

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 4, 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
Paul Miller, Chief AFD
Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector
Todd Pucci, Commissioner of Public Safety

Attending: Jason Ballard, Barton & Loguidice

General Public: 15

7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Gaughan wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed Alex Sands, Tess Dube and Stephanie Lasselle, three students from Guilderland High School attending this evenings meeting for their Public Policy class.

Paul Miller, Chief AFD, reported Altamont Fire Department responded to 119 calls in 2010 up twenty-one percent from the previous year.

Donald Cropsey, Jr., Building Inspector; reported demolition permit has been issued to dilapidated structure on Route 156 and structure to be coming down over next couple of weeks. Building department also working on trying to get another structure on Route 156 cleaned up. Planning Board will be reviewing a 3 lot subdivision of land on Bozenkill Road.

Todd Pucci, Commissioner, reported his first month in transition to Commissioner of Public Safety went smoothly. Commissioner Pucci thanked Guilderland dispatch for entering Altamont Police Department warrants. At this time, one arrest has been made from the warrants. Commissioner Pucci stated Altamont Police Department will begin recruiting process to hire two police officers.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve the Treasure's report; Abstract #15, Abstract #16 and transfer of funds as submitted.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Comment:

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, inquired if Board of Trustees planned on drafting a written policy regarding police presence at elections held in Village Community Room. Mayor Gaughan stated Village has an unwritten policy of having one police officer present at elections and if requested to have additional police officers present, Village would respond accordingly. Mayor Gaughan stated he would consult with Commissioner Pucci and address this issue at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of Board Minutes for December 7, 2010. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve resolution authorizing Barton & Loguidice to prepare the necessary documents for environmental impact review under the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in relation to the planned upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and to assist Don Csaposs in completing the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) loan application for the upgrade project per recommendation of Barton & Loguidice and Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. Barton & Loguidice's fee for service is \$4,700.
Roll Call: All in favor

Public Hearing 7:45 p.m.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to open public hearing to discuss proposed changes to "Code of the Village of Altamont".

Roll Call:

Trustee Whalen	In favor
Trustee Marshall	In favor
Trustee Aylward	In favor
Trustee Dineen	In favor
Mayor Gaughan	No vote

Michael Moore, Legal Council, read Legal Notice.

Mayor Gaughan stated an updated Code was put in place for the entire Village a few years ago. Committee of Donald Cropsey, Building Inspector; Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works; Trustee Whalen and Mayor Gaughan have assembled updates and changes to the Code and presented them to Board of Trustees in December. If the proposed changes and updates are passed at February Board meeting, they will become part of "Code of the Village of Altamont, NY".

Trustee Whalen stated there was an additional change that needed to be addressed regarding a definition update.

Donald Cropsey, Building Inspector, stated specific change being referred to is regarding the provision in the parking regulations that prohibit the parking of trailers in certain locations on your property. The committee has added the words utility trailer as an allowed use as long as parked in rear yard. Mr. Cropsey stated he read the whole section of the law and the law mentions trailers without definition. Mr. Cropsey's suggestion of trailer definition is a non-automotive vehicle or structure designed to be hauled or towed.

Michael Moore, Legal Council, stated he would incorporate definition of trailer to proposed local law. Mr. Moore stated the proposed changes are written in the form of a local law which would be named Local Law # 1 of 2011. Changes are listed in numerical order of the various chapters of the code for which they pertain. There is an entirely new chapter 284 dealing with peddling and soliciting. The existing chapter 284 of the Village Code prohibits peddling which has been determined it could be unconstitutional. Mr. Moore stated section G has three proposed changes to the fee schedule. Fee schedule section will be removed from local law to be adopted by resolution because fee schedules are likely to be amended more frequently and the Village will not want to have to enact a local law every time a change is made to the fee schedule. Mr. Moore stated he will

prepare a resolution to adopt Local Law #1 of 2011 and resolutions pertaining to SEQRA compliance for Code changes.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to close public hearing at 7:55 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve following resolution: WHEREAS, the next general Village Election will be held on March 15, 2011, and WHEREAS, the polling place for this election will be at the Village Hall/Community Room/Firehouse, 115 Main Street, Altamont, Albany County, New York and, WHEREAS, the hours for the Village Election will be from noon to 9:00 p.m. Be it resolved that this information be published for the benefit of the citizens of Altamont, New York. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk