran around the clock until Monday or Tuesday without shutting off trying to maintain levels within our tanks. I talked to Albany County a couple days ago, told him what was going on and asked him if we got in a pinch, what would entail turning Brandle Road wells back on to get us out of a jam. He said because we were proactive in the beginning about this whole thing, we can go on ahead and turn it on and we have 30 days to notify the public about using that water. It would have to be notified the same as last time with a direct mailing and delivered to everybody in the Village. Hopefully we can avoid that if people follow these restrictions, but it's up to them.

Trustee Scally: It's pool filling time of the year too, isn't it?

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: Yeah. It took us a week to fill that pool where normally it takes us two days. We really stretched it out.

Trustee Fahrenkopf: Residents in the Village are filling pools too so it's a tough time.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: That was considered with Albany County too. We're hoping that it'll back off a little bit. We normally run maybe 205,000-210,000 a day and we're pushing 260,000 a day right now.

Trustee Matulewicz: You're filling the pool off the wells.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: With our well, yeah. Which is already done actually, we only filled it with a garden hose around the clock.

Trustee Matulewicz: Would it be prudent to look into having water delivered instead?

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: We looked it but it's a lot of money to fill that pool.

Trustee Fahrenkopf: Did you hear anything yet from the engineers about the filter to go into the Brandle Road wells?

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: No. It's still up in the air. They're waiting for these test results now and they're also working on our UV project. NYS DEC wants some reports on that too, but Barton and Loguidice is still working on that.

Trustee Matulewicz: The mailings that go out, regarding the water, I heard personally from some people that they didn't get it because the mailer went to the homeowner and they're renters. How does that work? They're renting a private home.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: That's kind of up to their landlord to provide that.

Trustee Matulewicz: Do we put anything in the Enterprise or anything like that?

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: It was on our website. We hand delivered over to the Altamont Oaks and down to Brandle Woods where it's a mass billing that goes to a different outfit. We hand delivered all those last time.

Trustee Scally: You could also do a Nixle.

Trustee Matulewicz: I don't know if Kerry mentioned or not to you, my dad and I were over at the pool Saturday. Were you able to get the flex seal patch?

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: Yep, he was a big help. First thing, Monday morning, that was taken care of and by 11 o'clock we were filling it.

Trustee Matulewicz: Pool looks good. It's in good shape for being as old as it is.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #24, #25 and #1 and transfer of funds as submitted.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve hiring the following individuals for Bozenkill Park Summer Recreation Program: Jamilyn Rubin, Guilderland, Assistant Director, at \$20.00 per hour; Alexa Johnson, Altamont, Camp Counselor/Lifeguard, at \$16.50 per hour; Trisha Glogan, Guilderland, Camp Counselor, at \$14.00 per hour; Nathaniel Mussman, Altamont, Camp Counselor, at \$13.75 per hour; Kimberly Riek, Altamont, Camp Counselor, at \$13.50 per hour; Lucas Staubach, Altamont, Lifeguard, at \$17.50 per hour; Samantha Staubach, Altamont, Lifeguard, at \$16.00 per hour; Caleb Rockhill, Guilderland, Lifeguard, at \$15.50 per hour; Collin Kapusinsky, Altamont, Lifeguard, at \$15.50 per hour; Natalie Wey, Altamont, Lifeguard, at \$15.00 per hour; Justin Kapusinsky, Altamont, Lifeguard, at \$15.00 per hour; Ryan Stouffer, Altamont, Lifeguard, at \$15.00 per hour, per recommendation of Adriene Bush, Bozenkill Park Director. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve hiring Vicki Bastian, Duanesburg, Water Aerobics Instructor for Bozenkill Park at a flat rate of \$450 from June 21<sup>st</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>, per recommendation of Adriene Bush, Bozenkill Park Director. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve hiring Nathaniel Mussman, Altamont, as part-time seasonal laborer for Department of Public Works at a rate of \$16.00 per hour from June 13<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>, per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works.  
**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve appointment of Stacy Tanner, Altamont, to full-time Deputy Treasurer, at an annual salary of \$34,320. Position is probationary for a period of up to one year. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve appointment of Stacy Tanner to Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, per recommendation of Patty Blackwood, Village Clerk. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to deny request of Heather Fox, 115 Schoharie Plank Rd West, for credit of \$14.40 for water penalty.  
**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve requests of Phil Carducci, 35 Whipple Way, to hold Altamont 5K Run/Walk along the streets of Altamont on June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve of Board Minutes for May 3<sup>rd</sup> & May 24, 2022. **Roll Call: All in favor**

#### **Public Comment:**

Doris White, Resident: I have a concern about the parking lot at the post office. It's been like that for a couple years. I don't live here full time, but every time I come up, I see it, every time it's worse. Also, I have a little concern about the walkway through the park up

there. That is in dire need of repair. I'm just wondering if anybody has not noticed this besides me. I mean the post office parking lot is one mess and somebody's up for a lawsuit either the post office or the person that owns this.

Trustee Fahrenkopf: My understanding is it is privately owned and rented out to the postal service.

Doris White, Resident: So, nobody cares.

Trustee Fahrenkopf: I did not say that. However, I do know that our building inspector has gotten another complaint recently that he's on and I will pass along your comments as well. Our previous building inspector had to do a similar outreach to the owner of the building to get him to fix it. I imagine he'll be doing similar outreach efforts to get him to fix it.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: The pathway in the park in on the agenda for replacement this summer.

Doris White, Resident: When I was coming here tonight, I noticed there is a big hole in the Key Bank parking lot also.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: That's the same owner.

Trustee Fahrenkopf: We'll pass it along to our building inspector and hopefully we can get some resolution.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.  
**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk