

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

April 7, 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
Tim McIntyre, Superintendent of Public Works
Paul Miller, Chief AFD
Anthony Salerno, Commissioner
Donald Cropsey, Jr.; Building Inspector
16 guests

7:30 p.m.

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

Installation of Village Officials

Honorable James M. Gaughan, Mayor
Honorable Neil Taber, Village Justice
Honorable Kerry Dineen, Village Trustee
Honorable Dean Whalen, Village Trustee

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to adopt the 2009 Organizational Meeting Agenda: **Roll Call: All in favor.** Detail as follows:

PART I

One Year Term

Patty Blackwood, Deputy Court Clerk

Four Year Term

Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer
Patty Blackwood, Recorder of Vital Statistics
Catherine Hasbrouck, Deputy Recorder of Vital Statistics

Five Year Term

Stephen Parachini, Planning Board (2014)
Danny Ramirez, Zoning Board (2014)

PART II

Official Newspapers

Altamont Enterprise
Guilderland Spotlight

Official Bank

Key Bank – Altamont Branch

Time & Place of Meetings

Village Board – First Tuesday of each month and third Tuesday as needed
-August 2009 meeting postponed unless circumstances require a meeting, November 2009 meeting rescheduled to Wednesday, November 4, 2009 due to Election Day
Planning Board – Fourth Monday of each month as needed

-May 2009 meeting rescheduled to Monday, May 18 due to Memorial Day and September 2009 meeting rescheduled to Monday, September 21 due to Yom Kippur
Zoning Board of Appeals – Fourth Tuesday of each month as needed

Mileage

50.5 cents per mile for Officials and Employees

Bonds

For Officials and Employees to continue as last year
(\$50,000 Clerk/Treasurer; \$10,000 Employees)

Personnel Policy

To continue as written

Procurement Policy

To continue without change

2010 Organizational Meeting

First Tuesday in April 2010

PART III

Training

Authorizing Mayor Gaughan to approve meetings, conferences, and training seminars for employees that would benefit the Village and could include the following schools, conferences and seminars sponsored by New York State Conference of Mayors such as: Main Street; Annual Training School; Fall Training School; Public Works Training School; Legislative Meeting; Winter Legislative Meeting; Office of the New York State Comptroller; Office of Court Administration; Public Works Training and Licensing, and the Albany County Division of Management and Budget technology classes.

Advance Payment of Claims

Authorize Village Treasurer to pay, in advance of audit, claims for public utility services, postage, hospitalization, freight and express charges, and fees for officials and staff to attend meetings and schools approved by Mayor Gaughan prior to the next scheduled regular board meeting.

Mayor Gaughan thanked Mark Wertman, exiting Zoning Board member, for his many years of service.

Keith Lee, Co-Chairman of the Parks Committee, submitted a Parks Report. Mayor Gaughan stated scouts of the Webelos Den of Cub Scout Pack 51 will plant several trees around the village on ACT Green and Clean Day, April 25, 2009.

Copy of Parks Report included with Official Minutes.

Mayor Gaughan reported Altamont Elementary School will be under construction during the Spring Vacation, April 10-17, 2009, and will be closed to all but workers.

Mayor Gaughan reported the Village along with the Altamont Free Library submitted a grant under Transportation Enhanced Program Initiative for the second time in three years. The first time the Village and Altamont Free Library were not chosen but were

high on the list. This time around the grant scored number 3 on the grant listing with numbers 1, 2 and 4 being chosen. Mayor Gaughan, capital campaign leaders and Altamont Free Library are lobbying heavily with state, local and Washington leaders. Senator Breslin, Congressman Tonko and Assemblymember McEneny have pledged to find other sources for this grant. Grant is for \$750,000 and would allow for the library to complete their reconstructive project. Mayor Gaughan will report back with more information at a later date.

Donald Cropsey, Jr.; Building Inspector, reported he attended required NYS Certified Inspector training in March. Mr. Cropsey stated the April 27, 2009 Planning Board meeting will be a review of potential 32 single-family lot subdivision on Bozenkill Road. Planning Board will appoint an engineer to assist and review the subdivision project in accordance with Village subdivision regulations.

Commissioner Salerno reported Altamont Police Department along with Sheriff Campbell are working on a countywide grant. In addition, Commissioner Salerno will have update in the near future regarding the Village receiving seizure forfeiture funds.

Bob White, Altamont Fire Department, reported Village Trustees are invited to attend Fire Chiefs Show in Harrisburg, PA on May 14-17, 2009. Trustee Aylward to attend Altamont Fire Department Commissioner meeting on April 16, 2009.

Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, reported water main flushing will begin this week and continue for the next three weeks. Spring brush and leaf collection began April 7 and will continue through May 29. Mr. McIntyre stated that he is working with FEMA to recover some of the cost of the December 11, 2008 ice storm through a grant.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #19, Abstract #20 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen, Crouse House Committee, reported that Department of Public Works has been very busy cleaning up the Crouse house property. Recommendations from the Crouse House Committee report were reviewed, indicating that the Board will need to make a decision on how to proceed, given the significant cost. The mayor stated that, given current budget constraints, at this time the reconstruction of the building is put on hold until funding can be secured. Village has allocated funds within the budget to continue to maintain the property. Mr. Whalen noted that the roof over the el portion will need attention very soon if saving the building is to be justified.

Public comment:

Norman Bauman, Maple Avenue, expressed Village of Altamont is a unique community and he will continue to volunteer his services to the Village.

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, commented on the process of appointing individuals to Village committees.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to enter into one-year contract with Metro Media for video taping services for the Village Board meetings effective April 1, 2009. Cost of service is \$175.00 per meeting. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve Village and AFD participation in Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 17, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the request of Boyd Hilton VFW Post 7062 & Helderberg American Legion 977. Parade assembles at the Park Street entrance of the fairgrounds at 1:00 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve request of Altamont PTA to hold annual garage sale along the streets of Altamont and Orsini Park on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve 2009 Village fee schedule as follows:

\$10	Non-resident Parking (\$5.00 increase)
\$50	Non-resident Parking Seasonal Pass (\$10 increase)
\$40	Individual Seasonal Swim Pass (\$5 increase)
\$100	Family Seasonal Swim Pass (no change)
\$2	Swim Fee – 6 yrs-Adult (no change)
Free	Swim Fee – Seniors-62+ (no change)
\$40	Bozenkill Summer Recreation Program (\$5.00 increase)
\$25	Swim Lessons (\$5.00 increase)
\$40	Water Aerobics (\$5.00 increase)
\$125	Rental of Pavilion (\$25 increase)
\$225	Rental of Pavilion with parking (\$25 increase)

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve request of Altamont Free Library to hold the following four events:

- 1) Chicken BBQ/concert in Orsini Park on June 19, 2009 from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm;
- 2) 77th NY Regimental Balladeers concert, a tribute to Abraham Lincoln on the anniversary of his 200th birthday, in Community Room on July 14, 2009 from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm;
- 3) Eric Marczak and Dawn Standing Woman, well-known flutist and Native American storyteller, in Orsini Park on July 28, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm;
- 4) Hilltown Ramblers concert in Orsini Park on August 4, 2009 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Request includes use of Village Community Room in case of rain. If food is served, \$50 fee will apply. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve Proclamation to recognize and show appreciation to Alice Begley, Village Historian.

Roll Call: All in favor

Copy of Proclamation included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve request of Paul Miller, Chief AFD, to attend 2009 Fire Chiefs show in Harrisburg, PA on May 14-17, 2009. **Roll Call: All in favor**

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

Public comment:

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, commented on Election Day procedures.

Commissioner Salerno and Jean La Crosse, Village Clerk, responded to questions regarding Election Day procedures.

Public Hearing 8:22 pm

Michael Moore, Village Attorney, read the Legal Notice for the Public Hearing to consider 2009-2010 Village Budget before final adoption.

Mayor Gaughan reported Catherine Hasbrouck, Budget Officer, began working with department heads and Trustees in January 2009 to form a budget. Two budget workshops were held in March. Mayor Gaughan commented on the tough economic times and the Village's sales tax revenue that has been reduced by \$50,000 this year. Due to tough economic times, property tax increase of 39 cents per thousand.

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, stated he is not against the Altamont Police Department, but voiced concerns with the police department budget.

Judge Neil Taber is in favor of the elected officials giving up their 3% raise to help the budget.

Trustee Aylward highly approves the budget and has a high regard for the services done within the budget for the Village of Altamont.

Linda Cure, Grand Street, attended budget workshop meeting and felt Board gave careful consideration to the budget and the citizens of Altamont. Ms. Cure stated that she feels most citizens of Altamont are satisfied with all departments in the Village.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to close the Public Hearing at 8:40 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

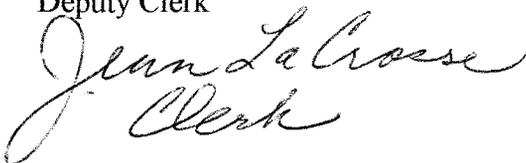
Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve 2009-2010 Village Budget. **Roll Call: All in favor**
Copy of Budget included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:42 pm.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty Blackwood
Deputy Clerk



JEAN

April 7, 2009

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

ABSTRACT #19

General Fund	\$8,360.75
Water Fund	2,563.07
Sewer Fund	<u>4,641.26</u>
Total	\$15,565.08

ABSTRACT #20

General Fund	\$23,479.50
Water Fund	2,838.99
Sewer Fund	<u>16,771.52</u>
Total	\$43,090.01

Also, the following transfers are needed:

GENERAL FUND

Amount	From	To
\$150	A1110.400 Village Justice	A1210.400 Mayor
1,900	A1620.400 Shared Services	A1620.401 Shared Electric
100	A7140.430 Park Misc.	A7620.411 Senior Trips
200	A7140.430 park Misc.	A7620.400Senior Rec. Cont.

WATER FUND

Amount	From	To
\$400	F8310.410 Admin. Water Bill	F8310.400 Admin. Cont.
1100	F8320.403 Well House	F8320.404 Power/New Well

SEWER FUND

Amount	From	To
\$100	G8130.450 Sewage T. P.	G8110.401 Telephone Expenses
705	G8130.450 Sewage TP	G8130.410 Sewer Billing Exp.
200	G8130.450 Sewage TP	G8130.430 Samples

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Alice Begley, a Certified Registered Historian with the Association of Public Historians of New York State and noted author, who describes herself as an "historian and patriot", has lived in the Town of Guilderland for 51 years and has served the Village of Altamont and the Town of Guilderland as Historian for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS: Alice Begley's publication credits include: "Town of Guilderland: Historic Markers;" "Images of America: Guilderland, New York", co-authored with Mary Ellen Johnson, as well as numerous articles of great historical interest for the Altamont Enterprise. Pulitzer Prize winning author and Albany native William F. Kennedy penned the Foreword in Ms. Begley's "From the Historian's Desk: a collection of Historical Essays". Mr. Kennedy concluded "We are all the richer for what Alice has done"; and

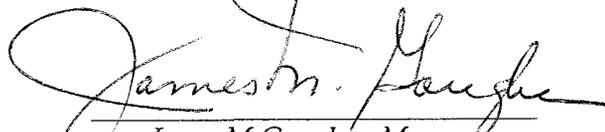
WHEREAS: Alice Begley has devoted much of her time and attention to the Schoolcraft House restoration and the oversight of the Altamont Museum Archives; and

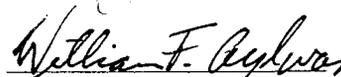
WHEREAS: Alice Begley is leaving her post as the Altamont Village Historian.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees wishes to offer congratulations to Alice Begley for her remarkable achievements and offer our sincere thanks and appreciation for her outstanding contributions and service to the Village of Altamont. This resolution shall be placed in the permanent minutes of the Village of Altamont and a copy of this resolution be presented to Alice Begley.

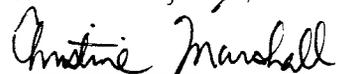
Dated: April 7, 2009




James M. Gaughan, Mayor


William F. Aylward, Trustee


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