

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 5, 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, Excused

General Public: 10

7:01 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 reported you'll notice that the May agenda is a little lighter than normal as we continue this pause in New York State due to the COVID-19. Some of the normal actions we take this time a year are postponed until further notice. Those would be the hiring of staff for Bozenkill Park, sometimes we talk about the park registrations for camp, swimming permits, park passes, all of that is also on hold right now. We are not taking reservations still for the community room or any of the parks. As we receive some notice from the governor's office, we'll continue to update residents when those things change. We will use Nixle or post information on the Village website. I'm doing another community reminder for the Census 2020. If you have not had the opportunity yet to send in your information, it's not too late. Please do so as soon as possible. We are just over 65%, so we're doing well, but we could do a little bit better. Having everyone counted is more important than ever as we are anticipating sales tax and funding to be lower. Mayor Dineen reported we should be receiving some new playground equipment for Schilling Park. We had requests last year from some parents that use the toddler park, for some swings and we budgeted for that last year. We're getting a traditional swing seat as well as an adaptive piece that'll work for children of all abilities. Albany County had provided us some masks to use for staff. This is for DPW, office staff, camp staff and then needs in the community. Yesterday we started handing out to businesses that are currently opening for their employees. There's a few more businesses we have to get to, but we just started that yesterday. The fire department and the police department were also getting masks from County in different ways.

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

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

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #22 and #23 and transfer of funds as submitted.

Roll Call:

Trustee Whalen	Abstain
Trustee Ganance	In favor
Trustee Fahrenkopf	In favor
Trustee Scally	Abstain
Mayor Dineen	In favor

Motion Carried: 3 In favor/2 Abstain

Public Comment:

Ted Neuman, Lark Street, stated he was seeking clarification from the fire department about the sign that says burning ban on both Guilderland and the Altamont boards. Mr. Neuman asked if this applies to people who have backyard fires where they're burning brush. Trustee Fahrenkopf stated it specifically applies to any brush burning. The exemptions are fires for cooking. If you had a fire for roasting marshmallows or cooking hotdogs, that would be okay. The ban is in place to limit people from burning brush because things are so dry. There's a really high risk for wildfires right now. It's a Statewide ban.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign renewal contract with Blue Shield of Northeastern NY and Delta Dental Insurance for Village of Altamont employees. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Village Board of Trustees discussed a vehicle parade in the Village of Altamont on Saturday, May 23rd.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to table considering approval of a vehicle parade in the Village of Altamont on Saturday, May 23rd from 10-11 a.m. This parade is part of a campaign to support and celebrate our local Altamont businesses while honoring our veterans during the Memorial Day weekend.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointment of Laura Murphy to Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member. Position was previously held by Sal Tassone and has a five-year term which expires March 31, 2023. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve of Board Minutes for April 07, 2020. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Roll Call: All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk