

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
7:00 PM February 6, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Staff Reports

Altamont Fire Dept
Police Department
Public Works

Public Comment

1. Consider approval of Treasurer's Abstracts #15, and #16, and transfer of funds as submitted.
2. Public Hearing on February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on Local Law No. 1 of 2024 of the Village of Altamont Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law.
3. Consider approving Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2024, of the Village of Altamont Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law.
4. Consider approving the purchase of 2013 Dodge Charger Police vehicle, not to exceed \$16,000, per request of Todd Pucci, Police Chief. Funds would be taken from the Police Car Reserve fund and are subject to Permissive Referendum.
5. Consider approving resolution establishing a Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund.
6. Consider approving update to the Village of Altamont Facilities Rental Fee Schedule.
7. Consider authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign RBC Wealth Management letter authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue payment of \$6,778.09 to John Mahoney, Altamont Fire Department member. Payment represents Mr. Mahoney's December 31, 2023 account balance. Mr. Mahoney is withdrawing amount accumulated in the fund and there is no Village budget impact.
8. Consider resignation of Jeffrey Moller, full-time Superintendent of Public Works, effective March 5, 2024.
9. Consider resignation of Colleen Moller, part-time Office Cleaner, effective March 5, 2024.
10. Consider resignation of Cynthia Shannon, part-time Deputy Treasurer, effective January 24, 2024.
11. Consider resignation of Stacy Tanner, part-time Treasurer, effective February 1, 2024.
12. Consider appointment of Catherine Hasbrouck, temporary Treasurer, part-time, as needed, at \$30.00 per hour.
13. Consider authorizing the acting Treasurer to transfer the sale of the 2001 Pierce Fire Truck (E17) in the amount of \$90,000 received in November 2023 to the Fire Truck Equipment Reserve (A230F).
14. Consider authorizing the acting Treasurer to transfer the sale of DPW equipment that was received in November 2023 in the amount of \$16,558 from the General Fund to the Water Fund (F200).
15. Consider request of Phil Carducci to hold Benefit Food Pantry Run/Walk, 2nd Leap Day 2.9 Mile, on March 3, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
16. Consider approval of Board Minutes for January 2, 2024.

17. Consider motion to adjourn.

Next scheduled meetings: February 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. – Budget Workshop
March 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting
March 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. – Budget Workshop
March 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. – Budget Workshop (If needed)

From: pmiller1601@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2024 6:10 PM
To: Patty Blackwood
Subject: January Chiefs report

Good evening everyone,

For the month of January we had 10 calls,

7 False alarms

- 3 On Rt 146
- 1 On Main St
- 1 On Altamont Voorheesville Rd
- 1 On Park St
- 1 On Bavarian Way

1 Motor vehicle accident on Western Turnpike

2 Request for stand by in our station

- 1 For New Salem
- 1 For Knox

Other activities last month were,

- 8th Was proper radio procedures
- 15th Was truck and station night
- 22nd Was hydrants, thermal imaging camera and fire extinguishers
- 29th Was cleaning up the firehouse

Activities planned for February are

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- 12th Is CPR with Town of Guilderland EMS
- 19th Is truck and station night
- 26th Is types of building construction and materials

Have a great night.

Paul Miller
Chief Altamont Fire department

FEBRUARY 2024

PATTY:

PLEASE ASK THE BOARD TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOW ABSTRACTS FOR PAYMENT:

ABSTRACT #15: Vouchers 432-448 JANUARY HAND WRITTEN CHECKS

GENERAL	\$3,779.42
WATER	8,134.42
SEWER	<u>2,944.82</u>
TOTAL	\$14,858.66

ABSTRACT #16: Vouchers 449(blank) 450-504 – FEBRUARY 6, 2024

GENERAL	\$ 24,615.29
WATER	8,081.67
SEWER	<u>17,221.85</u>
	\$49,918.81

Also, the following transfers are needed FROM November 2023 to January 2024:

GENERAL FUND

Amount	From	To
900	A1990.400 Contingency Fund	A1210.400 Mayor Expense
64	A1620.400 Shared Serv. CE	A1620.220 Website
480	A1910.400 Unall. Insurance	A3120.420 Insurance
575	A1990.400 Contingency Fund	A3120.420 Insurance
980	A5010.450 Misc.	A5010.400 Street Admin. Heavy Equip.
690	A7110.404 Banners	A7110.401 Main Street Exp.
160	A7140.401 El. Power/Park	A7140.130 Youth Director
762	A7140.200 Park Rec. Equipment	A7140.430 Misc.
281	A7620.421 Senior Lunch	A7620.401 Senior Van Insurance
2,000	A7110.404 Banners	A9010.800 State Retirement
500	A7110.404 Banners	A9015.800 Police Retirement
1,575	A7110.404 Banners	A9025.800 Firemen Pension

WATER FUND

Amount	From	To
665	F1990.400 Contingency Fund	F1910.400 Unall. Insurance
1,130	F1990.400 Cont. Fund	F1920.400 Taxes
100	F8320.404 Wellhouse	F8320.401 Power/Agawam
50	F8320.418 Testing GC Well	F8320.416 Main/Gun Club
600	F8340.424 Maint/Parts	F8340.422 Heavy Equipment Rep.
4,000	F8340.200 Trans/Dist. Eq	F8340.410 Electronics
1,500	F8320.418 Testing GC Well	F8340.410 Electronics
600	F8310.420 Meters	F8340.410 Electronics
450	F1440.400 Engineer	F9010.800 State Retirement
140	F8340.450 Misc. Exp.	F8340.420 Repairs/Parts

SEWER FUND

Amount	From	To
150	G8110.140 Admin. PT	G8110.100 Admin. PS
405	G1990.400 Cont.	G8110.100 Admin. PS
1469	G1990.400 Cont. Fund	G8110.420 Admin. Misc.
4,185	G8130.450 Misc.	G8120.420 Sewer Repairs
450	G8120.410 Rehab.	G9010.800 Retirement
550	G8120.410 Rehab	G1910.400 Unall. Insurance

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FEBRUARY TRANSFERS

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$4,580	A5182.400 LIGHTING	A5010.400 DPW STREET ADMIN HEAVY
115	A7110.404 BANNERS	A7110.401 MAIN ST. CE
170	A7140.410 Cert.	A7140.430 Misc.

WATER FUND

175	F1440.400 ENGINEER	F1420.400 ATTORNEY
1,580	F8310.420 METERS	F8310.400 ADMIN. CONT.
4000	F8320.404 Power NWH	F8340.420 TRANS/DIST/REPAIRS
4350	F1440.400 Engineer	F8340.420 Trans. Dist. Repairs
850	F8320.408 Testing NWH	F8340.430 Trans/Dist DOH Sampling
1,060	F8320.408 Testing NWH	F8340.450 TRANS/DIST. MISC.

GENERAL FUND

300	G8120.410 REHAB	G8110.420 MISC.
315	G8130.460 TREATMENT/DISP.	G8130.450 MISC. EXP.

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2024

A LOCAL LAW TO ADOPT REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKERS

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Altamont as follows:

Section 1: Legislative Intent. The Village Board finds that volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers provide essential emergency services to our community and that it is in the best interests of the Village to encourage this exceptional volunteerism. The Board finds that providing real property tax exemptions to eligible enrolled members of such organizations would be an incentive to attract new volunteers and help combat an alarming decline in the number of volunteers serving as active responders to fire, medical, or other emergencies.

Section 2: Authority. This article adopts the real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers under NYS Real Property Tax Law § 466-a.

Section 3: Grant of Real Property Tax Exemption.

- A. The primary residential real property located in the Village that is owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service that provides services within the Village shall be exempt from taxation and assessments levied by the Village for general fund tax and highway tax to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the requirements set forth herein.
- B. For purposes of the exemption granted to volunteer firefighters, the term "enrolled member" of an incorporated volunteer fire company or volunteer fire department shall mean an active volunteer firefighter as defined in NYS General Municipal Law § 215 and based upon criteria established by the authority having jurisdiction.
- C. For purposes of NYS Real Property Law § 466-a and this article, the term "authority having jurisdiction" shall mean:
 - (1) In the case of an incorporated fire company or volunteer fire department, except the Altamont Fire Department, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the particular fire district.
 - (2) In the case of the Altamont Fire Department, the Village of Altamont Board of Trustees.
 - (3) In the case of an incorporated voluntary ambulance service, the Town of Guilderland Town Board.

Section 4: Qualifications. Such exemption shall only be granted if:

- A. The applicant resides in the Village of Altamont, which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service for which the applicant is a qualified enrolled member;
- B. The real property which is the subject of such exemption is the primary residence of the applicant;
- C. The real property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that if any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation, and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this article;
- D. The applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department, or volunteer ambulance service as an enrolled member who has served such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two years; and
- E. The applicant must submit said certification from the authority having jurisdiction together with the tax exemption application.

Section 5: Grant of lifetime exemption.

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than 20 years of active service, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the 10% exemption as authorized by this article for the remainder of her or his life as long as her or his primary residence is located within the Village of Altamont.

Section 6: Surviving, un-remarried spousal exemption for volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty.

The property tax exemption authorized by this article and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member's unremarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty, provided that:

- A. Such unremarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated

voluntary ambulance service of such enrolled member who was killed in the line of duty;

- B. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and
- C. Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption of such property prior to her or his death.

Section 7: Surviving, unremarried spousal exemption for volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers with 20 years of enrolled member service.

The property tax exemption authorized by this article and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member's unremarried spouse, provided that:

- A. Such unremarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service of such enrolled member;
- B. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least 20 years; and
- C. Such deceased volunteer and unremarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

Application: An application form for such exemption and a certification provided by the appropriate authority having jurisdiction shall be filed with the Town of Guilderland Assessor (the "Town Assessor") on or before the taxable status date of each year or as otherwise prescribed by New York State.

No diminution of benefits: No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of Article 4 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law on the effective date of this article shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this article.

Section 8: Supersession of Other Laws. All local laws in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law area hereby superseded. This Local Law also supersedes, amends, and takes precedence over any inconsistent provisions of New York Village Law under the Village's Municipal Home Rule powers, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §10(1)(ii)(d)(3), §10(1)(ii)(a)(14), and §22.

Section 9: Severability. The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part, or provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this local law which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 9: Effective Date. This article shall take effect upon the filing of this local law with the NYS Secretary of State.