

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2008

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

Michael Moore, Village Attorney
Jean La Crosse, Clerk
Patty Blackwood, Deputy Clerk
Paul Miller, Chief AFD
Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector
Tim McIntyre, Supt. DPW 10 guests

7:30 p.m.

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

Keith Lee, Co-Chairman of the Parks Committee, forwarded a 2008 activity summary report to the Board of Trustees relating to the various yearly functions in the Village Parks. The report highlighted the installation of the "tot lot" pre-schooler playground in Maple Avenue Park, planting of additional trees in the Bozenkill Park, planting a second grass garden at the Maple Ave/Bozenkill intersection, renovation and replanting of the area at the front of Knowersville Plaza and repair and painting of the Orsini Park gazebo. Mr. Lee thanked the Village and the Board for all their support throughout the years and for the new banners throughout the village.

Trustee Dineen, Business Committee, gave a summary of the meeting held with local businesses November 17, 2008 at Hungerford Market. The meeting was a success and the Business Committee is currently considering two projects. 1) a brochure of the local vendors in the Village of Altamont and surrounding areas; 2) a group advertising initiative. The Business Committee plans to meet again in January 2009.

Mayor Gaughan acknowledged that Altamont Community Traditions in cooperation with local businesses and the Village of Altamont are holding their annual holiday event on December 6 & 7, 2008. The Mayor thanked Altamont Community Traditions for their help once again in supporting the community. Mayor Gaughan also reported that Choices 301, Inc. an organization raising awareness of drunk driving, healthy living and suicide preventions have secured space for the month of December at the former Community Caregivers building on Gun Club Road. There will be a series of events throughout the month and the Mayor encouraged the public to visit the program.

Mayor Gaughan thanked the Village Department of Public Works for their efficiency this fall with the leaf pickup.

Commissioner Salerno reported that 4 Village part-time Police officers attended training in the month of November 2008. One officer went to NYS Mental Health for training on how to deal with emotionally disturbed people, another officer went for training at an advanced firearm

course and two officers were sent to Zone 5 Academy to instruct. Mayor Gaughan thanked Commissioner Salerno for the work that he is doing in training his officers.

Trustee Whalen reported that the Crouse House Committee is still gathering data on the groups in the area that may be in need of meeting space and that the committee is also waiting on a report from James Corsaro, Archival Consultant, on what the needs of the museum may be. Mayor Gaughan reported that the report regarding the museum may be coming by the end of the week.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasure's report; Abstract #11, Abstract #12 and transfer of funds as submitted.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public comment:

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, asked Trustee Dineen how many businesses were invited to the Business Collaboration Committee meeting that was held last month. His concern was that a few businesses were left out. Trustee Dineen reported that landlords were not invited but will be sure to invite them to the next meeting in January.

John Sands, Grand Street, stated that he has great concern that the Maple tree in front of his home that was removed by the Village on December 2, 2008. Mr. Sands feels that the tree was not in immediate need of being cut down and discussed this topic to great extent. Mr. Sands also stated that the Village should have a "preservation and replacement plan" regarding their trees. Mayor Gaughan stated that conversations with Mr. Sands had been ongoing for several weeks in regards to the Maple tree. The Village sought the advice of Fred Breglia, NYS Arborist, to determine if the Maple tree should be removed for public safety reasons. Mr. Breglia determined that the tree needed to be cut down immediately. Mayor Gaughan committed to research the Village ordinances and consider a tree replacement plan. Mr. Sands was invited to be a participant in the process.

Public Hearing 8:12 pm

Michael Moore, Village Attorney, read the Legal Notice for the Public Hearing on enacting Local Law No. 4 of 2008 Village of Altamont Recycling Law. Michael Moore stated that the City of Albany is being required by Department of Environmental Conservation to retain a Recycling Coordinator for all the municipalities in the unit and to have each of the member communities in the Planning Unit contribute to that person's salary prorata based on the volume of solid waste sent to the Rapp Road landfill on an annual basis. Members of the Planning Unit including the Village of Altamont are required to sign an Intermunicipal Agreement to contribute monies towards the hiring of the Recycling Coordinator. Each municipality is also required to pass an enforceable Local Law providing for source separation and segregation of recyclable or reusable materials.

Lois Ginsberg, Euclid Avenue, had a concern over how to make the recyclable program uniformed over all haulers.

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, asked if the haulers are ultimately responsible for the fines when taking the recyclables to the dump.

Michael Moore, Village Attorney, believes that the hauler would be responsible based on the terms governed by the approval that the City of Albany has from NYS DEC.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to close the Public Hearing at 8:33 pm. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve Negative Declaration – Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (SEQR) as follows:

Resolution - 1
Altamont Village Board

Negative Declaration

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT DECLARING ITSELF LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE AND ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW (SEQRA) AND THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER AND NOT REQUIRING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODIFICATION OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CAPITAL REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP PLANNING UNIT

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Altamont has reviewed a short form Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) in conjunction with the modification of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) for the Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership Planning Unit; and

WHEREAS, this action is identified as an “unlisted” action under SEQRA, no coordinated review is necessary, and therefore, the Village Board is the Lead Agency under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the record demonstrates that this action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, will improve the management of solid waste within the Planning Unit and therefore will benefit the environment, and that a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance should be issued in accord with 6 NYCRR 617.7(a)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board be and hereby is designated Lead Agency in accord with SEQRA regulation 617 NYCRR 617.6(4)

BE IT UNDER FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposed action will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts and will not require the preparation of the full Environmental Impact Statement, and a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance in accord with 6 NYCRR 617.7(a)(2) be and hereby is issued.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to adopt Local Law No. 4-2008 Village of Altamont Recycling Law.

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2008

Source separation and segregation of recyclable or reusable materials.

WHEREAS, the Village of Altamont is a municipal corporation of the State of New York, located within the Town of Guilderland, Albany County, New York and having, among others, those powers and duties set forth in the New York Village Law and the New York General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare and further the purposes of the New York State policy on solid waste management articulated in New York Environmental Conservation Law § 27-0106, the Village, along with the Town of Guilderland, the City of Albany and other nearby municipalities, is a member of the Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership Planning Unit. ("Planning Unit"), formerly the Albany New York Solid Waste Energy Recovery System (ANSWERS) Solid Waste Management Planning Unit; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Planning Unit, the City of Albany has prepared a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) which has been accepted by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, as part of a modification to the SWMP, and as required by New York General Municipal Law § 120-aa, the Village must adopt a local law providing for source separation and segregation of recyclable or reusable materials; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Guilderland has adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2003, entitled "A Local Law regarding the recycling of waste within the Town of Guilderland;"

NOW, therefore, be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Altamont as follows:

All residents of the Village of Altamont, and all residential, institutional, commercial and industrial generators of solid waste located within the Village of Altamont, shall comply with all terms and provisions of Town of Guilderland Local Law No. 1 of 2003, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve resolution to comply with the Solid Waste Management Plan Modifications for the Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership and authorize the execution of an Intermunicipal Agreement regarding a Planning Unit Recycling Coordinator.

Resolution – 3
Altamont Village Board

Resolution

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT TO:
COMPLY WITH THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN MODIFICATIONS FOR
THE CAPITAL REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP; and
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
REGARDING A PLANNING UNIT RECYCLING COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare and further the Purposes of the New York State policy on solid waste management articulated in New York Environmental Conservation Law § 27-0106, the Village of Altamont is a member of the Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership Planning Unit (“Planning Unit”), formerly the Albany New York Solid Waste Energy Recovery System (ANSWERS) Solid Waste Management Planning Unit; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Planning Unit, the City of Albany has prepared a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) which has been accepted by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Altamont has reviewed a Draft Modification to the SWMP dated August 2008 and prepared for the City of Albany by Clough Harbour & Associates LLP, and

WHEREAS, as part of the SWMP Modification, the Village and the other members of the Planning Unit must: enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement for the services of a Planning Unit Recycling Coordinator, and agree to implement the terms of the SWMP Modification once it is finalized; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Altamont has reviewed the terms of the Intermunicipal Agreement for the services of a Planning Unit Recycling Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated November 17, 2008 the Common Council of the City of Albany, on behalf of the City, accepted and adopted the SWMP Modification and agreed to comply with the SWMP Modification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE VILLAGE BOARD:

1. The Village Board accepts and adopts the modifications to the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Planning Unit.
2. The Village of Altamont agrees to comply with the Solid Waste Management Plan modifications.
3. The Mayor of the Village of Altamont is hereby authorized to enter into and execute the Intermunicipal Agreement with the members of the Planning Unit.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call: All in favor (A copy of the Intermunicipal Agreement will be entered into the Board Minutes' permanent records)

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve of the recommendations from Altamont Guilderland Referral Committee regarding an application from Peter Wachtel for a 2 lot sub-division of 2.6 acres, creating a new building lot behind 3-5 Marian Court, Tax Map 37.15-2-6-1, Town of Guilderland.

Roll Call: All in favor (A copy will be entered into the Board Minutes' permanent records)

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve a connection to Village Sewer for a single family dwelling at 251 Brandle Road, Tax Map 48.07-1-10. Superintendent of Public Works, Tim McIntyre, has reviewed the application and approved of the connection.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve the Library Lights Holiday fundraiser to support the building fund of the new Altamont Free Library. The fundraiser is to be held during the month of December 2008 at the Gazebo in Orsini Park per request from Judith Wines, Librarian. **All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve the request of ACT to hold their Holiday Celebration event commencing on the weekend of December 6 & 7, 2008.

All in favor

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve Board Minutes for November 2008. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty Blackwood
Deputy Clerk



VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
ALTAMONT-GUILDERLAND REFERRAL

Date: November 18, 2008

To: Donald F. Cropsey, Jr.
Chief Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator
Guilderland Zoning Board of Appeals
PO Box 339
Guilderland, NY 12084

Case Number: 03-08

Applicant: Peter Wachtel
Address: 5 Marian Court
Altamont, NY 12009

Project Location: 3-5 Marian Court in the Town of Guilderland
Altamont, NY 12009

Project Description: Application for a 2 lot subdivision on of 2.6 acres, creating a new building lot behind 3-5 Marian Court (Keyhole lot)

Parcel Size: 2.6 acres

Parcel Number: Tax Map 37.15-2-6.1

Zoning: R-20

Referring Agency: Town of Guilderland Zoning Board of Appeals

Considerations:

Proposed keyhole lot with access from Marian Court on the North side of the current property line
Connection to the Village of Altamont Water supply
Connection to the Village of Altamont Sewer System
Informed that all Guilderland requirements have been met in the proposal

Recommendations:

- **no opposition on record from neighbors or Guilderland Planning Board members**
- **met all Guilderland requirements**
- **any requests for Village of Altamont water /sewer service shall be made through Village Department of Public Works office**

115 Main Street, PO Box 643, Altamont, NY 12009 (518) 861-8554/Fax (518) 861-5379

cc: Kenneth D. Runion, Town of Guilderland Supervisor
Altamont Guilderland Referral Committee
Altamont Village Board of Trustees

December 8, 2008

JEAN:

PLEASE ASK THE VILLAGE BOARD TO PASS A RESOLUTION APPROVING
PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING ABSTRACTS

ABSTRACT #11

GENERAL FUND	\$3,324.52
WATER FUND	7,527.86
SEWER FUND	<u>115.37</u>
TOTAL	\$10,967.75

ABSTRACT #12

GENERAL FUND	\$61,462.83
WATER FUND	6,411.84
SEWER FUND	<u>18,360.93</u>
TOTAL	\$86,235.60

Also, please approve the following transfers:

General Fund

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$4,860	A9010.800 NYS Retirement	A9018.800 NYS Police Ret.
4,500	A9010.800 NYS Retirement	A8030.400 Plan/Research
990	A9010.800 NYS Retirement	A7110.404 Parks/Banners

Water Fund

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$900	F1910.400 Unall. Insurance	F8320.402 Power/township

Sewer Fund

Amount	FROM	TO
\$300	G1990.400 Cont. Fund	G8110.401 Telephone Exp.

TO: Mayor Gaughan & Village Board of Trustees
FROM: Keith C. Lee
DATE: December 2, 2008
SUBJECT: 2008 – Parks' Activity Summary

Highlights of activity in the Village's parks during 2008 include:

- installation of a "tot lot" pre-schooler playground in Maple Avenue Park;
- planting of additional trees in the Bozenkill Park;
- planting a second grass garden at the Maple Ave/Bozenkill intersection;
- renovation and replanting of the area at the front of Knowersville Plaza;
- repair and painting of the Orsini Park gazebo.

Orsini & Angel Parks

In February, DPW staff and village volunteers radically pruned the two weeping cherry trees on either side of the gazebo steps. The cherry trees were planted in 1989, and had overgrown the space, blocking the view of concerts and ceremonies at the gazebo. The trees responded well to the pruning, and will remain a beautiful, though smaller, part of the park's landscape. DPW staff also scraped, sanded, repaired, and repainted the gazebo this year.

On April 26, the Altamont Community Tradition (ACT) sponsored their annual "Clean & Green" for the village, and volunteers raked, trimmed, mulched, dug, and pruned to get Orsini, Angel, and the front portion of Maple Ave park ready for the summer. Annuals and some new perennials were added this year, to ensure a long season of blooms in the center of the village.

These two centrally located parks provided space for an ice cream social, a chicken barbeque, church services, a fund raiser for Guildershaven, at least one wedding, music, children's activities, as well as resting and enjoying the seasons.

Entrance, Bozenkill Park

The gardens on both sides of the entrance – approximately 150 feet of space on each side – continue to be included in Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County's public garden maintenance program. These gardens were not expanded this year. The plant material ranges from 12 years old to items added this year. Particularly vivid in this primarily summer garden were the bright yellow 'Hyperion' day lilies, all of which were divided from a handful of roots or 'toes' at the front of the park. Thanks to the generosity of Altamont Orchards, a variety of annual plants were added again this year, to extend the bloom period and the flower variety. The plantings of ornamental grass *Miscanthus sinensis* 'silver feather' were thinned and divided last month. The divisions have been planted along the fence on the park's northwest border, beyond the ball field.

In the main part of the park, as part of the Mayor's plan to add more trees to the park, the Village added two tulip trees, two sycamores, and a crimson birch. A round garden was dug between the volleyball area and the main pavilion, which was planted with tomatoes, peppers, onions, basil, parsley, and oregano as a 'pizza garden', which was used a part of the Village's summer recreation program at the park.

An Eagle Scout project is currently in progress to map and better identify the walking trails along the Bozenkill on the east side of the park.

Maple Avenue Park

A private/public partnership between the Village and many private donors resulted in the purchase and installation of equipment, and landscaping, of a "tot lot" playground along the north side of the park. Over \$17,000 was donated to offset the cost of equipment and landscaping. The playground was located well away

from the street, and will be screened from the adjoining property by a planting of Japanese fantail willows. Limestone boulders were added to the playground to provide natural 'benches' for seating.

Village volunteers have kept the gardens at the rear of the park weeded and mulched. A sweet gum and a burr oak were added to the rear garden to provide future shade to the area. Three lilac trees were relocated from Knowersville Plaza to the park in October.

Western & Maple Ave/Bridge

During their bloom season, the mock orange and the sweet spice viburnum added color and scent to the small planting area. Volunteers have added yellow flag iris and rudbeckia 'herbstonne', a tall, late summer blooming perennial to provide addition color to the area.

Parking Area/Maple Ave/next to CM Fox

No additional plantings were added to this area this year.

Triangle Garden/Schoharie Plank Rd W

The small circular garden in the triangle between Schoharie Plank Road West & Western Avenue continues to be maintained by village and neighborhood volunteers. Annuals were added this summer for additional color, and several perennials have been thinned to reduce overcrowding.

Triangle Garden/Maple Ave & Bozenkill Rd Intersection

A second garden was dug and planted this year, and contains primarily ornamental grasses. In addition to the grasses that were planted last year in the first garden (zebra grass (*Miscanthus sinensis* 'Zebrinus'), maiden grass (*Miscanthus sinensis* 'Gracillimus'), Karl Foerster feather reed grass (*Molina caerulea* subsp. *arundinacea*), elephant grass (*Miscanthus* 'giganteus'), and Japanese blood grass (*Imperata cylindrical* var. *Koenigii*)), the second garden was planted with *Panicum virgatum* 'Shenandoah', *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Grazeilla', *Alopecurus pratensis* foxtail, *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Morning Light', *Pennisetum alopecuroides* 'Hameln', *Macleaya cordata* (plume poppy) and *Thalictrum splendide* (rue), and *sedum* 'Autumn Joy' were also added to the second garden. The ten varieties of ornamental grasses are particularly well suited to this area because they require no additional watering once established, and they provide winter interest as well as summer greenery.

Knowersville Plaza

As part of the 2003 reconstruction of Main Street, an 86' planting strip was added to the front of Knowersville Plaza. The strip was planted with lilac trees, and various shrubbery. In the years since the road construction, the shrubbery has largely been eliminated, most likely due to the effects of road salt, and the trees survived. The trees, however, as they grew, became a sight-line problem for vehicles exiting the Plaza onto Main Street. In a proactive move to prevent accidents, the Village had the trees removed and relocated to Maple Avenue Park, and the planting area cleared and topsoil added. Two surviving shrubs were relocated, and three varieties of ornamental grasses, and *sedum*, were planted in the strip.

On behalf of the Parks Committee, we thank the village administration for their support, and the many willing, ambitious, and knowledgeable volunteers for their help in the gardens, and the members of the Altamont Community Tradition for their annual coordination of the Green & Clean spring cleanup throughout the Village. Our village gardeners, Anne Best and Debra Guilfoyle, also deserve a round of applause for their expertise and hard work as they continue to add plant material to keep our gardens looking great. We also extend our sincere thanks to Tim McIntyre and the Public Works staff for their help, support, and advice throughout the year.