

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 08, 2023

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

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

General Public: 02

6:00 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 October. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Todd Pucci, Chief Altamont Police Department: If you see something, say something. We had a report of three individuals that appeared to be Buddhist monks on the railroad tracks for no apparent reason. The person who reported to us didn't report it until five days after the fact. So, we weren't able to find out what they were doing there or what it was all about. So, if you see something, we'd prefer you get yourself in a safe situation, then make a phone call to 911. At least while whatever's going on is going on, so we can actually address it at that time. That way we can identify people, get answers, know what they're doing. There's a lot of stuff going on in the world right now and it's unfortunately everywhere. As you can see from what's going on in our colleges here in the United States right now, there are people who don't feel safe. So again, keep an eye out for stuff. If you see something, say something. Also, since I've been back, the Police Department has done 12 investigations, has issued over 152 tickets, attended to the Altamont Fair and the Fall Festivals and responded to 7 vehicle accidents. We've been relatively busy.

Public Comment:

No comments from the public.

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Treasurer's Abstracts #7A, #9, #10, and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign renewal contract with CDPHP for health insurance for retired employees. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of update to Personnel Handbook regarding employee Health & Dental Insurances.
Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve of Library Lights fundraiser to support the Altamont Free Library, to be held on December 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the gazebo in Orsini Park, per request of Joe Burke, Director.
Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve hiring Stephen du Moulin, Guilderland, as full-time Laborer, effective November 13, 2023, at \$20.00 per hour. Position is probationary for a period of up to one year and is contingent upon Mr. du Moulin obtaining his CDL; and Water and/or Wastewater Certifications within 24 months of employment, per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve bids submitted by Pollard Excavating, Inc., in the amounts of \$540 for Toro Groundmaster 327 Mower and \$718 for Kabota F3680 mower/snowblower with cab, per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. Pollard Excavating, Inc. was the only bidder on the above items. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve to sell the following surplus vehicles at fair market value: 2004 Dodge Ram with plow, "As Is Condition"; and 2012 Ford F-450 Dump Truck with plow, "As Is Condition", per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. Village of Altamont has the option to reject any offers. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve resignation of Stacy Tanner, part-time Treasurer, effective November 29, 2023. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve renewal of the Enhanced Plan with NYS Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program for Altamont Fire Department's Eligible Volunteer Firefighter members. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign RBC Wealth Management letter authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue 2022 Service Award one-time payment of \$700 to William E. Cleveland, Altamont Fire Department member. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of the 2024 Officers elected into office by the membership of the Altamont Fire Department on Monday, November 6, 2023: Paul Miller, Chief; and Thomas Tubbs, Assistant Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve request of Altamont Fire Department to participate in the following event: Schoharie Christmas Parade on December 2, 2023, per request of Paul Miller, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve resignation of Barbara Muhlfelder, Zoning Board of Appeals member, effective November 1, 2023. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve of resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointments of Laura Murphy to Zoning Board of Appeals Member, position expires March 2024; Charles Trout to Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Member, position expires March 2025; and Laurie Pinze to Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Member, position expires March 2026. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve update to the Village of Altamont Fee Schedule and Village of Altamont Facilities Rental Fee Schedule. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to hire Barton and Loguidice Engineering to prepare and submit TAP/CMAQ sidewalk grant application for the Village of Altamont, not to exceed \$7,000. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Board Minutes for October 3rd and October 19, 2023. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Department: The Village should be getting a check any day now from the Town of Lenox for the purchase of the 2001 E17 Fire Truck.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk