

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 7, 2020

Mayor Kerry Dineen
Trustee Nicholas Fahrenkopf
Trustee Michelle Ganance
Trustee John Scally
Trustee Dean Whalen

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

General Public: 22

7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Dineen reported after the presentation from Katy Vescio this evening the Board will be tabling agenda items number 1 and 2 regarding the lease agreement with Boulder Point Solar. The Board received some late information that they have to review. The Board will be going into executive session this evening to discuss the new information.

Kyle Haines, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., introduced the new AFD Officers for 2020 and thanked the Board for their support. The new officers are Kyle Haines, Chief; Thomas Tubbs, Assistant Chief; Alex Olivares, Captain; Dezmond Dover, 1st Lieutenant; Steve McNiven, 2nd Lieutenant; and Brian Vecchio, 2nd Lieutenant.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported DPW has been busy working on their maintenance over the last month. There was a water main break on December 17th at the entrance of Bozenkill Park that caused quite a bit of problems in the Village. Water pressure was lost for a better part of a day. There was another water main break the day before Christmas at the Altamont Fairgrounds. It was a bigger break but the water could be turned off and they didn't have to dig that one up. The water usage that day was over 400,000 gallons. DPW is continuing to pick up Christmas trees.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #14 and #15 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Comment:

Ted Neumann, Lark Street, thanked John Sands for the decorations he puts out for the Village every year. Mayor Dineen stated the decorations were beautiful this year and the Village sent the Sands family a letter thanking them.

Katy Vescio, Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) gave a presentation to the residents and Village Board on establishing a Community Choice Aggregation Program which allows a municipal government to aggregate the energy supply needs of its residents and small businesses, and to negotiate and enter into energy supply contracts with Energy Service Companies on behalf of these citizens to obtain competitively priced energy, often at a fixed or predictable cost, as well as environmental benefits, and opportunities to pursue community-based energy initiatives. This is an optional program and never mandatory or binding for any resident to participate. The resident always has an option. CCA is an opt-out program.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve refunding sewer penalty to Matt & Jerilyn Hans of 1 Marian Court. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointment of Barbara Muhlfelder to Planning Board member. Position was vacated by Deborah Hext and has a five-year term which expires on March 31, 2024. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve Memorial Day Parade along the Village streets and Veterans Memorial Ceremony in Orsini Park on May 17, 2020, per request of Judi Dineen. Parade will commence at 2:00 p.m. from the Altamont Fairgrounds. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve setting Public Hearing on February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to consider adopting the Community Aggregation Plan Program administered by Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA). **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve of application from David Kellerman, Jr., Altamont, as Firefighter membership in the Altamont Fire Department per request of Kyle Haines, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of Board Minutes for October 1, 2019, November 19, 2019 and December 3, 2019. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve entering into executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and also to seek advice of counsel regarding the contract. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve coming out of executive session at 8:32 p.m. **All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk