

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 3, 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
Tim McIntyre, Superintendent of Public Works
Paul Miller, Chief AFD
Anthony Salerno, Commissioner 31 guests

7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Gaughan reported that the Cub Scouts are planting Tamarack trees in the Village on Earth Day as part of a civic project.

Anthony Salerno, Commissioner, reported that the police department has secured a \$1300 in-kind grant for replacement of pre-screen devices through Department of Criminal Justice for monitoring alcohol impairment. Commissioner Salerno stated that the Altamont Police Department is always trying to replace equipment through grants.

Trustee Whalen, Crouse House Committee, reported that a final report on recommendations for the Crouse House has been disbursed to members of the committee, Mayor Gaughan and the Town of Guilderland. Mayor Gaughan stated that he has passed the report on to Supervisor Runion at the Town of Guilderland so that they may discuss the next steps.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve the Treasure's report; Abstract #17, Abstract #18 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve holding Budget Workshop on March 17, 2009 at 6:00 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve holding Annual Organizational Meeting on April 7, 2009 at 7:30 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve holding Budget Public Hearing prior to adoption on April 7, 2009 at 7:30 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve Proclamation to recognize and show appreciation to Jeffrey B. Moller, Eagle Scout.

Roll Call: All in favor

Copy of Proclamation included with official minutes.

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve with regret the resignation of Alice Begley, Village Historian effective April 8, 2009 per letter of resignation. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve applications from Thomas Fiacco and Joe Fiacco, Helderberg Avenue, for membership (apprentice firemen) in Altamont Fire Department per request of Paul Miller, Chief.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve of Board Minutes for February 2009. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Hearing 7:45 pm

Michael Moore, Village Attorney, read the Legal Notice for the Public Hearing on amending Local Law No. 6 of 1994 "Prohibiting the Obstruction of Village Right of Ways".

Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, stated that the 1994 ordinance prevented replacing trees, shrubs or other plants within the Village right-of-ways. The amendment to this law will allow Department of Public Works to replace trees in the Village right-of-ways. Tim McIntyre stated that the replacements would not be large trees but smaller ornamental style trees.

Mayor Gaughan stated discussion with the Board to amend Local Law No. 6 of 1994 resulted after a tree was removed on Grand Street. Mayor Gaughan also reported that funds will be designated within the Village budget under the Parks Department to replace trees.

Trustee Aylward asked if the right to replace trees, shrubs and other plants applies to state and county roads. Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, stated that it applies to all Altamont roads.

Michael Moore, Village Attorney, clarified that the only change to Local Law No. 6 of 1994 is the removal of the sentence "Said trees, shrubs and plants shall not be replaced".

Barbara Muhlfelder, Maple Avenue, asked if anyone can plant trees in the Village right-of-ways or is it Village designated. Mayor Gaughan replied that it is designated only for the Village to plant in the Village right-of-ways.

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, inquired how far back a resident would have to go to plant a Maple tree. Mr. Vlahos asked what the typical setback is. Trustee Whalen replied that the setback would depend on the street.

Trustee Alyward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to close the Public Hearing.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve of Local Law No. 1 of 2009 amending Local Law No. 6 of 1994 "Prohibiting the Obstruction of Village Right of Ways". **Roll Call: All in favor**

Copy of Local Law No. 1 of 2009 included with official minutes.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

Roll Call: All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty Blackwood

Deputy Clerk



March 3, 2009

Dear Jean:

Please ask the Board to approve payment of the following Abstracts:

Abstract #17

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| GENERAL FUND | 14,204.67 |
| WATER FUND | 2,645.91 |
| SEWER FUND | <u>6,067.68</u> |
| TOTAL | \$22,918.26 |

Abstract #18

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|--------------|------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$ 22,656.16 |
| WATER FUND | 3,581.59 |
| SEWER FUND | <u>14,603.76</u> |
| TOTAL | 40,841.51 |

Also, the following transfers are needed:

General Fund

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| \$1,500 | A1325.200 Town Clerk Equip | A1325.400 Clerk/Treas Exp |
| 100 | A7140.100 Park Rec. Salary | A7110.100 Park Salary |
| 633 | A8010.110 Zoning Assistant | A8010.110 Planing Assist |
| 750 | A1910.400 Unallocated Ins. | A8030.400 Planning Bd |
| 200 | A5142.410 Snow Removal | A5142.440 Snow Removal |
| 310 | A5010.450 Streets Misc. | A5010.410 Gas/Fuel |
| 400 | A7510.400 Historian | A7450.400 Museum |

Water Fund

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| 4,000 | F8320.406 Main/Reprs/New Well | F8320.408 Testin/New Well |
| 1,108 | F8340.100 FilterPlant | F1950.400 Taxes/ |
| 940 | F1440.400 Engineer | F1990.400 Contingent Fund |

Sewer Fund

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| \$ 300 | G1990.400 Cont. Fund | G8110.401 Telephone |
| 400 | G8130.100 Trans. & Dist. | G8120.100 Salary |

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: **Jeffrey B. Moller**, a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 264 Altamont and recently a Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader for Troop 264, has completed the requirements and has been examined by the Eagle Scout Board of Review upon completing his community service by mapping and marking a hiking trail for the Benjamin M. Crupe Bozenkill Park in Altamont; and,

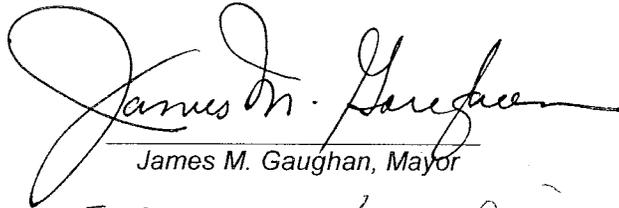
WHEREAS: **Jeffrey B. Moller** demonstrated leadership as a member of Boy Scout Troop 264 as well as being a 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and an avid sportsman in cross-country and track and field for many years; and,

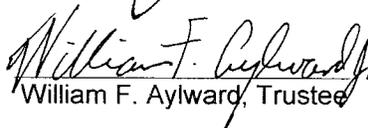
WHEREAS: **Jeffrey B. Moller** will achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Scouting, on March 21, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board extends our sincere congratulations to **Jeffrey B. Moller** as he graduates from Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School with plans of attending college this fall to major in engineering.

The Village of Altamont does commemorate and honor **Jeffrey B. Moller** for his commitment to scouting and his community and for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

March 21, 2009


James M. Gaughan, Mayor


William F. Aylward, Jr., Trustee


Kerry Dineen, Trustee


Christine Marshall, Trustee


Dean Whalen, Trustee

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
ALBANY COUNTY NEW YORK
LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2009

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Altamont as follows:

Local Law No. 1 of 2009 be a law amending Local Law No. 6 of 1994, entitled "Prohibiting the Obstruction of Village Right-of-Ways", by removing a portion of Section 9, which stated "said trees, shrubs and plants shall not be replaced".

SECTION 9. Village Right-of-ways

No person or persons shall obstruct a Village right-of-way along a Village street by placing any object, material or structure within any area designated as a Village right-of-way along a Village street. Furthermore, no person or persons shall be allowed to plant any trees, shrubs or other plants within such area designated as a Village right-of-way. Trees, shrubs or plants existing within the Village right-of-way as of the date of the enactment of this Local Law shall be allowed to remain until they die or by necessity are removed.

REMEDIES

Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be given written notice by the Village Clerk to remove said item or items within ten (10) days. In the event the item or items are not removed within the prescribed period, the item or items will be removed by the Department of Public Works at a cost to be determined by the Village and assessed to the homeowner. Said costs remaining unpaid shall be subject to a relevy of said unpaid amounts to be added to the General Village Tax due and owing.

This Local Law shall take effect on March 3, 2009.