

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2018

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

Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer, Absent
Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works
Paul Miller, Altamont Fire Chief
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief
Justin Heller, Legal Counsel

General Public: 11

7:00 p.m.

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

Keith C. Lee, Co-Chairman of the Parks Committee, submitted a Parks report. Copy of the Parks report included with Official Minutes.

Mayor Dineen reported the Village newsletter will be mailed out shortly. Mayor Dineen asked the public to check out the calendar in the newsletter regarding events happening in the Village over the next six months.

Todd Pucci, Chief Altamont Police Dept., reported winter parking regulations are in effect from November through April. Mayor Dineen stated the Village has joined the Nixle system and if there are any emergency road closures due to the weather, the Village will be sending out Nixle notifications.

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted a Chief's report for October. Copy of Chief's report included with Official Minutes.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported the department is finishing up their blacktop project tomorrow. DPW currently has one leaf truck in service and after the blacktopping is completed that truck will also be used for leaf pickup. There isn't a schedule for leaf pickup. Currently the department has been out everyday picking up leaves. Mr. Moller stated in the newsletter it says not to put leaves in ditches because of the drainage but some roads like Maple Avenue Extension don't have a choice but to put their leaves in the ditch. Mr. Moller asked those residents to keep an eye on the weather and if there is a big storm coming, don't put the leaves in the ditch. Bagged leaves are also still being picked up. Mr. Moller stated the sidewalk project on Grand Street is almost done with a little more blacktopping to happen. They blacktopped the driveway apron and because the gutter isn't blacktopped yet, it traps some water in between the driveways. The department will blacktop the gutter between the driveways in the Spring.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #9 and #10 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Comment:

Kristen Casey, Main Street, expressed her concerns regarding Stewarts coming forward again regarding a rezone. Ms. Casey inquired why this rezone request is coming to the

Village Board, why Stewarts wasn't told that the issue has already been decided on in the past, why is this request able to come before the Board again, and when did the Village first learn of the rezone request.

Trustee Whalen stated the reason the rezone request is before the Board is because 107-109 Helderberg Avenue has a new owner. The new owner, Stewarts, is submitting a new application requesting a zone change and the Board has to consider the request.

Michael McNeany, Severson Avenue, stated he is opposed to the Stewarts' rezoning request of 107-109 Helderberg Avenue. Mr. McNeany stated Stewarts isn't doing anything to maintain the property.

Mayor Dineen stated the rezone application was received at the end of September. There is a process in the Village Code that must be followed. The process is that the Board of Trustees has to refer the application to the Altamont Planning Board and Albany County Planning Board first to get their input on the request. Altamont Planning Board and Albany County Planning Board will make recommendations that will go to the Village Board prior to the public hearing. As for the rezone being heard again, Former Mayor Gaughan and Trustee Fahrenkopf met with the group last time and told them that they had the right to reapply within a year. It's been over a year but this is a new applicant. The Village Board is following the process. The notification will go out after this meeting. Mayor Dineen stated the Board has heard other topics again such as the Crouse house. The Board made a decision on the Crouse house and then people spoke and the Board opened it back up again because something else came forward that was different. To say the Board never opens up something again just because it was closed once would mean that everything recent on the Crouse house would have to be redone. The Board had previously made their decision on the Crouse house and that decision is now changed because of new information. The Board has to be flexible. Mayor Dineen stated the Board has to hear the request to rezone because that is the process and they will continue to follow it all the way through and be transparent all the way through. The Board wants the public to come and participate in the public hearing. There will be a presentation that evening for the Board and the public will see that. The applicant has some changes that were previous sticking points and the Board will see exactly what those changes are.

Beatrice Smith, Jay Street, expressed concern again regarding Mr. LaMountain's vegetation still encroaching on the upper section of Jay Street. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, stated DPW went up to trim the vegetation but Mr. LaMountain had already trimmed them. Mr. Moller said there are some branches that are sticking out approximately 6 inches over into the road. Mayor Dineen asked Mr. Moller to speak to Mr. LaMountain to make sure the branches are off the road and also asked Mr. Moller to contact a surveyor regarding the Village's easement on Jay Street. Ms. Smith thanked the Village Board for supplying the senior van for the seniors to be able to attend the Youth Orchestra at Proctors.

Michael McNeary, Severson Avenue, thanked the Village for fixing the train tracks. Mayor Dineen stated the railroad fixed the track. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, called the railroad a few months ago regarding the tracks and learned the railroad would be fixing them by the fall.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve resolution of the Village Board of the Village of Altamont to adopt the Albany County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Village of Altamont's Hazard Mitigation Plan and Village resolves to execute the action in the Plan, per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to authorize Mayor Dineen to sign Barton & Loguidice's proposal to provide professional services for the developing of construction contract documents for the sectional replacement of the veneer around the Village Hall/Fire Station structure. Cost of services is \$18,700. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve changing date of December Board meeting from Tuesday, December 4th to Wednesday, December 12th.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve holding public hearing on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. to consider rezoning 107-109 Helderberg Avenue from a residential zoning district to a commercial zoning district. The request to rezone is requested by the property owner. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve resolution establishing Village of Altamont as lead agency and determining rezoning of the property at 107-109 Helderberg Avenue from a residential zoning district to a commercial zoning district. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve hiring Lucinda Flower, Knox, as part-time senior van driver, at a salary of \$12.00 per hour.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign renewal contract with CDPHP health insurance for retired employees.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve of the officers elected into office by the membership of the Altamont Fire Department on Monday, November 5, 2018: Paul Miller, Chief; and Kyle Haines, 1st Assistant Chief.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of application from Teresa Freeman, Altamont, for Fire Police 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 of Library Lights holiday fundraiser to support Altamont Free Library to be held on Friday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the gazebo in Orsini Park, per request of Joe Burke, Director.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Board Minutes for October 2, 2018. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk