

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2009

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

Rob Panasci, Legal Council
Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer
Tim McIntyre, Superintendent of Public Works
Paul Miller, Chief AFD
Anthony Salerno, Commissioner 12 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, submitted a Parks Report.

Trustee Dineen, Business Committee, reported Business Committee meeting to be held June 3, 2009. Committee is on track for distribution of brochure for July.

Mayor Gaughan reported Village of Altamont worked with Home Front Café to hold event “A Salute to Our Heroes” May 31, 2009. Event honored Mr. John F. Finn, Mr. Francis Currey and Mr. Nicholas Oresko; all recipients of Congressional Medal of Honor.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve Commendation recognizing Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients. **All in favor**
Copy of Commendation included with Official Minutes.

Mayor Gaughan reported Maple Avenue Park/Tot Playground received 2009 “Green” Space Award from 2009 Guilderland Community Beautification Achievement Awards Committee. Award to be presented at Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony on June 11, 2009. Mayor Gaughan thanked the one hundred plus individuals for their donations of over \$17,000 to the Tot Playground. Artists’ Exhibition “Dogs in the Park” to be held at Maple Avenue Park/Tot Playground from July 16, 2009 – August 21, 2009.

Paul Miller, Chief AFD, reported AFD had flag donated to them at Memorial Day Parade. Chief Miller requested permission for AFD to put up 20’ flag pole adjacent to Memorial at Village Hall. AFD will be purchasing replacement rescue tools and the specs for tanker truck will be available soon.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall approving AFD to put up 20’ flag pole adjacent to Memorial at Village Hall. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, reported paving is complete on Village streets. Mr. McIntyre also reported that Dept. of Public Works has taken an aggressive approach in dealing with the water issues that were reported along Van Evera Drive and Brandle Road. Details of actions taken are included in a report issued by DPW. Copy of DPW report included with Official Minutes.

Anthony Salerno, Commissioner, reported 9 arrests, 49 court cases and 2 juvenile referrals in May 2009. Community Safety Day is planned for June 28, 2009. APD will be handing out 100 bike helmets to community children.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasure's report; Abstract #23, Abstract #24, Abstract #1 and transfer of funds as submitted.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Comment:

Bill Garvey, Menands, NY, inquired about Village of Altamont's plan for planting Evergreen trees and use of gravel and oil based products for paving.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve appointment of Patricia Blackwood to the position of Village Clerk effective June 2, 2009 for the remainder of the four year term of office which commenced April 6, 2009, at a salary of \$40,000 a year. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve interim appointment of Jean La Crosse to the position of Deputy Village Clerk on a temporary basis for the period June 2 to July 21, 2009, at a salary of \$21.57 per hour.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Hearing 7:52 pm

Public Hearing was opened with reading of the Legal Notice. No public comments.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to close the Public Hearing at 7:54 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve 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 of amended proposal for Legal Services from Young, Sommer, and LLC, dated May 20, 2009. Amendment provides that in cases where an applicant/developer establishes an escrow account for professional services of consultants to the Village Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals, pursuant to Village Zoning Law section 56, the fees of Young Sommer, LLC for legal services to such Boards in connection with the review of such applications will be paid out of such account. In such cases, the fees of Young Sommer, LLC would be billed and paid at the rate of \$195/hour, plus disbursements (if any) as set forth in the firm's current retainer agreement with the Village, dated November 12, 2008. In cases where an escrow account has been established pursuant to section 56 of the Village Zoning Law, Young Sommer, LLC appearance at any meeting of the Village Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals would not count against the six (6) annual appearances covered by the firm's basic's monthly fee to the Village, as set forth in the current retainer agreement. The terms of the November 12, 2008 retainer agreement between Young Sommer, LLC and the Village would be unchanged. This amendment would take effect immediately. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve hiring of Natalie Drahzal of Berne, NY as Water Aerobic Instructor for Bozenkill Park at a flat fee of \$300 from June 25, 2009 through August 13, 2009 per request of Jean La Crosse.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve hiring of Isaac Conklin, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour, as part-time temporary laborer to fill position for staff member on medical leave. Position will terminate upon staff member's return. Request per Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to hire the following individuals for Bozenkill Park Summer Recreation Program:
Adrienne Bush, Altamont, Camp Director at \$15.30 per hour; Christopher Le Clair and James Vitali of Altamont at \$8.75 per hour; Justin Brown and Julia Dowling of Altamont, at \$9.50 per hour and Zach Appio, Casey Becerra, Erin Glennon, Davis Parker, John Shultz of Altamont, Catlin Willsey, East Berne, and Mary Predergast, Voorheesville at \$9.75 per hour from mid-June through mid-September per recommendation of Jean La Crosse. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve for The Puppet People to put on performance of "The Bully Busters" in Community Room on July 19, 2009 at 3:00 pm at the rate of \$825. **Roll Call: All in favor**

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

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to enter into Executive Session to discuss an invoice dispute with Highlander Construction. **All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 pm. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to authorize the Village Attorney to settle an invoice dispute with Highlander Construction by agreeing to accept \$3,068.70 out of \$4,271.99 dispute. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:25 pm. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,



Patty Blackwood
Clerk

TO: Mayor Gaughan & Village Board of Trustees
FROM: Keith C. Lee
DATE: June 2, 2009
SUBJECT: Parks' Activity Report, May & June, 2009

Progress in the Village's Parks has been slow but steady this spring, and with any luck, will pick up as the weather does finally get a bit warmer.

The scouts of the Webelos Den of Cub Scout Pack 51 planted three white spruce, three red spruce, and three tamarack trees in several locations in the village. The red spruce and the white spruce were planted along Gun Club Road, along the fence in front of the well house. Of the three tamaracks, one was planted in Bozenkill Park, by the tennis court; one was planted in the Maple Avenue/Bozenkill Rd triangle, next to the two grass gardens; and the third was planted in Maple Ave Park.

The area around the Crouse house at the corner of Main St & Gun Club Road benefited from the hard work of Altamont's Boy Scout Troop 264, parents, and other volunteers to clear weeds and brush, and to provide planting areas for hollyhocks, sunflowers, and other summer annuals.

Orsini Park

The Altamont Community Tradition's (ACT) annual Green & Clean Day was held April 25, and Orsini and Angel Parks were the primary beneficiaries of a day of hard work by ACT members, village residents & guests, and Ann & Deb, our village gardeners. Volunteers raked and mulched and trimmed and generally got the parks in shape for the summer season.

In mid-May, before the annual Memorial Day parade, the village's gardeners planted many geraniums and other cool weather tolerant annuals around the village, bringing additional color to spring plants that were already blooming.

Angel Park

See above for activities.

Entrance, Bozenkill Park

Master Gardeners from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County's Master Gardener program have started weeding and preparing the gardens for the summer's display. With the removal of several of the ornamental grasses last fall, there is additional space for sun-loving perennial, several of which have been planted. A detailed listing of additions to the Bozenkill plantings will be provided with the next report.

Maple Avenue Park

The 1,000 daffodils in the northwest corner of the park bloomed in all their glory but quickly faded with the earlier than usual hot weather. The blue muscari on the shadier southwest side of the park also came back with an abundant bloom, and lasted a little longer in the shade. All of the other plantings survived the winter and the deer grazings, with the added benefit that the snow provided a good cover for hundreds of lupine seedlings, which are in vigorous growth.

Carl Schilling has started the painting of the shelter, and the ceiling has been completed. Carl also has provided plans for building bench seating areas under the shelter, which should be completed this fall.

A butterfly garden was installed next to the tot playground in early May. Fifteen varieties of blooming (to provide nourishment for the adult butterflies) plants, as well as milkweed and parsley, which will provide nourishment for the larval stages of the butterflies, have been planted.

The Guilderland Community Beautification Achievement "Green Space" award for the Maple Avenue Park/Tot Lot Playground will be presented by the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce on June 11, 2009 at their 2009 Annual Awards ceremony. The Chamber sponsors this effort to recognize municipalities and business for the hard work and investment they put into their properties and facilities.

Plans are in the works for an official opening of the park, currently scheduled for July 16. At the opening, we plan to acknowledge the generosity of the many people who donated money and time for the development of the park, shelter, and tot playground. Over \$17,000 has been raised to date for the construction of the tot playground. In addition, an art exhibit, called "Dogs in the Park" will open in conjunction with the park's opening. This exhibit, organized by village resident and current museum archivist Marijo Dougherty, invites artists to create sculptures depicting a dog, or with a dog theme, which will be on display in the park through mid-August. A sidewalk chalk drawing contest also will be conducted in front of the park, sponsored in conjunction with the Altamont Free Public Library.

Western & Maple Ave/Bridge

We hope to add cosmos to this planting area to add color and movement to the area. The late blooming rudbeckia variety that was added last fall has taken root and is showing growth. The Korean spicebush viburnums have bloomed, and the mock orange bushes should follow soon.

Triangle Garden/Schoharie Plank Rd W

The garden has been raked and the serviceberry tree and the euonymus have been pruned. Volunteers added pansies to the area in early spring, and plants are in the works for additional annuals as the weather warms.

Triangle Garden/Maple Ave & Bozenkill Rd Intersection

The daffodils added last fall bloomed for the first time this year, adding early spring color to the grass gardens. The grasses are all showing significant growth, and plans are in the works to provide identifying tags for the nine-plus varieties. Volunteers weeded and mulched the gardens, and, as noted above, a tamarack tree has been added to the area.

Knowersville Plaza

Last fall, the trees in the planting strip in front of Knowersville Plaza were removed and relocated to Maple Avenue Park. The area was then replanted with hardy ornamental grasses and fall-blooming sedum. The new plantings appear to have survived their first winter, and the area has been mulched and will be planted with annual flowers this spring.

As always, we express our sincere thanks to our many volunteers, to the Village's DPW staff, and to the rest of the Village staff for their help, ideas, support, and hard work.

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT

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Kerry Dineen, Trustee
Christine Marshall, Trustee
Dean Whalen, Trustee

May 29, 2009

Dear Board Members,

This memo is sent to keep you informed as to the water conditions along Brandle Road and Van Evera Drive, which were brought to the Village's attention at the last Board meeting by residents of the area.

I initiated a series of tests once the Village's spring water flushing sequence ended shortly after the meeting, in order to conduct tests of the normal flows of water and its quality, and to ensure the sampling would not be adulterated by the usual effects of the flushing program. I specifically sought to test the quality of the water supply in the Brandle Road area. If the results reported by residents were confirmed, I intended to identify the specific cause(s) of the problems and develop possible interventions, in consultation with B&L.

I implemented the following aggressive actions, but was unable to confirm the claims made at the May Board meeting regarding water quality:

- Following the meeting, the water department began collecting three daily water sample tests from the area of the reported problem in addition to the sampling sites required by the Department of Health. The results during the approximate four weeks of additional daily sampling revealed not a single water sample of poor or questionable quality.
- On the advice of the B&L engineering consultants, I ordered a number of source water samples for independent lab analysis to assess whether the water quality characteristics being extracted from the Village well source have changed in comparison to early tests. The lab tests confirmed that the quality of water and its characteristics from the Brandle Road well have not changed from the time the well was drilled and put into operation.
- During this testing period, we did not alter the system's operational procedures nor incorporate any chemical feed (water treatment) changes. Therefore, we can conclude that the results are not confounded by any alterations of treatment or operation. Further, it is likely at this point that the only factors that can be identified to support results reported by residents are the annual flushing sequence or the large water main break that occurred around the same time, not a systemic problem with the water quality as was suggested. However, I am reviewing the chemical dosages with B&L and the Village's chemical supplier to verify that the chemicals are being fed optimally and in accordance with standard professional recommendations. If we determine that any fine tuning of the chemical application is necessary, we will take the necessary steps.
- Despite the fact that tests taken since the May meeting have not identified a problem with the quality of the water, I plan to continue to monitor the water in this area and test twice a week for the next month. After that time, I will add sampling in the designated area to our regular mandated testing program.

Going forward, I plan to replace the water lines throughout the old part of the Village (south of Main Street) as part of an overall initiative to improve the streets, drainage, water and sewer lines. The water lines in the old part of the Village have been in service for a century, and have exceeded their useful life. The Infiltration and Inflow study that was mandated by DEC uncovered significant leakage into our sewer system in this area of the Village. Storm drainage also is poor in the area, and the streets need to be repaved.

June 2, 2009

I am working with B&L and the Village Treasurer to draft a plan, including prioritization of reconstruction, cost estimates and funding the improvements that will be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting. This is consistent with the Village's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Finally, I continue to encourage all residents to contact me immediately if their water quality fails to the degree demonstrated by residents at our May meeting. No one should have to live with dirty water, and the sooner I am aware of the problem, the faster and more reliably I can determine the source, and fix it.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the Village office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim McIntyre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "M".

Tim McIntyre
Supt. of Public Works

cc: Richard Straut, Barton & Loguidice

Dear Village Board:

June 2, 2009

Please pass a resolution to approve the following Abstracts and Transfers :

ABSTRACT #23

GENERAL FUND	\$ 6,082.06
WATER FUND	521.47
SEWER FUND	<u>119.22</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,722.75

ABSTRACT #24

GENERAL FUND	\$99,059.75
WATER FUND	8,404.52
SEWER FUND	<u>10,957.31</u>
TOTAL	\$118,421.58

ABSTRACT #1

GENERAL FUND	\$ 32,212.00
WATER FUND	3,575.00
SEWER FUND	<u>4,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$40,287.00

GENERAL FUND TRANSFER 2008 BUDGET

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$2,040	A3410. 200 FD Equip.	A1420.400 Attorney Cont.
108	A1364.400 Crounse Prop.	A1325.400 Clerk/Treas. Exp.
4,950	A3410.200 FD Equip.	A1620.400 Shared Services
1,200	A5010.200Street Main. Eq	A5010.410 Gas/Fuel
750	A5010.200St. Main. Eq	A5010.450 Misc.
531	A3410.200 FD Equip.	A7620.400 Senior Cont. Exp.
2,600	A7140.430 Park Misc.	A7620.411 Senior Trip
2,000	A3410.200 FD Equip.	A9060.800 Health Insurance

WATER FUND TRANSFER 2008 BUDGET

\$100	F8320.402 Power Reservoir	F8320.401 Power Agawam
120	F8320.402 Power Reservoir	F8320.410 Source Supply/Wells
2,100	F8320.403 Power Gun Club	F8320.404 Power/New Well
1,510	F8320.403 Power Gun Club	F8330.420 Filter Plant/Maint.

SEWER FUND TRANSFER 2008 BUDGET

\$550	G8120.420 Sewer Repairs	G8110.401 Telephone Expenses
780	G8120.420 Sewer Repairs	G8110.420 Misc.
3625	G8130.421 Pump Repairs	G8130.401Electric/Sewer
400	G8120.420 Sewer Repairs	G8130.402 Power Brandle Road
4,700	G8130.450 Misc. Expenses	G8130.410 Sludge Removal
600	G8130.450 Pump Repairs	G8130.430 Samples

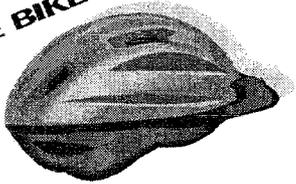
GENERAL FUND TRANSFER 2009 BUDGET

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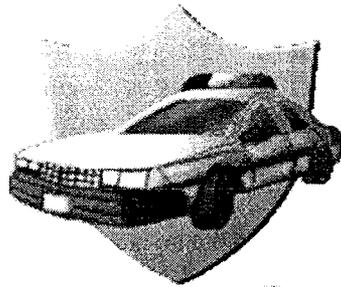
SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

VILLAGE OF
ALTAMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
JUNE 28, 2009...11AM-1PM
☆☆FREE EVENT☆☆

FREE BIKE HELMET



LOCAL POLICE DISPLAY



Bike Rodeo



COMPUTER COP

Parental Internet monitoring software
Village of Altamont working
together can keep our children
Safe on the internet.



Software was purchased with grant funds from WAL-
MART-Glenmont, NY

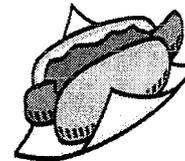


BRING YOUR BIKE TO THE
BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM

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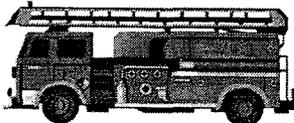


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ALTAMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

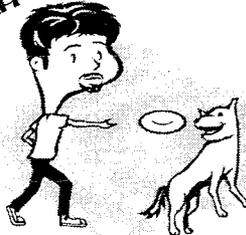


DOG TRAINING
INTERSTATE
K-9
WITH
JEFF CALDER

Fire Truck Display



Altamont Fire Departments



ALTAMONT RESCUE SQUAD



COORDINATED BY:
ALTAMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMENDATION
VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT

IN RECOGNITION OF
THE OUTSTANDING VALOR AND SERVICE OF
CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

JOHN FINN
FRANCES CURREY
NICHOLAS ORESKO

IN RECOGNITION OF ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY, AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO, BY THEIR VALOR AND COURAGE, HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED TO RECEIVE THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR, WE SALUTE YOU.

TO JOHN FINN, THE OLDEST SURVIVING RECIPIENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR AND THE FIRST MAN TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL IN WORLD WAR II, FOR HIS ACTIONS DURING THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, ON DECEMBER 7, 1941.

TO FRANCES CURREY, NEW YORK STATE'S SOLE SURVIVING RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR, WHO RECEIVED HIS CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR ON DECEMBER 21, 1944, FOR HIS ACTIONS IN BELGIUM AS A MEMBER OF US ARMY COMPANY K 120TH INFANTRY 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

TO NICHOLAS ORESKO, WHO RECEIVED HIS CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOR VALOR NEAR TELTINTON, GERMANY ON JANUARY 23, 1945, FOR HIS ACTIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE US ARMY, COMPANY C, 94TH DIVISION.

ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT OFFICIALS, THE ALTAMONT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND LADIES AUXILIARY, VETERANS GROUPS FROM THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL AREA, STUDENTS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS, AND THE CITIZENS OF ALTAMONT, WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO WISH THESE MEN WHO DEFENDED OUR COUNTRY IN TIME OF WAR OUR COMMUNITY'S BEST WISHES AND THANKS.

MAY 31, 2009

JAMES M. GAUGHAN, MAYOR