

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
June 3, 2008**

Mayor James M. Gaughan  
Trustee William F. Aylward  
Trustee Kerry Dineen  
Trustee Christine Marshall  
Trustee Dean Whalen

Michael Moore, Attorney  
Donald F. Cropsey, Jr.  
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer  
Anthony Salerno, Commissioner  
Paul Miller, Chief AFD

20 guests

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

Mayor Gaughan reported on the new playground equipment, purchased with private donations, that is on order for the Maple Avenue Park. Additional topics included: the importance of volunteerism; ACT volunteers refurbishing the park; the Farmer's Market scheduled to open the end of June; John Sand's donation of hanging plants; Bike Rodeo and Safety Day scheduled for June 7 sponsored by the Altamont Police Department, Rescue Squad, Fire Department and Neighborhood Association that is partially funded through a \$2,500 grant from Wal-Mart. Through the efforts of Marijo Doherty, former interim Director of NYS Museum, there is a Firemen's historical exhibit in the hallway of the Village Offices.

Paul Miller reported that the Community Room floors have recently been buffed and polished.

Donald F. Cropsey, Jr. reported that he conducted a Building Code educational training seminar with Altamont and Guilderland Center Fire Departments that included an advance fire safety field visit to the Brandle Meadows Senior housing complex that is under construction on Brandle Road

Commissioner Salerno and Chief Paul Miller reported on the Public Safety Day. Parental Internet Monitoring Software has been purchased with grant monies and will be made available to participants. Four bicycles will be given away by a free raffle.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall and carried to refund \$150 for a cancellation of a private party previously scheduled in the Community Room. **All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen and carried to accept the Treasurer's report Abstract # 24, # 25 and # 1 (new fiscal year). **Roll Call: All in favor**

Steve Parachini Indian Maiden Pass reported that there are no bike racks in the center of the Village.

Norman Bauman, Maple Ave, spoke on volunteerism.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall and carried to approve an application to the Village of Altamont for water service connection to Camp Wildwood, Wildwood Programs, 2995 Curry Rd Ext., Schenectady, NY 12303, recommended by Timothy McIntyre, Superintendent of Public Works, with the following conditions:

- Plans to be evaluated by Village engineer
- Proper permits and approvals from DOH/DEC completed
- All applicable requirements and fees of the Village Water Rules and Regulations (Local Law No. 1 of 2007) be met
- Prior to the commencement of any work associated with said application, a certified check in amount of \$5,000 to be placed in a Village established escrow account to pay for professional services in connection with the project The initial deposit shall be considered partial deposit as

it may be determined that additional monies will be needed to pay for professional services as the project progresses.

- Agreed upon contract between the Village of Altamont and Camp Wildwood as to specific terms and conditions related to the provision of public water to Camp Wildwood.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen and carried to extend the bid opening notice for Wastewater Treatment Dechlorination System to June 26, 2008 at 10 am per request of Timothy McIntyre, Supt. Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward and carried to accept a proposal, File 702.1734, by Barton and Loguidice to provide engineering services associated with restoring various sections of stream beds which experienced severe stream bank erosion and stream bed deposition during the heavy rainfall events in the early spring of 2007. The following areas are included in the proposal: Areas 1 and 2 – Brandle, Area 3 – Upper Black Creek Stream. The proposal includes (1) field visit, limited survey (\$2,000), detailed field sketches, necessary remediation/restoration plans (\$13,700), one bidding cycle to include all three areas, project manual, bidding procedure (\$2,400), construction phase services (\$3,800). Their fee for services will be \$21,900. This agreement is contingent upon these engineering fees being reimbursed from the FEMA program. Please note that it is expected that the engineering fees will be reimbursable under the FEMA program and Barton & Loguidice, P.C. will verify the same prior to commencing the project. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen and carried to accept Barton and Loguidice's proposal, File 895.006, to continue to assist the Village with evaluation of our sanitary sewer collection system. The scope of services includes evaluating the flow meter data, 2 Coordinate CCTV inspections with Village DPW staff, 3. Review and evaluate the CCTV inspection tapes. 4. Prepare a written report summarizing the results of the flow metering and CCTV inspection programs. 5. Two meetings with the Village board as well as four meetings with DPW. The fee for these services will be \$28,500. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Richard Straut, P.E., Barton & Loguidice spoke on the numerous projects, related costs, anticipated repairs and restoration currently under contract with the Village.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen and carried to hold a Public Hearing on amendment to Local Law No. 2-2008, Village of Altamont Zoning Law, Section 24 (C) and Section 36 (B) on July 1, 2008 at 7:45 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen and carried to hire the following individuals for Bozenkill Park Summer Recreation Program: Adriene Bush, Camp Director @ \$ 14.85 per hr; Tuesday Breitenbach, Erin Glennon, Davis Parker, John Shultz, Andrew Luyckx, Catlin Willsey, John Sands and Zach Appio @ 9.75 per hr; Mary Prendergast at \$9.50 per hr; Tim McIntyre, Jr. and James Vitali, Booth Attendant @ \$8.50 per hr. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen and carried to adopt the revised Village Personnel Policies. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen and carried authorizing a Investment Policy Review related to the Firemen's Service Awards per request of David M. Rogers, Financial Consultant, RBC Wealth Management as recommended by Paul Miller, Altamont Fire Chief.

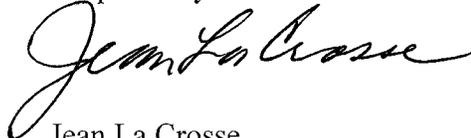
**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen and carried to hold the Village of Altamont 2008 Farmer's Market scheduled for late June – September. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward commented on the Mapping of Albany County and the Mayor's effort on behalf of shared municipal cooperation.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen and carried to adjourn at 8:20 pm.  
**All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean La Crosse".

Jean La Crosse  
Clerk

**TO:** Mayor Gaughan & Village Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Keith C. Lee  
**DATE:** June 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report from the Parks Committee

The lack of significant rain during May has resulted in reduced bloom time for lilacs and other spring shrubs and plants. Our thanks to the DPW staff for working to re-establish grass in the snow storage areas along Main Street and Maple Avenue. The lack of cool weather and rain has made it difficult to germinate the grass seed, but with the regular watering that staff has provided some of the grass has started to fill in.

### **Orsini Park**

Geraniums and others annuals have been added to Orsini and Angel Parks to provide additional color and blooms to the flower beds. The parks looked great for the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremonies, in spite of the poorly timed rain. The severely pruned weeping cherry trees at the entrance to the gazebo have recovered and are filling in once again. The "reduced" size of the trees should provide more visibility for events inside the gazebo.

### **Angel Park**

Activity in Angel Park is reflected in the above report on Orsini Park.

### **Entrance, Bozenkill Park**

The day lilies lining the entrance have shown significant growth and have filled in the spaces along the entrance road. Master gardeners from Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension have started weeding and mulching to get this garden ready for the summer's activities. In bloom at this writing are dianthus and early yellow and purple irises. Stella D'Oro day lilies are budded and will be in bloom in the next couple weeks. The two French white lilacs have passed their peak, but the newly added "Miss Kim" miniature lilac is at peak, and for all its 18 inch height is looking good. Ornamental gourds, moon flowers, and castor bean varieties have been planted as seed for late summer interest.

As noted last month, in the park itself, two tulip trees, two sycamores, and one crimson birch have been planted this spring. Of the trees added last fall, one of the red oaks did not survive the winter and has been replaced. In the last few months a total of 14 trees have been added to the park.

### **Maple Avenue Park**

As contributions accumulate for the pre-school playground in Maple Avenue Park, the bulk of the items for the playground have been ordered for delivery later this summer. We still anticipate being able to complete the playground and the landscaping this summer. Barton and Loguidice staff will meet with village staff and volunteers later this month to provide guidance and direction for the actual placement of the playground components.

Volunteers from Altamont Community Tradition worked May 31 to weed and edge the perimeter flower beds at the rear of the park. Mulching is proceeding and as always, everyone is encouraged to share in the results of the volunteers' efforts and tour the flower beds in the park.

### **Western & Maple Ave/Bridge**

No work activity this month, but the mock orange shrubs beside the bridge should be in bloom later this month.

### **Parking Area/Maple Ave/next to CW Fox**

Weeding and sprucing up has been completed and geraniums have been added for summer color.

### **Triangle Garden/Schoharie Plank Rd W**

No activity

### **Triangle Garden/Maple Ave & Bozenkill Rd Intersection**

The two gardens in this area have been planted primarily with ornamental grasses, with ten varieties in place and six plantings of summer and fall blooming flowers. The shape of the new garden mirrors the previously installed garden installed last year.

Our thanks, as always, to Tim and his staff and to all the rest of the Village staff for their support and assistance.

June 3, 2008

Village Board:

Please approve the following abstracts:

**2007-08 Budget**

**ABSTRACT #24**

GENERAL FUND	\$4,639.40
WATER FUND	2,567.97
SEWER FUND	<u>4,535.18</u>
TOTAL	\$11,742.55

**ABSTRACT #25**

GENERAL FUND	\$29,301.31
WATER FUND	5,315.48
SEWER FUND	<u>13,799.21</u>
TOTAL	\$48,416.00

**2008-09 Budget**

**ABSTRACT #1**

GENERAL FUND	\$28,684.84
WATER FUND	3,500.00
SEWER FUND	<u>4,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$36,684.84

Also, please approve the following transfers in the 2007-08 budget:

**GENERAL FUND**

\$1,250	A1620.400 Shared Building/Cont.	A1620.401 Electrical
70	A3120.413 Police Supplies	A3120.402 Police Phone
1,725	A1620.400 Shared Building/Cong.	A5182.400 Street Light
460	A3120.413 Police Supplies	A3120.411 Vehicle Main.
73	A3410.450 Fire Dept. Misc	A3410.420 Fire Dept. Gas
760	A5110.400 Street Maint.	A5010.410 Gas/Fuel
1,210	A5110.400 Street Maint.	A5010.450 Misc.
43	A7110.402 Maple Avenue Park	A8010.400 ZBA Exp.

**WATER FUND**

\$286	F8320.402 Power/Township Reserv.	F8320.401 Power/Agawam
2,000	F8320.402 New Well House Disinfect.	F8320.403 Power/Gun Club
713	F8320.402 New Well House Disinfect.	F8320.403 Power/Gun Club
112	F8320.402 New Well House Disinfect.	F8330.401 Power/Filter
60	F8320.404 Power/New Well House	F8340.401 Power/Upper Reservoir
100	F8330.440 Filter Plant Chlorine	F8340.430 Trans/Dist. DOH Smp

**SEWER FUND**

\$350	G8130.450 Misc.	G8110.401 Telephone Exp.
60	G8120.410 Rehabilitation	G820.401 Power/Alt. Blvd. Lift
3,900	G8130.421 Pump Repairs	G8130.401 Electric/Sewer Plant

On May 15, 2008 the following transfers were made to various reserves:

**General Fund**

Fire Department Equipment Reserve	\$45,000
Police Car Reserve	14,000
Public Works Equipment Reserve	20,000
Senior Van Reserve	8,000

**Water Fund**

Capital Project	\$25,000
Public Works Equipment	10,000

**Sewer Fund**

Capital Project	\$35,000
Public Works Equipment	10,000