

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
July 17, 2018

Mayor Kerry Dineen  
Trustee Nicholas Fahrenkopf  
Trustee Madeline LaMountain  
Trustee John Scally  
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  
Jason Shaw, Legal Counsel, Excused

General Public: 11

7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Dineen reported the Altamont Free Library's summer concert series began last week and encouraged the public to attend. Mayor Dineen stated the Altamont Fire Department will be holding their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration along with welcoming their new fire truck on July 28th. Mayor Dineen stated that the public is invited to attend the event.

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted a Chief's report for June. Chief Miller reported there will be a couple of bounce houses at the fire department's event on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Copy of Chief's report included with Official Minutes.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported the department did some work on the valve vault at the end of Gun Club Road. The department can now monitor how much water is being used out on the Dunnsville Road line which is a substandard line. They have had issues in the past where there were breaks out there and it would take weeks for it to surface. Now they can compare the individual house to their master meter that is in that vault and try to cut back on loss of water. Mr. Moller stated they had a crane come in and they were able to set the new booster pump up on the hill. Last month and a half the department has had a lot of problems and had to buy water. The department is hoping this solves the problem.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve the Treasurer's report; #25, #2, #3 and transfer of funds as submitted.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

**Public Comment:**

John Sands, Grand Street, expressed concern over the removal of trees from his street. Mayor Dineen stated Department of Public Works will plan to notify residents in the future of work done in the Village's easements. Mr. Sands expressed concern over the Village not having a noise ordinance. Mayor Dineen stated the Village adheres to the Town of Guilderland's noise ordinance. Mr. Sands expressed concern over there being too many mailboxes in the Village.

Michael Bouchard, Schuyler Homes, stated Schuyler is an applicant for water hook-ups. Schuyler has a proposed project to construct four lots on Agawam Lane in Guilderland.

Schuyler had previously submitted an application for hook-up for lot number one which was previously approved and thereafter they submitted applications for lots two, three, and four back on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. On June 6<sup>th</sup> Schuyler received an email from Mr. Moller stating due to the pumping capacity of the water facility on Agawam Lane, the Village of Altamont cannot approve any additional water or sewer connections to our system at that location. Schuyler's applications for water taps on lots two, three, and four were denied. Mr. Bouchard stated he is seeking a decision of the Village Board to reverse the June 6, 2018 determination of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, which denied 3 water and sewer applications for 3 single family home building lots. Mr. Bouchard stated the denial doesn't have any supporting facts to it in terms of engineering notes or opinions and the owner of Schuyler would like their engineers to review the notes and possibly come up with an alternative that would satisfy the concerns of the Village pertaining to this project. Trustee Whalen inquired if lot one was approved for water connection as part of the total of four lots. Mayor Dineen stated lot one was approved as one lot. Trustee Whalen stated that's a big difference than what's being presented to the Board tonight. The water department approved a water connection for one house on the lot and suddenly the Board is being told that Mr. Moller is being capricious in denying a subdivision for three more parcels on the lot that already has water approval. Trustee Whalen stated it's not capricious at all. It's understandable that the developer knows whether he has water but Trustee Whalen stated he questions the layout of the parcel and whether it would hold up to the subdivision process with the Town of Guilderland. Trustee Whalen stated the Village has had to recently purchase a pump that is needed for that area because of the lift pump on the top of the hill. The Village could document some of those costs. Trustee Whalen stated the Village has had a long history of water issues on top of the hill and the Board would also have to refer to their professionals who deal with the water on a daily basis. Mr. Schuyler stated he didn't know the full history of this issue and was unaware that last year's water approval was for one water connection on the entire parcel. Mr. Schuyler stated he would contact the Village office to FOIL the engineering documentation and the background information and possibly revisit this issue in September.

Kate Provencher, Thatcher Drive, inquired if there was an update on the Crounse house. Mayor Dineen stated there has been some movement with an offer that the Board will be considering in time as well as the Town of Guilderland.

#### **Public hearing at 7:38 p.m.**

Patty Blackwood, Village Clerk, opened the public hearing with reading of the Legal Notice to consider authorization, subject to permissive referendum, to expend \$26,818 of funds from Reserve Funds to purchase 2018 F-150 Supercab 145" WB 4X4 Truck per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works.

No comments from the public.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to close public hearing at 7:39 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve, subject to permissive referendum, to expend \$26,818 of funds from Reserve Funds to purchase 2018 F-150 Supercab 145" WB 4X4 Truck per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of contract for Village of Altamont's renewal of liability insurance not to exceed \$49,095.21 from Marshall & Sterling. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to not purchase terrorism coverage insurance of \$640 from Marshall & Sterling. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to table considering approval to purchase Data Compromise and Cyber Coverage insurance of \$1,951 from Marshall & Sterling until September Board meeting. **All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign contract for Legal Services with Nolan & Heller, LLP for a flat annual fee of \$16,000. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve resolution establishing Village of Altamont as lead agency and determining that the action to design and construct the water system interconnect to Town of Guilderland project is an unlisted action and will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Copy of resolution included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve Jeffry Pine, New Scotland, as interim Building Inspector/Code Enforcer starting August 14<sup>th</sup> covering the absence of Lance Moore, Altamont Building Inspector/Code Enforcer.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve resignation of Ryan Morrissey, Guilderland, part-time administrative assistant.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee LaMountain made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve hiring Rosa Luna Guzman, Altamont, as part-time administrative assistant, as needed, at \$11.00 per hour. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve Altamont Fire Department and Altamont Police Department participation in National Night Out at Tawasentha Park on August 7<sup>th</sup>. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve for Altamont Fire Department to hold the following events: 9/11 Memorial Service on September 11<sup>th</sup>; and Comedy Night on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve acknowledging required annual audit of Altamont Justice Court's records that was conducted on June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> by Catherine Hasbrouck, Village Treasurer and John Scally, Trustee. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee LaMountain made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve of Board Minutes for June 5, 2018. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve entering into executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. **All in favor**

Trustee LaMountain made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve coming out of executive session at 8:35 p.m. **All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign the agreement and restoration plan for the Crounse house as may be amended by the Village, the Village attorney, and the Town attorney. **All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.  
**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk