

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 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
Paul Miller, Chief AFD
Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector
Anthony Salerno, Commissioner Public Safety
Guests: 30

7:30 p.m.

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

Trustee Marshall reported Stormwater and Sewer Committee met regarding wastewater treatment upgrades. Committee is working on developing several different scenarios concerning financial costs and timelines to implement upgrades to wastewater treatment project. Committee will provide Board members with information to be discussed at September Board Meeting. Trustee Marshall reported last year NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Water informed Village of new regulations for owners of dams in New York State. Village owns two dams in Knox, NY. Regulations call for various reporting requirements regarding maintenance and emergency action plans. Village has been working with NYS DEC Division of Water to clarify what Village needs to do for the reports that are due in August. NYS DEC suggested Village submit a waiver for the emergency action plan to allow Village to provide plan without an engineer preparing it making it more cost effective for the Village. Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, has developed maintenance plan and both plans will be submitted in August to NYS DEC.

Trustee Dineen, Business Committee, reported second "Guide to Altamont and the Helderbergs" brochures were distributed to Times Union subscribers on July 1. Altamont Enterprise and The Gazette will distribute to their subscribers within the next few weeks.

Mayor Gaughan acknowledged Altamont Community Traditions on a successful Strawberry Social in Orsini Park on June 29. Mayor Gaughan reported Altamont's 2010 Summer Concert Series to be held in Orsini Park beginning July 13. Mayor Gaughan reported Village is embarking on fulfilling requirements under Civil Service law for an exam for a new police commissioner. Trustee Dineen and Trustee Marshall to canvass those on the list to see if they are interested in the position. If anyone on the list is interested, interviews will be conducted. Village has until the end of August to complete the process. Mayor Gaughan acknowledged Commissioner Salerno for the good work he has done for the Board and the Village for the past five years and for his help in this tough transition.

Paul Miller, Chief AFD, reported 10 calls for the month of June bringing total to 64 calls for the year. Trustee Aylward acknowledged Altamont Fire Department for the assistance with Benjamin M. Crupe ceremony at Bozenkill Park.

Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector; reported Zoning Board approved three variance requests in June. Planning Board approved Mio Vino Wine Bar and Bistro. Mr. Cropsey reported new beauty salon will be moving to the Village at 100 Main Street. Trustee Aylward inquired how close Brandle Meadows was to completion. Mr. Cropsey stated he believes Brandle Meadows is at 75-80% completion.

Anthony Salerno, Commissioner, reported 8 months ago he made a decision to leave the Village of Altamont and did not take the Civil Service test because he was leaving. Commissioner Salerno thanked the Village Board for their professionalism and for helping him carry out the community policing strategy. Commissioner Salerno acknowledged the residents of Altamont and his police officers.

Trustee Aylward acknowledged Commissioner Salerno for his police work in the Village over the past five years.

Trustee Dineen acknowledged Commissioner Salerno for his police work and stated five years ago the Village interviewed Commissioner Salerno and he was far more qualified than the other applicants that had applied. Commissioner Salerno had a plan for community policing in the Village and followed through with his plan.

Trustee Marshall acknowledged Commissioner Salerno for his outstanding work ethic and professionalism.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #26, Abstract #2, Abstract #3 and transfer of funds as submitted.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Comment:

Mary Heidinger, Grand Street, stated over the last five years Commissioner Salerno has been exceptionally considerate of her family. Ms. Heidinger stated her family needed police coverage and Commissioner Salerno was always available.

Barbara Quackenbush, Euclid Avenue, thanked Commissioner Salerno for all his years of service. Ms. Quackenbush stated Altamont's 2010 Summer Concert Series is to begin Tuesday, July 13th and continue every Tuesday through August 10th. Summer concerts to be held in Orsini Park at 7:00 p.m.

Norman Bauman, Maple Avenue, acknowledged Judi Dineen, President of Altamont Community Traditions, on the successful Strawberry Social held on June 29th in Orsini Park. Mr. Bauman acknowledged Commissioner Salerno for his professionalism and helpfulness.

Elaine Clark, Danvers Road, thanked Commissioner Salerno for his discretion, professionalism and his caring for the community.

Marijo Dougherty, Maple Avenue, stated she attended the Strawberry Social and thought it was a wonderful event and thanked all the volunteers. Ms. Dougherty acknowledged Commissioner Salerno for his community policing and stated she would miss him.

Linda Cure, Grand Street, stated Altamont Free Library's cycling race to be held in Altamont on August 15th. Ms. Cure expressed her appreciation to Commissioner Salerno,

Altamont Police Department and Village of Altamont on helping to make last years cycling race a success. Ms. Cure acknowledged Commissioner Salerno for his professionalism and organizational skills.

Michael LaMountain, Maple Avenue, acknowledged Commissioner Salerno and stated it was sad to see a technicality take out a good man.

Tom Person, Leesome Lane, acknowledged Commissioner Salerno and the Altamont Police Department for their great work.

Jack Pollard, Leesome Lane, stated he is aggravated about what is happening to Commissioner Salerno. Mr. Pollard stated he doesn't feel the Village Board did enough to keep Commissioner Salerno.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve of supporting the Altamont Free Library's bicycle race to be held on Sunday, August 15, 2010.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall authorizing Mayor Gaughan to sign RBC Corporate Resolution authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue lump-sum payment of \$700 to Owen Murray, AFD member.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve of soliciting bids for rehabilitation of sanitary sewers per request of Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve holding Public Hearing on September 7, 2010 at 7:45 pm, subject to permissive referendum, to consider authorization to expend up to \$100,000 from Sewer Project Reserve Fund for rehabilitation of sanitary sewers. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve applications from Jeremy Schmidt, Sunset Drive, (Apprentice Fireman) and Shane Schroeder, Altamont Blvd, for membership in the Altamont Volunteer Fire Department per request of Paul Miller, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve resignation of Jason Helwig, part-time police officer, effective June 15, 2010 per letter of resignation.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve George Moller, Eagle Scout, to construct four bat houses in the woods of the Benjamin M. Crupe Bozenkill Park. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of Board Minutes for June 1, 2010. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve entering into Executive Session to discuss the legal requirements for commencing an Article 7 petition to review the tax assessment for Village property located outside of the Village boundaries. **All in favor**

No action was taken in Executive Session. Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to come out of Executive Session. **All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk