

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

June 2, 2020

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

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

General Public: 10

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Dineen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was held online using Zoom Video Communications due to the Coronavirus.

Mayor Dineen stated I want to thank the American Legion and the VFW for a small Memorial Day wreath ceremony, with just a handful of people that gathered, in Orsini Park on that weekend to do the changing of the wreath for the year. There's a really lovely wreath that was put there in its place. We sent out a Nixle, to remind people that we had made the decision that summer camp for the Village of Altamont was cancelled for this season. There's so much that goes into summer camp, including the hiring's and getting certifications for the lifeguards. We knew we couldn't wait too much longer to make a decision. The Board was aware of that as well and we'll be coming back stronger next year. We're aiming to see if we can get the pool open this season. We know, technically that's in phase four, and we'd like to open it to the residents and we'll see how it goes. We've got everything ready to go as far as permits in place with Albany County. For the Census 2020, we're up to 70.5% response rate. Not much higher than we were last time. We were about 69% response rate last time, but we're doing better. If you haven't had a chance to fill out your census form online, please just take five minutes to do that. It really means a lot to us and to our funding going forward.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, submitted Department of Public Works written report for May. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

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

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #24, #25 and #1 and transfer of funds as submitted.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally thanked Altamont Community Tradition for posting the fifth grade Altamont Elementary School banner for all the graduates.

**Public Comment:**

No comments from the public.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve authorizing transfer from General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to Shared Services Account (A1620.230) not to exceed \$26,000 for purchase of community room audio and visual equipment. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve hiring Adriene Bush, Bozenkill Park Summer Recreation Director, at \$20.81 per hour.  
**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve of summer food truck event in Village Hall parking lot on Monday evenings during the months of July and August. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve holding Public Hearing on July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to consider adopting Local Law No. 2 of 2020 a Local Law to Require Emergency Knox Boxes for Commercial Buildings Within the Village of Altamont. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of Board Minutes for May 05, 2020. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Mayor Dineen stated I wanted to take a moment to thank both our ZBA and Planning Boards for the work that they're doing and have done. To me, it was very disappointing to hear once again, that one of our Boards, most recently the Planning Board was subject to some, I think, extensive, inappropriate criticism for their ongoing work on an application. Whether it was to take their words out of context or was it to try to humiliate them or bully them. I don't know, but it was very disrespectful, in my opinion. These Boards, I hope everyone knows and understands, work countless hours on whatever the work or applications that come in front of them. They do that because they are residents here and they're invested in their community and they are volunteers. Historically, I know Dean can back me up on this, I think that we've always prided ourselves on having an elevated conversation, even when we don't agree on issues. It's always been top notch as far as I'm concerned. I understand freedom of opinion, freedom of speech, but you know, writing in, having letters to the editor they've really hit a new low recently. I apologize to those Boards that you have to keep going through this. These are your neighbors. I would ask you to please treat them respectfully. They deserve it. I know the Village Board truly appreciates it.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.  
**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk