

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 07, 2021

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

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

General Public: 07

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 August. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported water meter readings started this week. Hydrant flushing will begin in October. On Monday, September 13th the Village will be micro paving Lark Street, Lincoln Avenue and Jay Street. Mr. Moller stated the Village would be reaching out to the schools to make them aware of the micro paving schedule for their bus runs. The Village had a couple of water main leaks that DPW was able to locate. Two of the leaks are up on the hill and will have to be addressed. Mr. Moller reminded the public to not throw things in the creeks and asked the public to try to keep the creeks clear. The Village doesn't own the creeks. The creeks belong to each individual households that border the creeks.

Jason Johnston, Altamont Police Dept., reported the police department made it through the major events season at the Altamont Fairgrounds. There were some lessons that were learned that will be worked on next year regarding the parking. The Village will work with the Town of Guilderland to come up with a contingency plan for parking. There has also been an uptick in traffic tickets over the last month. The police department is trying to hit the heavy spots that residents are complaining about. Police departments across New York State are being asked to have additional training of their force. Chief Johnston stated he will make sure his staff is up to date with the required training.

Mayor Dineen reported September 17th & 18th will mark the 95th Anniversary of Automobile Racing at the Altamont Fairgrounds. This was an important stop on the Automobile Association of America's schedule through 1955. At the next Board meeting, the Board will have a proclamation to acknowledge the important milestone and Daniel Barker, Altamont Archivist, will be featuring the anniversary and proclamation in a display at the Founder's Day event in October.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #4, #5, #6 and #7. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Comment:

Phillip Divietro, Indian Meadows Path, spoke to the Board about the need for sidewalks on Indian Meadows Path, Indian Maiden Pass and Bozenkill Road due to their being no

safe access to the Village from those roads. Mayor Dineen stated every year the Village extends sidewalks in different areas and goes so many linear feet each budget year. Recently the Village got a grant to put in sidewalks on Lark Street and Fairview Avenue. That area Mr. Divietro is referring to has been a concern for many years with the blind curve and the ditches. Mayor Dineen stated her and Chief Johnston have spoken to Albany County regarding this location because it's a county road. A plan was sent to the County representative along with a picture of Bozenkill Road and Maple Avenue. Including a sidewalk, there are other problems with that area of stops and yields that people don't do. There is also a speed and safety issue due to their being no shoulder. Albany County responded right away and will be sending out their DPW hopefully next year. Mr. Divietro and Mayor Dineen discussed that a portion of Bozenkill Road is in the Town of Guilderland and Mr. Divietro stated he would reach out to the Town of Guilderland Board regarding a sidewalk for that area. Mayor Dineen stated she would keep Mr. Divietro posted on what she hears back from Albany County.

Paul Malecki, Albany, spoke to the Village Board about the 95th Anniversary of the First Automobile Races at the Altamont Fairgrounds that will occur on September 17th & 18th of this year. Copy of Mr. Malecki's letter included with Official Minutes.

Daniel Barker, Archives & Museum, reported the Village had their first Founder's Day in 2019 and didn't have one in 2020 due to the Coronavirus. The Village will be hosting another Founder's Day event on Sunday, October 10th. There will be an exhibit of the 95th Anniversary of the First Automobile Races at the Altamont Fairgrounds, oral history project with the Altamont Free Library and a guided tour on the first 10-15 stops of the Museum in the Streets.

Village Board of Trustees and Allyson Phillips, Village Counsel, had a discussion on a waiver of conflict for Young Sommer, LLC regarding Borrego Solar Systems. The Village Board asked Ms. Phillips to prepare the waiver in writing for the next Board meeting.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign RBC Wealth Management letter authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue payment of \$11,968.56 to Mark J. Huggins, Altamont Fire Department member. Payment represents one-half of Mr. Huggins' December 31, 2020 account balance. Mr. Huggins is withdrawing amount accumulated in the fund and there is no Village budget impact. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve increasing Limit of Liability for Umbrella policy to \$4,000,000 through Argonaut Insurance Company at a cost of \$1,146. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign Shared Services Agreement with NYS Dept. of Transportation for one year from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. Agreement is to share services, exchange or lend materials or equipment which shall promote and assist the maintenance of State and Municipal roads and highways and provide a cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties' resources. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve resignation of John Lance Moore, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, effective September 30, 2021. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve hiring Gary Goss, Altamont, as part-time Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, at a rate of pay of \$30.00 per hour. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Matulewicz made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve resignation of Gary Goss, Zoning Board of Appeals member, effective September 7, 2021. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointment of James Sullivan to Zoning Board of Appeals member. Position was vacated by Gary Goss and has a five-year term which expires March 2026. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve Resolution Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2021 to Opt-Out of the Retail Dispensary License and On-Site Consumption License Provisions of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act/New York Cannabis Law and Scheduling a Public Hearing on October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on Proposed Local Law. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve acknowledging required annual audit of Altamont Justice Hout's records that was conducted on August 11th by Tresa Matulewicz, Trustee, and Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Matulewicz to approve holding Budget Workshop on October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Board Minutes for July 20, 2021.

Roll Call:

Trustee Matulewicz In favor

Trustee Ganance In favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf Abstain

Trustee Scally In favor

Mayor Dineen In favor

Motion Carried: 4 In favor/ 1 Abstain

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk