

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

April 6, 2010

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  
Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works  
Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Dept.  
Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector  
Anthony Salerno, Commissioner of Public Safety

7:30 p.m.

Guests: 16

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

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adopt the 2010 Organizational Meeting Agenda. **Roll Call: All in favor** Detail as follows:

**PART I**

**One Year Term**

Patty Blackwood, Deputy Court Clerk

**Five Year Term**

Maurice McCormick, Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals (2015)

Lois Ginsburg, Member, Planning Board (2015)

**PART II**

**Official Newspaper**

Altamont Enterprise

**Official Banks**

Key Bank – Altamont Branch, First National Bank of Scotia, First Niagara Bank, Citizens Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, Pioneer Commercial Bank, NBT Bank and M&T Bank

**Time & Place of Meetings**

Village Board – First Tuesday of each month and third Tuesday as needed

-November 2010 meeting rescheduled to Wednesday, November 3, 2010 due to Election Day

Planning Board – Fourth Monday of each month as needed

Zoning Board of Appeals – Fourth Tuesday of each month as needed

**Mileage**

50 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 2011

### **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.

Trustee Marshall reported Stormwater and Sewer Committee have been working on updating grant proposal for state funding to upgrade the sewer system. Committee is also looking at other sources for funding and will be meeting on a regular basis with engineers.

Trustee Aylward asked Trustee Marshall to reach out to Village of Owego regarding their sanitary sewer rehabilitation project.

Mayor Gaughan reported Fire Commissioner's meeting to be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Guilderland Fire Department. New state law passed requiring all homeowners to have carbon monoxide detectors in their homes. Parks Committee has been separating plants throughout the village to package them for sale on May 1 during the Village wide garage sale. Proceeds from the plant sale will go to Maple Avenue Park for future development.

Trustee Aylward reported letter that went to all village and towns from Dan McCoy, Chairman of Albany County Legislature, regarding possible future sales tax distribution, had been sent in error. Letter from Mr. McCoy had not been approved for distribution from Albany County Legislature.

Mayor Gaughan reminded everyone to fill out their US Census forms. Anyone in need of a questionnaire can pick one up at the Village office.

Paul Miller, Chief AFD, reported 10 more calls bringing yearly total up to 34 calls. One call was a house fire on Gardner Road along with two carbon monoxide calls.

Donald Cropsey Jr., Building Inspector, reported SEFCU is continuing to work on outside lighting issue. Three outside lights have been shut off in the parking lot. SEFCU has installed a glare reduction diffuser on one of their lights near the ATM and will analyze light levels to determine if they meet banking regulations. If banking regulations are being met, SEFCU will add glare reduction diffuser to additional lights. Stewarts Shop removed old tanks, old fuel dispensers, canopy and substantial amount of contaminated soil. Stewarts has put in new fiber tanks and should be open for gasoline purchases in a few weeks.

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, reported water main flushing has begun and will continue over the next three weeks. Yard waste collection began on April 6 and will continue through first week of May.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve the Treasure's report; Abstract #20, Abstract #21 and transfer of funds as submitted.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

**Public Comment:**

Michael LaMountain, Maple Avenue, reported annual Altamont Community Tradition's Green and Clean Day to be held on April 24, 2010 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. SEFCU will be providing paper shredder in their parking lot on Green and Clean Day. Mr. LaMountain stated he did not receive a Census questionnaire due to having a post office box but picked up a questionnaire at the Village office.

Trustee Dineen stated she would put up a sign at the Altamont Post Office alerting residents they can pick up a Census questionnaire from the Village office.

Tim Carney, Albany, reported he is considering a run for NYS Senate, 46<sup>th</sup> Senate District. Mr. Carney stated he is going around to local municipalities to find out what some of their concerns may be.

**Public Hearing 8:00 p.m.**

Public Hearing was opened with reading of the Legal Notice by Rob Panasci, Legal Council.

Mayor Gaughan stated Village has had to take a long hard look at expenditures and the anticipated revenues that typically come through from Albany County and other sources. Besides the reduction in sales tax revenue from Albany County, the Village has suffered other increases in cost from NYS Retirement System, health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance. Sales tax revenue has been estimated at \$510,000 which is much less than Village has received in the past. Much time has been spent over the past three months working with staff on developing the budget. Cost of living increases are not being given to staff and elected officials. Expenditures from the general fund have been reduced substantially and all reserve accounts have been flat lined this year. Mayor Gaughan acknowledged his appreciation to staff and Trustees for working together to keep budget low enough so that Village taxes did not have to be increased this year.

Norman Bauman, Maple Avenue, thanked all who worked on the Village budget.

Trustee Aylward acknowledged Mayor Gaughan, Chief Fiscal Officer, and applauds all the work the Mayor did on the budget. Mayor considered critical issues along with current and long range planning for the Village. Trustee Aylward stated budget reflects input of all staff and Board members and he is very proud to support it.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to close public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve 2010-2011 Village Budget. **Roll Call: All in favor**  
Copy of Budget included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve holding a Public Hearing on May 4, 2010 at 7:45 p.m., on Local Law #2-2010 adopting Chapter 655 of the Laws of New York for 2007, as Amended by Chapter 6 of the Laws of New York for 2008, Providing Tax Exemptions for Cold War Veterans. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve Altamont PTA to hold annual garage sale along the streets of Altamont and Orsini Park on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve authorization to accept sealed bids on the following surplus equipment: 1996 Toro 455D Mower, minimum bid of \$6,500, 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 Village and Altamont Fire Department participation in Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 23, 2010 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 Dineen expressed concern with Village expending additional funds at this time to purchase new sign for Bozenkill Park.

Jessica Lynch, granddaughter of Benjamin Crupe, requested a new sign for Bozenkill Park to honor her grandfather properly.

Trustee Aylward stated he supports buying a new sign for Bozenkill Park.

Trustee Marshall asked the condition of the current sign.

Trustee Whalen stated the Village should do the right thing and order a new sign for Bozenkill Park.

Judi Dineen, Lincoln Avenue, stated she doesn't think someone has the right to tell the government how to spend money when memorializing someone.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve authorization to expend up to \$2,000 to purchase a new sign for Bozenkill Park on Gun Club Road to read "Village of Altamont, Benjamin M. Crupe, Bozenkill Park".

**Roll Call:**

Trustee Whalen	In favor
Trustee Marshall	Opposed
Trustee Aylward	In favor
Trustee Dineen	Opposed
Mayor Gaughan	In favor

**Motion Carried 3/2**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of Board Minutes for March 2, 2010 and March 9, 2010. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk