

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 5, 2019

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

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

General Public: 13

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.

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

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported he's been getting phone calls from concerned residents about the Village's water after the Altamont Enterprise's article came out a couple of weeks ago about the Town of Guilderland's problem with trihalomethanes in their water. Mr. Moller stated the Village doesn't have that problem with trihalomethanes anymore because the Village is off the reservoir water. The whole point of developing the Brandle Road well site was to take care of that problem. Otherwise, the Village would be in the same boat right now. Mayor Dineen thanked DPW for all their work during the recent snow event.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #15 and #16 and transfer of funds as submitted.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Comment:

Paul Malecki, Albany, read a letter to the Board requesting access to the Village Archives. Mayor Dineen stated she is hoping to have the position filled in the Museum at the March Board meeting. Copy of letter included with Official Minutes.

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, asked if the position for the museum was a historian or an archivist. Mayor Dineen stated the person would be more of a manager for the archives to start with. Mr. Vlahos asked what is the status of the museum now. Mayor Dineen stated people can call and make an appointment and the volunteers will meet with them. Mr. Vlahos asked if the volunteers from the past are still involved. Mayor Dineen stated they are the same volunteers.

Simon Litten, Main Street, stated the crosswalks have thick plastic material that gets scraped up by the snowplows and ends up on people's properties. Mr. Litten asked if the Village could talk to the State about not using this material because of the expense and

possibly use a different material. Jeff Moller, Supt. of public Works, stated the Village has been dealing with NYS DOT with this problem since they put the material down. NYS DOT has come back three times and they keep redoing it and they refuse to paint it. Mayor Dineen stated the Village will put this on their list to talk to NYS DOT again about this.

Kristin Casey, Main Street, stated Barton and Loguidice is preparing the SEQRA document for the cell tower project. Ms. Casey asked if the Village Board will be the lead agency to review the documentation. Mayor Dineen stated the Planning Board would be the lead agency. Ms. Casey stated she understands the approval for the construction of the cell tower rests solely with the Planning Board. The approval or denial of the special use permit will be their sole responsibility based on specific wording in the contract that ECS must receive approvals from all the government review bodies in order for that to take place. In other words, the cell tower is not a done deal in that location. Trustee Whalen stated this is correct. Along with the State if they decide to weigh in. It is with the Planning Board to make a decision on that special use permit. Ms. Casey stated she understands that it's not the business of the Planning Board to consider the revenue the Village would receive on the cell tower lease and that this information is proprietary. Ms. Casey asked if this information would become public information during the Village budget hearing in March. Trustee Whalen stated the Village wouldn't have the revenue figure for this year's budget workshops. Ms. Casey stated if the cell tower is denied, the Village would lose whatever that revenue source is but if the amount doesn't have a significant impact on the budget or taxes, why not look for an alternate cell tower location that will meet the needs for cell tower coverage but not have a visual impact, will not affect the property values on the surrounding residences, and will not take the chance of it having an adverse health impact on area residents. Ms. Casey stated she is coming to the Village Board because if the Planning Board denies the cell tower then it would come back to the Village Board to look for an alternative location for it. Trustee Whalen stated that would solely be up to ECS. Ms. Casey stated if there was an environmental impact statement that says it will have an adverse impact on the community, then part of the requirement through SEQRA is that an alternative solution be reviewed for that particular project. Ms. Casey stated she also wanted to talk about finding someone to replace Marijo in the museum but it sounds like the Board is well on their way to doing that.

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the next general Village Election will be held on March 19, 2019, and WHEREAS, no person shall be entitled to vote at any Village Election whose name does not appear on the register, and WHEREAS, Section 15-118(4) of the Election Law requires every Village hold a Registration Day for each general village election. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; First: The Inspectors of Election shall meet on the 9th of March 2019 for REGISTRATION DAY to prepare the register. Second: Such Registration Day will be held at Village Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Third: Voting for the forthcoming election shall be conducted at the Village Hall/Community Room, 115 Main Street, Altamont NY on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve the following individuals as Election Inspectors for Village Election Registration Day, March 9, 2019 and Village Election, March 19, 2019; Patricia Dover, Chairperson at \$12.50 per hour; Deborah Hext, and Lori McCormick, at \$12.00 per hour. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve request to grant permission to Albany County Board of Elections to tabulate election results including absentee ballots for Village Election on March 19, 2019. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointment of Tresa Matulewicz to Zoning Board of Appeals member. Position vacated by the death of former member John Huber and has a five-year term which expires on March 31, 2022. **Roll Call: All in favor**

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

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve holding Budget Workshops on March 12th, March 19th, and March 26th (if needed) at 6:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve of Board Minutes for December 12, 2018 and January 2, 2019. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve entering into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. **All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve coming out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. **All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to adjourn at 7.55 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk