

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 3, 2019

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
Paul Miller, Altamont Fire Chief, Absent
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief
John Hartzell, Legal Counsel

General Public: 93

7:03 p.m.

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

Mayor Dineen stated she wanted to thank Department of Public Works. They have done a great job adding sidewalks on Altamont Boulevard and working on Severson Avenue. Sunset Drive was supposed to be paved and the Village lost their paving company but has secured another company. The paving will be done in September. Sunset neighbors will be getting a letter regarding the paving. Mayor Dineen stated an extension has been put on to the Village parking lot. It will become available for use in the Fall. Trees will be planted in the parking lot area in the Spring.

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted Chief's reports for July and August. Copy of Chief's reports included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Scally read a report from the Archives and Museum on the Founders Day celebration. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, stated meter readings will be concluding this week. Sidewalk program has concluded for the year. They are patching streets now. Sunset Drive has to be touched up before the paving company comes. Hydrant flushing will begin next month.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #4, #5, #6 and #7 and transfer of funds as submitted.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Comment:

Jim Pollard, Lark Street, stated his street is very narrow and many times his street is blocked off due to people parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Pollard stated his driveway also gets blocked with cars. Mayor Dineen recommended Mr. Pollard contact the Altamont Police Department regarding these issues.

Mike Mayer, Bozenkill Road, stated Bozenkill Road has become a drag strip near his home. Mayor Dineen stated the Altamont Police Department have written many tickets in that area. They are aware of the problem. The police department is continuing to work on the problem and the Village will see if they can budget for signs that tell their speed as cars pass it.

Public Hearing 7:13 p.m. – On rezoning a certain tax parcel of land known as 107-109 Helderberg Avenue as a Central Business District. See Stenographic Minutes by Nancy L. Strang pages 1-63.

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve closing the public hearing at 8:55 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Village Board; and John Hartzell, Village Counsel discussed the SEQRA review on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2019 of the Village of Altamont Repealing Local Law No. 1 of 2018 and Amending the Official Zoning Map. See Stenographic Minutes by Nancy L. Strang pages 64-70.

Village Board took a brief break from SEQRA to move on to other Village Business.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve authorizing the Mayor to accept Young Sommer, LLC's proposal for legal services which provides for hourly billing at a municipal rate of \$205/hour for partners, \$185/hour for associates, and \$95/hour for paralegals, except for matters involving applications before the ZBA, Planning Board and/or Village Board where the reviewing board has required that an escrow account be established by the applicant, in which case the applicant will be charged a the non-municipal rate of \$250/hour for partner time, \$225/hour for associate time and \$125/hour for paralegal time. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve transfer to title of the existing easement at Tax Map #37.13-1-39 from Strawbridge Construction Company LLC to the Village of Altamont. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Village Board; John Hartzell, Village Counsel; and Chuck Marshall, Stewarts resumed discussion on SEQRA review on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2019 of the Village of Altamont Repealing Local Law No. 1 of 2018 and Amending the Official Zoning Map. See Stenographic Minutes by Nancy L. Strang pages 70-90. Village Board tabled the discussion on SEQRA until the October 1st Board meeting.

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Sexual Harassment Policy. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign RBC Wealth Management letter authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue 2018 Service Award one-time payments of \$700 to David E. Cowan, William H. Ernest and Thomas J. Person, AFD members.
Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve resignation, with regret, of Rita Murtagh and Kathy Canestraro, Office Cleaners, effective July 28, 2019.
Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve hiring Colleen Moller, Knox, as part-time office cleaner, at a salary of \$22.00 per hour.
Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve of application from Adam Kedik, Altamont, as Junior Firefighter membership in the Altamont Fire Department per request of Paul Miller, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve request to dispose of records according to the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1 as recommended by Patty Blackwood, Clerk. **Roll Call: All in favor**
Copy of list included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve changing time of October Board meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve of Board Minutes for July 2, 2019. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk