

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 3, 2021

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

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

General Public: 6

7:00 p.m.

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

Kyle Haines, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted a Chief's report for November. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported the department has been pretty busy with water main breaks. There was a bad break on Schoharie Plank Rd West. The hole was the size of a football. When that happened, it shocked the whole system and dropped pressure in the whole system which hardly ever happens. Due to the type of material on the Schoharie Plank Road West break, another leak developed that couldn't be found. The department isolated that section off and fed one house off another house. It took two weeks to get material for that break. The department replaced sixty feet of main themselves and put in an extra valve. The department has to dig up other valves and replace them. It cost approximately \$1,000 to replace a valve. Two days after the original water main break there were two more breaks further up the road. Last week there was a leak up on the hill that took a day and a half to fix. There is also a break over on Lark Street that is being dug up tomorrow. Next week the department will be digging up a small leak on Altamont Boulevard. The department is picking up leaves now and the seasonal banners will be changed soon. The snow equipment is being worked on and getting ready for the winter. Bozenkill Park will also be cleaned and winterized over the next couple of weeks. Mr. Moller reminded residents to not throw things in the creeks and asked the public to try to keep the creeks clear. If the residents can't get the debris out of the creek, contact Department of Public Works and they will take care of it.

Mayor Dineen stated the water breaks, with the loss of pressure and water, is the kind of situation that having an emergency transmission line would help the Village. Mayor Dineen thanked Department of Public Works for installing the few swings this summer at the Bozenkill Park and Schilling Park.

Jason Johnston, Altamont Police Chief, reported winter parking regulations are in effect and he will send out a Nixle reminding residents. There has been a huge uptick in ticket writing based on citizen complaints. The department is responding to specific complaints in different areas of the Village. Chief Johnston stated he is working on a few grants to purchase some new computer equipment for his department.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #10 and #11. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Comment:

No comments from the public.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve the Village of Altamont soliciting bids for Altamont Fire Department Building Repairs Project.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve salary change for Michael Greene, Cohoes, part-time police officer, from \$15 per hour to \$18.21 per hour effective October 5, 2021. Mr. Greene is a returning employee that worked for the Village for 6 years before resigning in 2017. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance 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 Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of applications from Robert Nopper, Altamont, and William Pokeda, Guilderland, for Junior Firefighter memberships in the Altamont Fire Department per request of Kyle Haines, Chief.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve of the 2022 officers elected into office by the membership of the Altamont Fire Department on Monday, November 1, 2021: Paul Miller, Chief, and Thomas Tubbs, Assistant Chief.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve request for Village water and sewer for single family dwelling at 108 Schoharie Plank Road West, Altamont, Tax Map #37.18-5-3.2 per request of Carrie Fassett & Andrew Edelson. Capital charge for new service connection to water and sewer is \$7,500. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, has reviewed the application and recommended the connection.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve to rescind resignation of Robert Bennett, Jr., part-time police officer. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve of Board Minutes for October 5, 2021. **Roll Call: All in favor**

The Board of Trustees had budget discussions regarding the proposed sewer rate increase and fleet replacement plan for the Altamont Fire Department.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve holding a Public Hearing on December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2021 Amending Chapter 300 of the Code of the Village of Altamont and Adopting an increase in the Sewer Service Charge. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk