

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 4, 2012

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

Michael Moore, Legal Counsel
Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer
Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works
Robert White, Altamont Vol. Fire Chief
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief

Attending: Richard Straut, Barton & Loguidice

General Public: 37

7:00 p.m.

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

Keith Lee, Co-Chairman of the Parks Committee, submitted Parks Report. Trustee Aylward noted the Parks Report detailed the very dry summer in the Village. Trustee Marshall acknowledged the thorough report presented by the Parks Committee and thanked them for their great job. Copy of Parks Report included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Marshall, Stormwater and Sewer Committee member, reported Committee met last month with Barton & Loguidice regarding change orders that occurred with general construction contract and electrical contract. There were a few change orders on each contract and it had to do with items that were initially unforeseen. Nothing extremely major and the contracts are still within budget that was previously approved by Village Board.

Mayor Gaughan reported 11th annual Victorian Holiday Celebration to be held on December 8th and 9th and thanked Altamont Community Tradition for hosting the event. Mayor Gaughan thanked Department of Public Works for putting up the winter greens, banners and lighting the trees in the Village. Mayor Gaughan reported winter parking regulations are in effect.

Todd Pucci, Chief Altamont Police Dept., reminded everyone to be responsible during this holiday season. Chief Pucci reported Albany County Stop DWI program is to be enforced in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign which is in effect December 12th – January 1st.

Robert White, Chief Altamont Vol. Fire Dept, reported 4 calls for the month of November most being from alarm drops. The 45-minute air packs have been placed in service. Chief White thanked Mayor, Trustees and Village residents for their support throughout the year to the Altamont Vol. Fire Dept. Chief White reported, on behalf of the Herzog and Efav families, a candlelight vigil will be held at Angel Park on December 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, reported parking regulations are in effect from November through April. Department of Public Works clears the Village sidewalks after a storm but reminded residents it's their responsibility to maintain their sidewalks.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve the Treasurer's report; #9, #10 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Comment:

Judi Dineen, Altamont Community Tradition, reported 11th annual Victorian Holiday Celebration will be held on December 8th and 9th. Trustee Aylward acknowledged Altamont Community Tradition for all their hard work they put into the Victorian Holiday Celebration.

Maureen Ramirez, Altamont Rescue Squad, reported the Altamont Rescue Squad have initiated a community participation program and will be attending future Board meetings. Ms. Ramirez stated Altamont Rescue Squad will begin renovating their current building.

Richard Straut, Barton & Loguidice and Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, on behalf of the Water Committee, reported five years ago Village completed a project to improve the water supply. Two new water wells were drilled on Brandle Road and water line was run into the Village to bring water supply to the Village. Along with that, the water filtration plant up on the hill was decommissioned and basically is an emergency water supply. That water plant was only able to operate part of the year and wasn't able to treat the water the rest of the year which left the Village with one well. Village now has three ground water wells that can supply its water supply. Over the last five years, the wells were monitored for their capabilities and they have proven to be very productive and be very good wells, as expected. At this point, there was question as to whether or not those wells would allow the Village to supply additional homes should that request come before the Village. From an engineering and water supply standpoint the Village would be able to supply water. The capacity that the Village has to produce water is more than double what the Village supplies residents today just to pump it out of the ground. Not necessarily to deliver it through the pipes but pump it out of the ground. The Water Committee has recommended that if water supply is to be expanded that it's taken step by step and start out with a fairly modest step of 25,000 gallons per day which is way below the 220,000 gallons a day, the average that the Village uses right now. The Water Committee is recommending to start with 25,000 gallons per day allocation and take it step by step and later evaluate and if sometime in the future the Village wanted to do more it could look at the system to see how it is responding and possibly increase it. The 25,000 gallons would service about 60 homes on a peak daily basis. Trustee Dineen did an evaluation of the properties available for development within the Village. Out of the 60 homes, 40 potentials are within the Village, not including the Altamont Fairgrounds, and 20 would potentially be served outside the Village. The Village has fees for connecting to the water system and also would also receive ongoing revenue from the sale of water. The analysis looked at how much revenue would be generated if 40 homes were developed in the Village and another 20 outside the Village. Out of those one-time fees it would be approximately \$447,000 in one-time connection fees. On an ongoing basis, if all 60 units were connected, \$43,680 per year would be generated in ongoing revenue. This is a fairly conservative low number. It assumes that those connected residents would only pay the base rate. There is potential that if more water is used they would pay more. The Water Committee suggested the Village may want to consider the policy because it's all about controlling water rates. The Village has an old water system. It has new wells but a lot of old pipes. Newest water tank is 17 years old, there are ongoing maintenance issues that need to be tended to and some water lines are not servicing very well due to frequent breaks and low pressure. In 2005 there were

recommendations that were identified, along with drilling new wells, that the Village should consider that have been evaluated along with higher priority items totaling about \$1,000,000. There are on-going maintenance expenses and the Village may want to consider having additional revenue coming in to offset the costs. Phase II Water Policy is essentially to set the 25,000 gallons of water per day limit and allow development of 40 units within the Village and allow development of 20 units outside the Village. Any developer that was going to extend water lines would have to pay for it, have to meet Village standards and not exceed 25,000 gallons of water per day total cumulative allocation.

Richard Straut, Engineer of Barton & Loguidice; Altamont Village Board; Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works and Altamont Village residents discussed at great length the proposed Phase II Water Policy.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to modify Phase II Water proposal to propose that the gallonage of 25,000 gallons per day identified be specifically allocated as follows: 2/3 of gallonage would be allocated to within Village growth and 1/3 of gallonage, approximately 8,000 gallons, would be allocated towards potential growth outside of the Village.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried 4/1

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to adopt Phase II Water Policy, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried 4/1

Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Michael Moore, Legal Counsel, opened public hearing with reading of the Legal Notice to consider proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2012, A Local Law adopting amendments to Specified Provisions of the Code of the Village of Altamont.

Trustee Whalen reported proposed amendments were primarily typos and clarifications to some individual paragraphs or sentences over the past three years. Code amendments include a substantial re-write to section 355-29, clarifying non-conforming uses, clarifying a description of recreational vehicle and clarification of sign area for free standing sign.

Counsel Moore reported a new definition of landscape business that was an outgrowth of a process that began at Zoning Board of Appeals a year ago when it was discovered the Code didn't have a definition for that type of business. Zoning Board of Appeals came

up with criteria that they thought appropriate and those criteria have largely been now proposed to be incorporated in the Code via this amendment.

Trustee Whalen reported changes to the Code have been collected for almost three years. They were items that had come up at the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and this is the collection of those. Code updates are made in this way because it cost the Village a significant fee with the publishing house that puts the Code together. It cost the Village each time the Code is updated that's why it's being done as a collective.

No comment from the public.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to close public hearing at 8:33 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve authorizing Mayor Gaughan to complete Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) as related to Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2012, A Local Law adopting amendments to Specified Provisions of the Code of the Village of Altamont. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve adoption of Negative Declaration related to Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2012, A Local Law adopting amendments to Specified Provisions of the Code of the Village of Altamont. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to amend Local Law No. 3 of 2012 to add effective date of immediately and to pass Local Law No. 3 of 2012, as amended. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2012 effective date of December 4, 2012. Local Law adopting amendments to Specified Provisions of the Code of the Village of Altamont, as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward 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 Dineen to approve authorization to accept sealed bids on the following surplus equipment: 1999 Ford F-550 Dump truck with plow, minimum bid of \$5,500, per recommendation of Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve recommendations of Altamont Guilderland Referral Committee regarding application from Thomas Breitenback, 809 Township Road, special use permit to allow the existing residence to be used for private events; weddings and ceremonies, etc., Tax Map #36.00-1-17. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of new officers elected into office by membership of the Altamont Vol. Fire Department on Monday, November 5, 2012 per request of Chief White as follows: Robert White, Chief; William Hoogkamp, 1st Assistant Chief and Mark Huggins, 2nd Assistant Chief.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve application from Christopher Rambo Jr., Sanford Place, for membership (Junior Firefighter) in the Altamont Vol. Fire Department per request of Robert White, Chief.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve hiring Shirley Morey, Berne NY, as part-time seasonal senior van driver, at a salary of \$12.00 per hour, per recommendation of Patty Blackwood, Village Clerk.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve following resolution: WHEREAS, the next general Village Election will be held on March 19, 2013, and WHEREAS, the polling place for this election will be at the Village Hall/Community Room/Firehouse, 115 Main Street, Altamont, New York, Albany County and, WHEREAS, the hours for the Village Election will be from noon to 9:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve changing date of January Board meeting from Wednesday, January 2nd to Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve of Board Minutes for November 7, 2012. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk