

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 4, 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
Kyle Haines, Altamont Fire Chief
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief
Allyson Phillips, Legal Counsel

General Public: 15

7:00 p.m.

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

Todd Pucci, Chief Altamont Police Department, reported winter parking regulations are in effect. Chief Pucci thanked the Village Board for the cell tower. His department noticed better service. They didn't normally have cell service while in the building and since the tower has been up, they have service and so has the Altamont Fire Department.

Kyle Haines, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted Chief's report for January. Paul Miller, Former Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted Chief's reports for December and Annual Report for 2019. Copy of Chief's reports included with Official Minutes.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported they haven't had to plow snow, which is really good. They've been spending a lot on salt. The department is up to four loads now. Mr. Moller stated his old truck has been rebuilt and put back on the road to replace the little red truck that is seen around the Village. The frame broke on the little red truck and the truck was sent to the scrap yard. Mr. Moller stated they thought there was a water main break today. Turned out it was a water service that blew out on Maple Avenue Extension. The main water system didn't need to be turned off for this.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #16 and #17 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Comment:

Betty Head stated she wanted to say that she was really so happy to see the Village joining the Community Choice Aggregation effort. That was something that she hoped would happen and it's happening and she really wanted to say thank you to the Board for joining that. She thinks it's a great step. Ms. Head stated she thinks all should be very happy with that move.

Public Hearing 7:08 p.m.

Allyson Phillips, Legal Counsel, read the Legal Notice regarding the consideration of Local Law No. 1 of 2020 authorizing the creation of a Community Choice Aggregation and adopting certain provisions to facilitate Program implementation.

Mayor Dineen stated we had two meetings prior to tonight where Katy Vescio from Mega came and presented a PowerPoint presentation for the audience and we went

through questions and answers last time. Mayor Dineen asked Ms. Vescio if she wouldn't mind coming up to give a 30 second synopsis of what we've been talking about and then we'll open it up to the floor.

Katy Vescio, Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) stated just for anyone who hasn't been here before or heard about it, as your attorney just explained, a CCA program is a group purchase of electricity for residents and eligible small businesses. Tonight's local is just setting up a program by which the municipality can decide to offer this to residents and small business owners once we get pricing back from suppliers. Once we have all the municipalities that want to do it, we go out to bid, we ask the players to give us pricing and they do. At that point the board and the mayor can decide, looks good, we want to offer this to our residents or no thanks, we're going to walk away. That's kind of the decision point we're at now. Then if the village board does decide to go forward and be a part of the CCA, once they see pricing, I'll be back and then we can talk about rates, which is what everyone wants to know.

Mayor Dineen stated if you have any questions, Katy is here to help us answer them tonight or if you have any comments about it, you're welcome to come up to the microphone and share them with us. We'll count Ms. Head as one comment. Nobody, does the board have any comments that we, I know we did a lot of questions and answers last time, but is there anything else you need to know?

Trustee Scally stated I think it will be good for the Village.

Mayor Dineen stated it will be a good opportunity.

No comments from the public.

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve closing the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve Local Law No. 1 of 2020 authorizing the creation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program and adopting certain provisions to facilitate Program Implementation. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Village Board; and Allyson Phillips, Legal Counsel, discussed SEQRA review on proposed lease agreement between Village of Altamont and Boulder Point Solar.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve resolution adopting a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA for a proposed lease agreement of surplus Village land to Boulder Point Solar, LLC. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve resolution authorizing execution of a lease agreement of surplus Village land to Boulder Point Solar, LLC. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign Agreement for the Payment of Municipal Legal Expenses by Stewarts Shops Corp. as Applicant. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve resignation of Isaiah Swart, Zoning Board of Appeals member, effective January 12, 2020.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve resolution affirming Mayor Dineen's appointment of Sal Tassone to Zoning Board of Appeals member from 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 Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve Enhanced (Supplemental) Plan NYS Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program for Altamont Fire Department's Interior Firefighter members. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign RBC Wealth Management letter authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue lump-sum payment of \$9,547.96 to Joel Schensul, Altamont Fire Department member. Mr. Schensul is withdrawing amount accumulated in the fund and there is no Village budget impact. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve of application from Alexandra Fields, Altamont, as Apprentice Firefighter membership in the Altamont Fire Department per request of Kyle Haines, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen stated he would like to commend the Altamont Fire Department on recruiting all their new and younger members.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve Altamont Fire Department's participation in St. Baldrick's parade from Crossgates Mall to Westmere Fire Department on Sunday, March 29, 2020. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Ganance to approve resolution authorizing the Village of Altamont to solicit bids for the furnishing of all labor and material necessary for the Altamont Fire Department and Village Hall Veneer Replacement. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Ganance made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve of Board Minutes for January 7, 2020. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk