

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2009

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
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer
Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector
Tim McIntyre, Supt. DPW 13 guests

7:30 p.m.

Mayor Gaughan called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Trustee Dineen, Business Committee, stated that there isn't a date at this time for the next Business Committee meeting but there will a date by the end of this week and she will publish this information in the Altamont Enterprise newspaper.

Trustee Whalen, Crouse House Committee, reported that the Crouse House Committee has received a report on the state of the archives and the committee will be meeting on Monday, January 12th to review this report. The committee plans on having a report ready by the end of January or mid-February to identify the recommendations for the Crouse House along with the costs of the recommendations.

Mayor Gaughan reported that the process for preparing for the Village budget will begin with budget workshops in March 2009. Mayor Gaughan encouraged residents to attend the Public Hearing scheduled for April 2009 Board Meeting.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasure's report; Abstract #13, Abstract #14 and transfer of funds as submitted. **All in favor**

Bradley Grant, Engineer; Jason Ballard, Engineer of Barton & Loguidice along with the Board of Trustees; Mayor Gaughan and Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works discussed at great length the report on Sanitary Sewer System Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation dated December 2008. The Board entered into an agreement with Barton and Loguidice on June 3, 2008 to produce a Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation and Report for a fee of \$28,500.

The report addresses Item #1 of the Schedule of Compliance in the SPDES permit for Collection System Monitoring & Maintenance which required the submittal of an approvable plan for continuous, ongoing sewer system assessment, flow monitoring, correction and maintenance for the purpose of controlling infiltration and inflow into the collection system. The process that prompted the schedule presented in the report, for conducting sewer repair work and conducting

further investigation, was approved and made part of the SPDES permit, as referenced by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in a letter dated February 14, 2008.

Bradley Grant, Engineer of Barton & Loguidice recommended that the Village continue with a long term sewer rehabilitation that includes rehabilitating those portions of its collection system that are contributing the majority of the extraneous flow as outlined in the report. The overflows that occur at the treatment plant typically occur in the spring when heavy rainfall events combine with snow melt runoff. It is suspected that the overflows are a result of a number of adverse conditions which are combining to overburden the treatment plan, which include: aging infrastructure system, which is allowing water to enter by way of leaking manhole and pipe joints and cracked and/or broken pipes; residential sump pumps illegally discharging directly in to the sanitary collection system; roof drains, basement footing/perimeter drains as well as other infiltration and inflow sources. It is believed that these private inflow sources are a significant portion of the total extraneous I/I flows to the WWTP.

The rehabilitation program includes both trenchless and conventional open-cut repair of pipe defects and crack repairs. Following a monitoring, cleaning and televising field work process performed by Barton & Loguidice engineers, the data was summarized and maps were prepared to identify system defects. A sanitary sewer rehabilitation program budget estimate for the entire project totaled \$820,000.

Trustee Aylward raised considerable concerns with the report and conflicting budget estimate suggesting that the report be clarified for the Board as well as the Village tax payers.

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. Public Works suggests that many of the repairs can be addressed inexpensively as routine maintenance, e.g. lining manhole covers, as well as broken/cracked sewer lines during sewer/main breaks.

Mayor Gaughan explains that the report findings, recommended rehabilitation and budget estimate is a proposal for the Board's review and long-term consideration. Mr. Grant says that the budget portion of the report will be revised.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve the submittal of the Sanitary Sewer System Inflow and Infiltration Study with the appropriate changes made as discussed which include updating the table of budgeted items. The study was prepared by Barton & Loguidice, P.C. to be sent to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation by January 21, 2009 for regulatory agency review. Village comments will be incorporated into the final report. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to authorize Mayor Gaughan to submit an application to NYS Department of State for the "Guilderland-Altamont Shared Information Access Project" which involves the creation of a website for the Village of Altamont as a separate component of the Town of Guilderland website and creates a capacity for video-on-demand access for municipal meetings. Total installation cost for the project is \$11,490 and a grant in the amount of \$10,341 (90%) is being requested with the remaining \$1,149 to be shared between the Town and the Village. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve the application to Department for Children, Youth and Families Youth Bureau to claim state aid funds allocated to the Village of Altamont in the amount of \$1,035 for youth recreation projects.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the next general Village Election will be held on March 18, 2009, and WHEREAS, the polling place for this election will be at the Village Hall/Community Room/Firehouse, 115 Main Street, Altamont, Albany County, New York and, WHEREAS, the hours for the Village Election will be from noon to 9:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to accept with regret the letter of resignation of Court Clerk from Heather DeSarbo Adams effective January 16, 2009.

Roll Call: All in favor

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

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty Blackwood
Deputy Clerk



January 6, 2009

Jean:

Please ask the Village Board to approve payment of the following abstracts:

ABSTRACT #13

GENERAL FUND	\$55,308.54
WATER FUND	6,211.22
SEWER FUND	<u>4,710.53</u>
TOTAL	\$66,230.29

ABSTRACT #14

GENERAL FUND	\$24,757.95
WATER FUND	13,754.28
SEWER FUND	<u>15,064.48</u>
TOTAL	\$53,576.71

Also, please approve the following transfers:

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$60	A1910.400 Unallocated Insurance	A1920.400 Mun. Assoc. Dues
\$3,517	A7620.400 Senior Rec. Cont.	A7620.411 Senior Trips

SEWER FUND

200	G1990.400 Contingency. Fund	G8110.401 Telephone Expenses
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