

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 5, 2014

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

Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Larry Adams, Asst. Supt. of Public Works
Robert White, Altamont Fire Chief
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief, Absent
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer
Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum

General Public: 17

7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Gaughan reported Village office will be closed on Veterans Day and asked all to think about the sacrifices our veterans have made. Mayor Gaughan reported there will not be a public hearing tonight on expending \$13,744 from the Water Reserve Fund for emergency well repair on Brandle Road due to a lightning strike. The Village received reimbursement from their insurance company covering all but the \$1,000 deductible. Mayor Gaughan reported hydrant flushing has been extended to November 13th.

Christopher Laurenzo, Altamont Police Dept., reported parking regulations are in effect from November through April.

Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum, reported Ed Bradt donated three scrapbooks of material on auto racing during the 1920's and 1930's at the Altamont fairgrounds. Ms. Dougherty reported Keith Lee, author of "Images of America: Altamont" will be at the Altamont Free Library on November 11th. Mr. Lee will be speaking about the research he did for the book.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasurer's report; #10, and #11 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Mayor Gaughan welcomed members of Boy Scout Troop #264.

Public Comment:

Lois Ginsburg, Long Grass Lane, reported 13th annual Altamont Community Tradition Victorian Holiday Celebration will be held on December 13th & 14th.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve request from VESTA/Peter Young Center, Berne Altamont Road, for credit of \$3,769 to sewer on October 1, 2014 bill due to water leak per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. Water went through the main meter but did not get discharged into Sanitary Sewer System.

Roll Call:

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| Trustee Whalen | Abstain |
| Trustee Marshall | In favor |
| Trustee Aylward | In favor |
| Trustee Dineen | In favor |
| Mayor Gaughan | In favor |

Motion Carried: 4 In Favor/1 Abstain

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve request from Thomas Ketchum, 101 Prospect Terrace (Butcher Shop), for credit of \$77 to water and \$123 to sewer on October 1, 2014 bill due to water meter being removed from property on March 2014 per recommendation of Larry Adams, Asst. Supt. of Public Works. Resident didn't have access to water during this billing cycle. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve request to increase the salary of Nicholas Sala \$1,000 for receiving his Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Grade 2A license per request of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve request to increase the salary of Nicholas Sala \$500 for receiving his Commercial Drivers License (CDL) per request of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve authorizing Mayor Gaughan to sign renewal contracts with CDPHP and MVP Health Plan for health insurance of retired employees. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve holding public hearing on December 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., subject to permissive referendum, to expend up to \$18,500 from Fire Equipment Reserve Fund for Fire Chief's vehicle.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve request to grant permission to Albany County Board of Elections to tabulate election results including absentee ballots for Village Election on March 18, 2015. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of Library Lights holiday fundraiser, to support Altamont Free Library, to be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Gazebo in Orsini Park per request of Tony Kossman, Altamont Free Library. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve of Board Minutes for October 7, 2014. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:18 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to come out of executive session at 8:07 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve resolution to terminate Young/Sommer LLC's relationship for professional legal services with the Village of Altamont with regret and by mutual consent, effective November 5, 2014.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve professional legal services from Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP for the rest of the fiscal year (November 5, 2014 – May 31, 2015). Partners and senior associates would be billed at \$225 per hour, as needed; Junior associates would be billed at between \$150 and \$200 per hour, depending on their level of experience, as needed; and Paralegal services would be billed at \$100 per hour, as needed. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk