

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
May 5, 2009

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

Rob Panasci, Legal Council  
Jean La Crosse, Clerk  
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer  
Patty Blackwood, Deputy Clerk  
Tim McIntyre, Superintendent of Public Works  
Paul Miller, Chief AFD  
Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector  
Anthony Salerno, Commissioner 28 guests

7:30 p.m.

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

Trustee Dineen, Business Committee, reported 40 businesses are involved with the business brochure. At this time the Business Committee is putting together ads and service listings of the businesses that are located in Altamont, Berne and Knox. Brochure to be out by mid-July.

Mayor Gaughan reported Village of Altamont working with Home Front Café to organize “A Salute to Our Heroes” event to be held in the Village Community Room on May 31, 2009. Event will honor Mr. John F. Finn, Mr. Francis Currey and Mr. Nicholas Oresko; all recipients of Congressional Medal of Honor.

Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector, reported complaints, delivered to Mayor Gaughan, have been rectified with the exception of 4-5, which have been moved to the next level of enforcement. Planning Board met April 27, 2009 for concept hearing on 35-lot subdivision on Bozenkill Road.

Anthony Salerno, Commissioner, reported 7 arrests by Altamont Police Department in April 2009. APD is working with Altamont Fair regarding their major events. Community Safety Day is planned for June 2009. APD will be handing out 100 bike helmets to community children.

Trustee Aylward asked for a list of events being held at Altamont Fair and inquired about Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and Albany County Child Fatality Review Team. Commissioner Salerno reported Altamont Police Dept., along with Sheriff Campbell, submitted a grant under “Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance” and APD is involved with Albany County Child Fatality Review Team.

Paul Miller, Chief AFD, reported Town Fire Commissioner meeting is on June 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm at McKownville Fire Department.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve AFD participation in Voorheesville Memorial Day Parade on May 23, 2009. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, reported Village is at end of water main flushing cycle. Flushing was extended due to water main break on Brandle Road. Mayor Gaughan

recommended putting out Public Service Announcements to the Village with more detailed information regarding water main flushing.

Mayor Gaughan reported on behalf of the Crouse House Committee. Boy Scouts cleaned up the Crouse House property and Cub Scout Pack #51 planted 9 trees around the Village on ACT Green and Clean Day.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve support to Home Front Café for “A Salute to Our Heroes” reception at Altamont Community Room on May 31, 2009 from 1:00-4:30 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasure’s report; Abstract #21, Abstract #22 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

**Public Comment:**

Barb Muhfelder, Maple Avenue, thanked all involved for their work during ACT Green and Clean Day on April 25, 2009 and thanked the Cub Scouts for planting trees in the Village.

Wade Bush, Brandle Road, expressed his concern of the Village water and brought in samples of his discolored water and sediment from his water heater.

Lori Donnelly, Van Evera Drive, reported problems with her water since the new well went in on Brandle Road.

Mrs. Danckert, Van Evera Drive, expressed concerns with her water.

Monica Bush, Brandle Road, expressed concerns with her water. Ms. Bush read a letter to the Board from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Laraway, Van Evera Drive, regarding concerns with their water.

John Sands, Grand Street, stated he has had water problems for over two years. Mr. Sands inquired as to whether the Village has a noise ordinance in place, if the Village could enforce continuity of resident mailboxes and whether the Village has applied for Federal money for the sewer infrastructure of the Village. Mayor Gaughan reported that the Village has submitted two grant applications to Environmental Facility Corp. One grant is for the sewer plant and the other grant is for the sewer infrastructure. Mayor Gaughan encouraged Mr. Sands to write letters to local newspapers supporting the Village.

Richard Straut, Barton & Loguidice, reported the Village water flowed one direction for over 100 years with buildup for decades of iron and sediments. When the new well was installed the water changed direction with more water pumping through the pipes breaking away buildups. Tim McIntyre has been very aggressive with water main flushing on a regular basis to help remove sediments. Chemical treatments are also being done to sequester iron and coat the pipes to avoid copper and scale buildup.

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, reported there are 7 water test sites, tested weekly, throughout the Village. Mr. McIntyre stated that he has followed up on all phone messages from residents with water concerns.

Mayor Gaughan recommended Richard Straut, Barton & Loguidice, and Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, educate the public with Public Service Announcements and asked the residents to come forward as soon as problems occur with their water.

Dieter Drake and Judith Wines, Altamont Free Library, reported on hosting Altamont Free Library's bicycle race to be held on September 27, 2009.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve support of the Altamont Free Library's bicycle race to be held on September 27, 2009. Dieter Drake and Judith Wines will make a brief presentation. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve support of the Altamont Farmer's Market project to be held this summer courtesy of free space given by the Altamont Free Library at the Train Station. Vendors will provide the Village and library with certificates of insurance. The Village Police Department and Public Works will commit to logistical support if needed. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve renewal of proposal from Weakley Enterprises Commercial Cleaning, Pattersonville, NY, for one time strip and wax of Community Room floor in the amount of \$840; and, for once-a-month floor maintenance at \$200 per month per recommendation of Timothy McIntyre. Conditions of proposal will be reviewed in 1 year. Certificate of insurance is filed by Weakley Enterprises Commercial Cleaning. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve request for Village water and sewer for single family dwelling at 1085 Berne Altamont Road, Tax Map 48.00-1-9 per request of Scott Tuzzolo. Water service connection fee of \$2500 and Sewer hook-up fee of \$5,000 to be paid prior to connection. Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, has reviewed the application and recommended the connection. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve proposal of \$8,205.20 from Grassland Equipment & Irrigation Corp. for Toro 27 HP mower with 52" side discharge deck, DFS bagger kit and Vac blower kit purchased on state contract per request of Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve appointment of Marijo Dougherty to museum/archive position to fill vacancy created by Alice Begley, Historian effective May 5, 2009. Current annual salary is \$1597, effective June 1, 2009 salary increases to \$1635 per adoptive budget. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve Barton and Loguidice's proposal, File 702.1894, feasibility study for upgrade of the Village's wastewater treatment plant. Specifically, B & L proposes to:

- 1) Examine the existing wastewater treatment plant process components, equipment, tanks, filters, piping and controls as they exist in the field and make a general assessment of condition and remaining useful life;
- 2) Evaluate the requirements to upgrade the treatment plant to provide capacity sufficient to treat the variable flow rates (including consideration of I&I and loads from the sanitary sewer system);
- 3) Prepare project cost estimates for construction of the improvements;

- 4) Prepare operation and maintenance cost estimates for comparison to the cost operation and maintenance of the existing plant;
  - 5) Identify potential affordable financing, grants, and rebates that may be available to offset some of the cost of improvements;
  - 6) Estimate the impact of implementing the project on sewer rates;
  - 7) Prepare report summarizing the analysis, findings and recommendations and present to the Village Board. Barton & Loguidice will prepare draft report for review by the Village Board of Trustees before making the report final. Barton and Loguidice will finalize the report upon receiving the Village Board's approval;
  - 8) Meet with NYSDEC to review report and recommendations.
- Fee for engineering services is \$7,000. Richard Straut, Senior Vice President, will be available to answer questions. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve entering into Master Services Agreement, as revised in red, from Barton & Loguidice, effective June 1, 2009, for Basic Advisory Services at a reduced rate of \$105 per hour, not to exceed a total of 120 hours per year. Costs incurred by Engineer in the performance of the services in the following categories constitute Reimbursable Expenses: transportation; postage, and shipping costs; toll telephone calls; reproduction of reports, Drawings, Specifications, Bidding Documents, computer time when utilizing specialized engineering or design software, the use of other highly specialized equipment and similar Project-related items. Richard Straut, Senior Vice President will be available to answer questions. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve holding Public Hearing, Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 7:45 pm, 115 Main Street, Altamont, New York, for authorization to expend approximately \$13,500 of funds from Police Car Reserve to purchase police vehicle and authorization to expend approximately \$16,000 of funds from the Senior Van Reserve to purchase new senior van. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve proposal from Pollard Excavating, lowest of 3 bids received, to replace Brandle Creek Headwall as outlined in FEMA contract #1692 for \$8,997 per recommendation of Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve proposal from All Weather Construction, lowest of 4 bids received, for repair of stream bank Brandle Road south side as outlined in FEMA contract #1692 for \$15,000 per recommendation of Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve proposal from All Weather Construction, lowest of 4 bids received, for repair of stream bank on Brandle Road north side as outlined in FEMA contract #1692 for \$11,000 per recommendation of Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve official opening of the Maple Avenue Tot Playground on or before July 16, 2009, to thank the individuals, volunteers and organizations responsible for raising \$17,443 to install the playground and conduct an artists' exhibition called, "Dogs in the Park," for the period July 16, 2009 - August 21, 2009. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to designate Key Bank, First National Bank of Scotia, First Niagara Bank, Citizens Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, Pioneer Commercial Bank, NBT Bank and M&T Bank as official depositories of the Village of Altamont. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve to hire Tim McIntyre, Jr. of Berne, NY and Chris Le Clair of Altamont, NY at \$8.72 per hour and Chet Ferriero of Berne, NY at \$8.50 per hour as part-time seasonal laborers for Department of Public Works from mid-June through mid-September per request of Tim McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve to hire Germaine Rexford, Gun Club Road, as part-time seasonal laborer for Bozenkill Park up to 20 hours per week at an hourly wage of \$12.36 from mid-May through mid-September per recommendation of Jean La Crosse, Clerk. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of Annual Organizational Meeting and Board Minutes for April 2009. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to adjourn at 8:54 pm.  
**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty Blackwood  
Deputy Clerk

  
Clerk

May 5, 2009

JEAN/PATTY

PLEASE ASK THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE FOLLOW RESOLUTIONS:

**ABSTRACT #21**

General Fund	\$8,480.97
Water Fund	2,255.67
Sewer Fund	<u>3,793.34</u>
	\$14,529.98

**ABSTRACT #22**

General Fund	\$13,127.04
Water Fund	8,765.50
Sewer Fund	<u>9,436.23</u>
	\$31,328.77

**TRANSFERS**

**GENERAL FUND**

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$250	A1010.400 Trustees Cont. Exp.	A1210.400 Mayor Cont.
50	A1010.400 Trustees Cont. Exp.	A1325.400 Clerk/Treasurer Exp
5,000	A1620.400 Shared Services Exp.	A1620.401 Shared Serv Elect.
18	A1910.400 Unall. Insurance	A1920.400 Mun. Assoc. Dues
4,400	A5142.100 Snow Rem. Sal	A5010.100 Street Admin. PS
60	A5010.420 Insurance	A5010.410 Gas Fuel
170	A5142.420 Salt Delivery	A5142.430 Snow Removal Exp.
400	A7140.100 Park Rec. P	A7110.100 Park/Pers. Serv.
300	A7510.400 Historian cont. Exp	A7450.400 Museum cont. exp.
100	A7620.410 Senior rec. Telephone	A7620.411 Senior Trips
1,620	A8020.110 Planning Bd. AA	A8010.110 Zoning AA
2,250	A9010.800 NYS Retirement	A8030.400 Planning Res.

**WATER FUND**

1,000	F8320.403 Power/Gun Club	F8320.404 Power/New Well House
2,400	F8340.410 Comm/Electronics	F8330.420 Repair/Parts
140	F8340.410 Comm/Electronics	F8340.424 Maint/Parts

**SEWER FUND**

\$22,000	G8120.410 Rehabilitation/Eng.	G8120.411 Rehab./Engineering
6,500	G8130.100 Treatment/Disp. Sal	G8130.410 Sludge Removal
55	G8130.450 Misc. Expenses	G8130.430 Samples