

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 1, 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: 4

7:02 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 back in July the Board discussed starting up in-person meetings, in September. After discussion this week with board members and staff, it was decided to continue holding the meetings virtually for all of our boards until further notice. This format, the Board feels, allows all of the staff, the Boards and residents to participate safely. While at the same time, the Boards are able to get all Village business accomplished. The Village will let the public know with plenty of notice when it changes. Mayor Dineen reminded the public about the Census. Altamont is doing very well at 75%, but not everyone is counted. The Census Enumerators are going around door to door. They don't come in your house and they're wearing their PPE. Village wants to make sure everyone is counted because it benefits everyone. Mayor Dineen thanked Jim Gaughan, Joe Burke and Nick Fahrenkopf for their efforts that they've been putting forth to make sure that they get the word out about the Census and they're going to continue to do that the next couple of weeks.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, submitted Department of Public Works written report for August. Mayor Dineen reviewed the report. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve the Treasurer's report: Abstract #4, #5, #6 and #7.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried: 4 In favor/1 Absent

Public Comment:

No comments from the public.

Village Board; and Allyson Phillips, Legal Counsel, discussed the Village of Altamont Rules of Procedure for Village Board meetings. The Board recommended one change to the document and will have it on their October agenda seeking Board approval.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign RBC Wealth Management letter authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue 2019 Service Award one-time payments of \$700 to David E. Cowan, William H. Ernest, and Thomas J. Person, AFD members.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried: 4 In favor/1 Absent

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve for Mike Murphy and Dillon Wachter to attend Firefighter 1 training in Colonie and David Kellerman to attend Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations in Coeymans.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried: 4 In favor/1 Absent

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve to expend up to \$55,000 from the Police Car Reserve Fund for 2021 Ford Explorer P1 vehicle per recommendation of Todd Pucci, Police Chief.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried: 4 In favor/1 Absent

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointment of Dan Hitt, Planning Board member from alternate member. Position was vacated by the death of former member Connie Rue and has a five-year term which expires on March 31, 2025.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried: 4 In favor/1 Absent

Trustee Scally arrived at the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve request of Altamont Fire Department to dispose surplus equipment, per request of Kyle Haines, Chief. Copy of list of surplus equipment included with Official Minutes.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve resolution authorizing the Village of Altamont to solicit bids for the demolition of a vacant structure at 759 Route 146, Altamont, NY 12009. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of Board Minutes for July 21, 2020. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf stated there is a Town Fire Chiefs and Commissioners meeting for this month at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday if any of the Board members are interested.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call: All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk