

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 5, 2023

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

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

General Public: 12

7:00 p.m.

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

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted Chief's reports for July and August. Copies of reports included with Official Minutes.

Mayor Dineen thanked the Altamont Police Department for working the extra events in the Village over the last few months.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: HVAC unit has been replaced in the police department. Waiting on one more quote to replace the HVAC in the community room and AFD member's room. Ditches and culverts have been cleaned out due to the heavy rain. New piece of playground equipment has been installed at Bozenkill Park. Swing set will be switched out soon. Water meter reading will be finished up this week. Christopher Casey has finished his wastewater schooling in Morrisville and will be scheduling for his final test.

Public Comment:

Kate Provencher, Resident: inquired on what the criteria is for making an approval to add on another household to the water system. Mayor Dineen stated when the Board got to that agenda item they would have Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, come up to the microphone and explain the process.

Dan Barker, Altamont Archives and Museum: discussed the events that will take place at the Fall Festival on September 23rd from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Orsini Park. The rain date will be September 30th.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve of Treasurer's Abstracts #3, #4, #5 and #6 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve authorizing partial payment to AJS Masonry in response to their termination cost proposal for the amount of \$2,565 which is an adjustment to Pay Application #7. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign Barton and Loguidice Change Order No. 1 regarding Fairview Avenue Sidewalk Project. Change Order Number 1 is for the following items: Extra stone parking area (stabilize drainage between sidewalk/street); Embankment material installation (replace unsuitable material); ADA frame and grate installation (safety/slope); and Cast-iron tactile upgrade–handicapped ramps; for an additional cost of \$4,003.34 to Callanan Industries, Inc. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign Barton and Loguidice’s letter regarding Fairview Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project. The approval will supplement \$3,100 for engineering services which will be within the grant amount of the \$125,000 and total engineering services will be \$11,100. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve request for Village water and sewer on single family dwelling at 145A Bozenkill Road, Altamont, Tax Map #37.09-1-5.12, per request VAMR Development. 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**

Mayor Dineen: This is a house within the Village limits. It was part of the approved subdivision by the ZBA, which is on Bozenkill Road directly across from Indian Maiden.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works: The approval was for three lots. Barton and Loguidice, Engineers, developed a Phase II water policy around 2010. They figured out how many houses in the Village and how many outside the Village would be allowed to tie into the water system without causing any problems. So far, the Village is way below any of their total figures.

Mayor Dineen: When there are residences or land within the Village paying Village taxes, there is a right to all the facilities that are offered in front of their house, whether it's water and/or sewer because they pay taxes on that land.

Mayor Dineen stated we're still under but I do know with outside, I know maybe this year because we've had so much water, we haven't had the need, but we came very close last year when we had well issues, to the point where there was an outside development that did ask for water and it was denied. We've done that twice now to two developments on the outside of the Village. One was small and one was bigger. It is watched and an updated study was done by Barton and Loguidice last year.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve authorization to expend up to \$9,540 from the Sewer District Public Works Equipment Reserve, subject to permissive referendum, to pay for replacement of the pump at the Brandle Road Lift Station that was 32 years old. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve authorization to expend up to \$7,975 from the Repair Reserve, subject to permissive referendum, to pay for replacement of HVAC System for Altamont Police Department.
Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign quote of \$646 from NY Power Authority on behalf of EJ Electric to install arm assembly, cobra head fixture, control node, and applicable wiring at Park St Pole_3, Altamont, NY. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve to begin using Application for Permit to Open Street or Pavement, as requested by Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. This will allow applicants to seek authorization from Department of Public Works to perform construction work within the Village of Altamont public roadways. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Fahrenkopf to approve of Municipal Cooperation Resolution to allow the Village of Altamont to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve authorizing Altamont Fire Department to list 2001 Pierce Engine Fire Truck for sale for initial asking price of \$100,000 with Firetec Apparatus Sales, per request of Paul Miller, Chief. FireTec Apparatus Sales takes 10% commission from the sale of the truck and Village Board may accept, reject, or counter any offer made. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign RBC Wealth Management letter authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue 2022 Service Award one-time payments of \$700 to David Cowan, Joseph Dover, William Ernest, Mark Huggins, and Thomas Person, Altamont Fire Department members. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve resignation of Jason McCanney, Police Officer, effective August 31, 2023. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 to permit the keeping of chickens within the Village of Altamont. Public Hearing to be held on October 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve request of Altamont Community Tradition to hold Altamont Fall Festival on September 23, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of September 30, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve request of Phil Carducci to hold Fall Craft Fair on October 7, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve request of Phil Carducci to hold Mid-Fall Classic 5K on October 8, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve request of Phil Carducci to hold 15th Annual Run-Off that Turkey Trot 5K on November 25, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve of Board Minutes for July 18, 2023.

Roll Call:

Trustee Matulewicz In favor

Trustee Ganance In favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf In favor

Trustee Scally Abstain

Mayor Dineen In favor

Motion Carried: 4 In favor/1 Abstain

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve entering into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and to receive privileged advice and legal counsel from the Village attorney that's outside the scope of the Open Meetings Law. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf stated the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony will be held on Monday, September 11th at the Altamont Fire Department and please be there by 8:30 a.m. if you plan to attend.

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve coming out of executive session at 8:46 p.m. **All in favor**

No action taken.

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk