

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 2, 2010

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

Michael Moore, Legal Council
Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works
Paul Miller, Chief AFD Guests 8

7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Gaughan reported Village of Altamont has chosen to be a “Be Counted” site for the U.S. Census Bureau. A “Be Counted” site is a place for people to pick up a blank questionnaire. Most people will receive a questionnaire at home. However, for residents in communities who only have a post office box as their mailing address, the questionnaire is to be delivered to the post office box of such residents by a special arrangement between the Federal Census Bureau and US Postal Service. If a resident has not received a questionnaire by mid-March, please visit the Village Hall. Every single member of the community should be counted. Census data affects how federal and state funding is allocated to communities like Altamont.

Paul Miller, Chief AFD, reported Altamont Fire Department responded to thirteen calls in February. One fire call was due to a carbon monoxide issue at a home on Western Avenue. Chief Miller also reported Altamont Fire Department recently purchased spreaders and power unit under current budget.

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, reported there were four equipment failures during recent snow storm. Two pieces of equipment have been repaired. Mayor Gaughan acknowledged the hard work of the Dept. of Public Work’s employees throughout the snowstorm.

Mayor Gaughan, on behalf of Board of Trustees, extended sympathies to Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer, on the recent death of her mother.

Public Comment:

Sam Crosby, Lincoln Avenue, expressed concern regarding drainage issues on Western Avenue and Schoharie Plank Road West.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve holding Annual Organizational Meeting on April 6, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve holding Budget Public Hearing prior to adoption of budget on April 6, 2010 at 7:45 p.m.
All in favor

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of Fireman’s 2009 Service Credits listing. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve and distribute the following resolution to: **Governor David A. Patterson, NYS Senate Leadership, NYS Assembly Leadership, Senator Neil D. Breslin, Assemblymember John J. McEneny, Commissioner Carol Ash, OPRHP**

WHEREAS, the 2010-2011 New York State Executive Budget proposal recommends \$32.5 million in cuts to the operational budget of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), representing a 20% cut over current fiscal year funding; and

WHEREAS, to respond to these budget cutbacks, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is preparing, for the first time in State history, to close to public visitation a significant Number of state parks and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, that John Boyd Thacher State Park, located primarily in the Town of New Scotland and along the Helderberg Escarpment above the Village of Altamont, is among the parks slated for closure; and

WHEREAS, Thacher State Park provides significant recreational, educational, economic, and quality of life benefits to surrounding communities; including the Village of Altamont and the Town of Guilderland; and

WHEREAS, County Route 157, also known as Thompson's Lake Road, is used for general and commuter travel in the region, and fully transects John Boyd Thacher State Park; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Altamont calls upon members of the State Legislature and the Governor to continue to fund staff and operations at John Boyd Thacher State Park in order to maintain full and safe public access to its trails, facilities, and roadways. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve of Board Minutes for February 2, 2010 and February 23, 2010. **All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve entering into Executive Session to obtain legal counsel regarding proposed Order on Consent from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to come out of Executive Session. **All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to enter into Regular Session. **All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve resolution for Village Attorney to contact Department of Environmental Conservation requesting that the language of paragraph VI of the proposed Order on Consent regarding the Village's sewage treatment plant, delivered March 1, 2010, be amended and, if so amended, authorizing the Mayor to execute the amended Order on behalf of the Village.

Roll Call:

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

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Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Mayor Gaughan to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk