

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 3, 2009

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

Michael Moore, Village Attorney
Jean La Crosse, Clerk
Patty Blackwood, Deputy Clerk
Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector
Tim McIntyre, Superintendent of Public Works
Paul Miller, Chief AFD
Anthony Salerno, Commissioner 13 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, expressed his appreciation to the party responsible for replacing the lights in Orsini Park. Mayor Gaughan recognized Tim McIntyre, Superintendent of Public Works, and thanked him for working with National Grid to get the park lights replaced at no cost to the Village.

Trustee Dineen, Business Committee, gave a brief summary of the second meeting held with local businesses at the Homefront Café. The business meeting was a success with 15 local businesses attending. The topic discussed at the meeting was a tourism brochure that the business committee has begun to put together for Altamont and surrounding areas.

Mayor Gaughan read into the record a Proclamation that was created for the Altamont Free Library.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The Altamont Free Library, established in 1916, is one of the oldest free association Libraries in New York State, and

Whereas, The Altamont Free Library has been housed in buildings on the Lainhart block of Maple Avenue as well as other sites on Maple Avenue; in the former Hallenbeck Funeral parlor on Helderberg Avenue; and, since 1972, located in its present home in the basement of the Key Bank building on Park Street, and

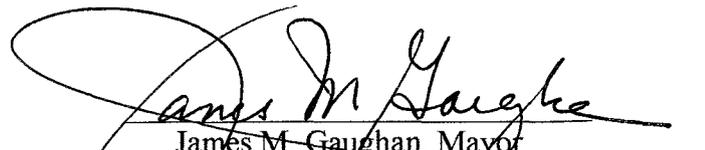
Whereas, Ryan Black, Ann Cartmell, Norma Dean, Ruth Painter, Natale Schipano and Michelle Stevens serve the Village of Altamont and the surrounding community, including the hilltowns, with valuable contributions of service as staff members of the Altamont Free Library, and

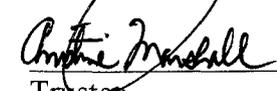
Whereas, Judith Wines, Library Director and educator, has conscientiously performed her duties in developing programs that enable individuals of all ages to gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become scholars, leaders and productive citizens, and

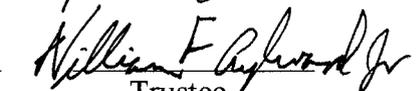
Whereas, The Village of Altamont desires to show its appreciation for the support, devotion and dedication of the entire Altamont Free Library staff and volunteers, and

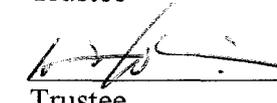
Whereas, The entire population of the Village of Altamont and surrounding communities look forward to the completion of renovations to the historic 1897 Victorian Altamont Train Station, one of the few remaining original Victorian Delaware and Hudson passenger railway stations, to become the new home of the Altamont Free Library.

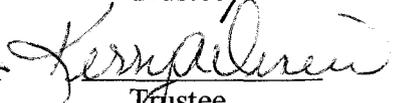
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board extends to the Altamont Free Library staff our appreciation and respect for their services to the Altamont Free Library and this Village.


James M. Gaughan, Mayor


Trustee


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Dated: February 7, 2009

Paul Miller, Chief AFD, reported that the Altamont Fire Department responded to 103 calls in 2008. That figure was down 30 calls from the previous year but the length of the calls has tripled. Chief Miller stated that overall it was a good year for the fire department.

Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector, reminded residents that in the winter months there is ice build-up on the roof of their homes. Mr. Cropsey stated that ice could cause damage to the structure of the home and asked that the residents remove the snow and ice from their rooftops.

Tim McIntyre, Superintendent of Public Works, reported that we have had some recent warm weather and wanted the residents to be aware that the ice on their sidewalk is thawing during the day and refreezing at night. Mr. McIntyre asked that residents attend to their icy sidewalk with de-icing agents.

Anthony Salerno, Commissioner, reported that there have been a number of accidents on Route 156 due to speed and would like to ask residents to please slow down. Commissioner Salerno thanked Chief Miller and his staff for the recent assistance at an accident on Route 156.

Mayor Gaughan read a letter from Rosemary McGowan regarding her concerns with the noise level at the Altamont Fairgrounds. Commissioner Salerno stated that he has met with the Town of Guilderland and the Altamont Fairgrounds and together they are addressing concerns. Mayor Gaughan and Commissioner Salerno will reply to Ms. McGowan's letter.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasure's report; Abstract #15, Abstract #16 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public comment:

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, stated he attended the recent Business Committee meeting and it was a good meeting. Mr. Vlahos inquired as to why the business section on the Village website is no longer being used. Mayor Gaughan informed Mr. Vlahos that staff has been working on the Village website and he would check with them regarding the business section. Mr. Vlahos also had questions regarding the Village budget. Mayor Gaughan responded to some of the questions he raised and suggested that Mr. Vlahos contact Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer, to follow-up with her on other specific questions he may have.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of the Fireman's Service 2008 Service Credits listing. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the following individuals as Election Inspectors for Village Election Registration Day, March 07, 2009 and Village Election March 18, 2009 at \$12.00 per hour: Veronica Graves, Chairperson; Brenda Fredrickson; Jana Grant; Rita Hood and Ellen Howie and Genevieve Staub as Alternates. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to authorize Mayor Gaughan to sign and submit LGRMIF Grant for Historical Records, 2009-10 to NYS Education Department. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve Proclamation to recognize and show appreciation to the staff of Altamont Free Library.
Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve holding a Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1-2009 amending Local Law No. 6 of 1994 "Prohibiting the Obstruction of Village Right of Ways" at 7:45 pm, on March 3, 2009, 115 Main Street, Altamont, New York. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the next general Village Election will be held on March 18, 2009, and
WHEREAS, no person shall be entitled to vote at any Village Election whose name does not appear on the register, and

WHEREAS, Section 15-118 Sub 3 of the Election Law requires that every Village hold a Registration Day for each general village election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

First: The Inspectors of Elections shall meet on the 7th day of March 2009 for REGISTRATION DAY and to prepare the register.

Second: Such Registration Day will be held at Village Hall from 12 noon to 5:00 pm.

Third: Voting for the forthcoming election shall be conducted at the Village Hall, 115 Main Street, Altamont, NY on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 from 12 noon to 9:00 pm.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve Board Minutes for January 2009. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to come out of Executive Session. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to enter into Regular Session. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve consulting services with Heather Adams retroactive to January 16, 2009 to provide Court Clerk services on as needed basis at \$15.30 per hour plus mileage reimbursement at Village approved rate of 48.5¢ per mile effective to February 19, 2009. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the appointment of Stacy Loucks to part-time (10 hours per week) Court Clerk position effective February 3, 2009 at a salary of \$15.00 per hour per recommendation of Justice Neil Taber and Justice Rebecca Morse Hout. Position is probationary for a period of up to one year. **All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve the resignation of Matthew T. Hanzalik, part-time police officer position effective January 31, 2009 per letter of resignation. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the appointment of Jason R. Helwig to part-time police officer position effective February 3, 2009 at a salary of \$15.00 per hour per recommendation of Public Safety Commissioner, Anthony Salerno. Position is probationary for a period of up to one year. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve the appointment of Public Works Laborer, Lucas Oliver to new title as Equipment Operator I at a salary of \$15.50 per hour effective February 3, 2009. Position is probationary for a period of six months. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:20 pm.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty Blackwood
Deputy Clerk



Clerk

February 3, 2009

Jean:

Please ask the Village Board to pass a resolution to approve the following abstracts:

ABSTRACT #15

GENERAL FUND	\$1,328.88
WATER FUND	75,894.19
SEWER FUND	<u>5,268.66</u>
TOTAL	\$82,491.73

ABSTRACT #16

GENERAL FUND	\$ 25,532.43
WATER FUND	2,506.32
SEWER FUND	<u>75,798.00</u>
TOTAL	\$103,836.75

TRANSFERS

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT

FROM

TO

\$150	A1910.400 Unall. Insurance	A1210.400 Mayor Cont. Exp.
2,250	A9010.800 Retirement	A8030.400 Planning Bd. Cont.

SEWER FUND

\$35,000	G9950.9 Transfer to Cap. Proj.	G8120.410 Rehabilitation
10,000	G9950.910 Transfer to SPWA	G8120.410 Rehabilitation

As you can see, I am requesting a transfer from the Capital Project Transfers lines to the rehabilitation line. This is necessary to pay Pollard Excavating for the Dechlorination Project at the Sewer Plant.

Initially, we talked about using the money in the Capital Projects Reserve for this. Instead of having a public hearing and transferring money from the Capital Reserve, I would like to use the fund balance first. There is a large fund balance in the sewer fund at this time.

In order to do this, we have to transfer from other lines until the present budget is depleted and then we can request an increase using the unappropriated fund balance money. This will happen at the end of the year. We will request an increase to cover the reserve fund transfers needed then. That way, the present budget is depleted and any lines that are not used for this year's expenses can be used before the unappropriated fund balance is tapped.

Cathy Hasbrouck, Treasurer