

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 1, 2011

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

Michael Moore, Legal Council
Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer
Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works
Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector
Paul Miller, Chief AFD
Todd Pucci, Commissioner of Public Safety

Attending: Jason Ballard, Barton & Loguidice

General Public: 7

7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Gaughan, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, extended sympathies to Sally Jo Sullivan's family on her recent passing.

Paul Miller, Chief AFD, reported Altamont Fire Dept. had 11 calls for the year. Chief Miller asked village residents to check their sump pumps to make sure they are working and change their batteries in their carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors. Chief Miller stated fire sirens at Village Hall and Orsini Park are not working and fire department is looking to get them fixed.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve the Treasure's report; Abstract #19, Abstract #20 and transfer of funds as submitted.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of soliciting bids for unit cost of Scott Air Pack System for Altamont Vol. Fire Department per request of Paul Miller, Chief. The number of air packs and the total amount that would be expended will depend on the approval in Agenda Item #7 and a careful analysis of the budget by Chief Miller and Treasurer Hasbrouck. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve an \$8,000 increase in the 2010-11 General Fund Budget to the Altamont Vol. Fire Dept. Equipment Line (A3410.200) and the Appropriated Fund Balance (A599).

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Hearing 7:49 p.m.

Public hearing was opened with reading of the Legal Notice by Michael Moore, Legal Council. Mr. Moore stated amount proposed to be borrowed in Legal Notice was changed to \$3,575,000 from \$3,510,000 at the request of Village's bond counsel. Mr. Moore stated Village's bond counsel informed him that despite Legal Notice reading permissive referendum is required on proposed borrowing; it is not needed pursuant to Section 36 Subdivision A5 of NYS Local Finance Law as this expenditure is being

undertaken pursuant to an enforcement directive of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Moore stated second public hearing; agenda number five, was also posted for 7:45 p.m. and will proceed after this public hearing.

Trustee Aylward inquired if there is an interest rate at this time for the \$3,575,000. Trustee Marshall stated Village submitted application for the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) loan. After Board meeting Village will supply EFC with Bond Resolution and SEQRA compliance documents. The sum of money factors into a reasonable estimate and this money does include the interest which should be around two percent. Village has been assured that they will be approved for the loan but at this time EFC isn't sure of what the interest rate will be.

Trustee Aylward inquired as to when Village anticipates hearing from EFC regarding interest rate on loan. Mayor Gaughan stated EFC will process application and then seek purchasing bonds at the interest rate that is prevalent at that time. EFC had noted it would not be any earlier than July 2011 to hear of interest rate.

Trustee Aylward inquired if bond resolution and SEQRA compliance documents were recommended by bond counsel. Trustee Marshall stated actions were recommended by bond counsel which in turn is required for EFC application process.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to close public hearing at 7:56 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve authorizing Mayor Gaughan to sign SEQRA Full Environmental Assessment Form and check box A under Determination of Significance related to Village of Altamont Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve adoption of SEQRA Negative Declaration related to Village of Altamont Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve resolution establishing the Village of Altamont as Lead Agency and determining that the proposed Village Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project is an unlisted action and will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve resolution of the Village of Altamont, NY (The "Village"), dated March 1, 2011, authorizing the construction and installation of improvements to the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant; estimating the aggregate cost thereof to be \$3,575,000; appropriating up to \$3,575,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of indebtedness in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,575,000 to finance said cost. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Hearing 8:03 p.m.

Public hearing was opened with reading of the Legal Notice by Michael Moore, Legal Council.

Mayor Gaughan stated authorization to expend up to \$12,000 from Water Project Reserve Fund for emergency repair of Well Number One on Brandle Road is subject to permissive referendum.

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, reported well is now one hundred percent operational with a little bit of clean-up work to be done in the Spring. All bills for the repair are not yet in but looks like the repairs will come in just below the estimated \$12,000.

Trustee Aylward inquired if Mr. McIntyre had contacted the manufacture of the pump since the pump was only five years old. Mr. McIntyre stated manufacture was contacted and pump only had a one year parts warranty.

Trustee Whalen inquired if this is the primary pump that the Village uses. Mr. McIntyre stated there is a pump and motor in each well and both wells do same amount of work. Mr. McIntyre stated repair of the motor was less costly. Larger portion of the bill came from putting the pump back in the well due to an alignment issue.

Mayor Gaughan stated if other pump stops working Village Board would be interested in speaking to the manufacture.

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, stated well number one was pumping 500 gallons of water per minute and well number two was pumping 300 gallons of water per minute.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to close public hearing at 8:10 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve holding Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 7:45 p.m., 115 Main Street, Altamont, New York, for authorization to expend up to \$36,000 of funds from Police Car Reserve per request of Todd Pucci, Commissioner of Public Safety. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve request from Ethel Davis, Marian Court, for refund of \$100 to sewer bill due to flooding of her basement per recommendation of Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. Water went through the main meter but due to faulty hot water heater Altamont Vol. Fire Dept. pumped out basement. Therefore, water did not go through the sewer system. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve Proclamation to recognize and show appreciation to Richard Perras, Altamont Rescue Squad. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve holding Annual Organizational Meeting on April 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve holding Budget Public Hearing prior to adoption on April 5, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of Board Minutes for February 1, 2011. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk