

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 4, 2022

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

Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer, Excused
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: 8

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 September. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Jason Johnston, Chief Altamont Police Dept: It's been a year and a month since I took over, so I just wanted to thank all the officers for doing a good job this year. I also wanted to thank the State Police for helping us procure funds for the new in-car computers because it's been instrumental in us really kicking up the traffic enforcement this year. We've almost tripled the tickets since the year before. I also wanted to remind people that November's coming, so the winter parking rules will go into effect where you can't park on the Village streets or in Village lots other than the one on Maple Avenue behind the Enterprise Printing between midnight and seven.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: We finished our water meter readings. We had a water main break last week on Brandle Road. I think it happened about a quarter to one in the morning. We were on it; we were notified within an hour. Took us another hour and a half to two hours to find it. Just in those couple hours we lost almost 200,000 gallons of water. We've been working on our water distribution system because in the past some of the breaks over on the other side of the Village have had a lot of problems with our main valves trying to shut them off and have them operate. We had a plan in place this morning. We're going to cut a T out at the end of Schoharie Plank Rd West and Western Avenue, put three valves in and replace it. We did some exploratory digging last week; thought we were all set and opened it up and dug another three feet over. Found out that the plumbing was all different than what we thought and we couldn't get our valves and our T in there. That's now on hold. This week we're probably going to end up going down the end of Western Avenue and Gun Club Road and open those valves up. We've got one valve that isn't operational and even with our print, we haven't been able to figure out the configuration in the ground, so that'll help a lot. We've also got a valve that's in a ditch that feeds Indian Maiden that we were never be able to find until we had that break. We finally found it and started to turn it off and the water shot out of the ground. We're going to have to dig that up next week. In the meantime, we're going to do a little more blacktop patch. We had some patching to do up on Prospect Terrace and a couple of side streets. We start hydrant flushing tomorrow. Nixle will go out for that. We're going to be shutting down the Bozenkill Park and the pool and winterizing that in the next couple weeks. Our engineers, Barton and Loguidice, hopefully took the last round of samples from Brandle Road wells, so hopefully we start getting some results

from them on what's going on with that. Brush pickup will begin the end of October and we are reminding everyone to please keep them out of the ditches because they plug up culverts and cause problems.

Mayor Dineen: I wanted to give a shout out to our archivist, Dan Barker, ACT, and volunteers that helped them with the committee for the Fall Festival. It was really well done. Nice food and games for the kids and families and was well attended. They also did a lot on the history of the Village with walking tours with Keith Lee. We thank them for doing all that for us. We have also just about completed our LED conversion on our lights. It was May when they were working around the Village and then we had a punch list that they were finishing up. They've been up for quite some time now. I've gotten some compliments from some folks who said the lighting is just a better lighting. There is still a punch list of items to be completed and the Village will also have to be trained on the lights because we now own them.

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve Treasurer's Abstract #7 and #8 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Comment:

No comments from the public.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign RBC Wealth Management letter authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue 2021 Service Award one-time payment of \$700 to Joseph Dover, AFD member. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of application from John Fulton, Altamont, for Firefighter membership in the Altamont Fire Department, per request of Paul Miller, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve of application from Broden Higgins, Guilderland, for Jr. Firefighter membership in the Altamont Fire Department, per request of Paul Miller, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign CSArch agreement, not to exceed \$19,000, for proposal providing Long-Range Facility Planning Services for the Altamont Fire Department. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve request of Altamont Fire Department to participate in the following event: Breakfast & Fire Prevention Open House on October 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., per request of Paul Miller, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve authorizing Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, to move forward with termination of water service on October 11, 2022, if payment is not received from the following delinquent non-residents: Brian LaDuke, 6523 Dunnsville Road; Steven & Susan Spaccarelli, 6407 Gun Club Road; and Scott McGovern, 15 Agawam Lane. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointment of Andrea Witham to Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member. Position expires March 2023. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Board Minutes for September 6, 2022. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk