

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

June 05, 2012

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

Michael Moore, Legal Council  
Patty Blackwood, Clerk  
Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works  
Robert White, Altamont Fire Chief  
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief

Attending: Richard Straut, Barton & Loguidice; Travis Stevens, Albany County Legislator and Daniel McCoy, Albany County Executive

General Public: 31

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 thanked the Parks Committee on their excellent work and stated the Village looks spectacular. Copy of Parks Report included with Official Minutes.

Mayor Gaughan encouraged residents visit Schilling Park to see the newly created Labyrinth. Mayor Gaughan congratulated Altamont Free Library on their grand opening this past weekend. The grand opening was attended by over 200 people. Mayor Gaughan reported summer exhibit "Knowersville and the Civil War" is on display in the exhibit hallway of the Village hall.

Trustee Marshall, Stormwater and Sewer Committee member, reported a pre-construction meeting will take place tomorrow for the upcoming capital improvement project for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Meeting will be attended by contractors, engineers, Village officials, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NYS Environmental Facilities to discuss contract provisions to establish protocol procedures including time tables and payments. Work on the project should begin later this month.

Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works, reported FEMA projects have started. There are four upcoming projects and the Village has received books on two of those projects. The Village has received the book on the largest project, Schoharie Plank Road West, and will be meeting with Department of Public Works, NYS DEC, contractor of the project and a resident of Schoharie Plank Road West on June 19<sup>th</sup> to get an understanding of the upcoming project.

Robert White, Chief Altamont Fire Dept, reported Altamont Fire Department had eight calls in the month of May. Most notable call was a missing resident, Kyle Austin, from the Center for Disability Services. Chief White asked the residents to please call 911 if they see Kyle Austin walking the streets of the Village by himself. Chief White stated Fire Commissioner's Meeting will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Guilderland Fire Department.

Todd Pucci, Chief Altamont Police Dept, reported ten day Buckle Up New York campaign has just ended. This was financed through Albany County Sheriff's Department by awarding the Village with a \$700 grant. Altamont Police Dept. issued 34 tickets, 5 arrests, 4 seatbelt tickets and 2 DWI's. Chief Pucci reported that bulletproof

vests are warranted for 5 years and the Village hasn't purchased new vests since 2006. Altamont Police Department will be purchasing new vests through a \$4,200 grant that the Village was awarded along with \$6,000 from Albany County District Attorney's office which covers the remaining balance of the vests.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasurer's report; #24, #25, #1 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Daniel McCoy, Albany County Executive, spoke at length regarding the State of the County. County Executive McCoy discussed with the public the 2% property tax cap, sales tax revenue, unfunded mandates, pensions, and consolidation of services with municipalities. Daniel McCoy's State of the County presentation is available at the Village Clerk's office.

**Public Comment:**

Lois Ginsburg, Altamont Community Tradition, reported ACT will be hosting Strawberry Social in Orsini Park on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Marijo Dougherty, Altamont Archivist, reported Altamont Archives and Museum along with Home Front Café are sponsoring "I Remember Altamont" exhibit on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Village Community Room.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve resolution to support Mayor Gaughan submitting a request to the Capital District Transportation Committee for a reclassification of Altamont portion of NY Route 156.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Dennis Cyr, Mountainview Prosthetics, requested the Village Board add "Light Industrial" as a permissible use of a building in the Central Business District of the Village. Trustee Whalen and Michael Moore, Village Counsel, discussed the steps to be taken to consider the request of Mr. Cyr.

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to authorize Trustee Whalen and Village Counsel to work together with the Cyr's, property owner and applicants, to come up with a more fleshed out proposal that considers those items that the law requires be considered before the Board could act and to report to the full Board at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and otherwise table the present request at this evening's meeting.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve resolution of the Village of Altamont Board of Trustees for the Adoption of the Village of Altamont Cafeteria Plan for plan year 2012-2013. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve hiring of Lucas Kerr, Altamont, Alex Oliveres, Altamont, and George Moller, Knox, as part-time seasonal laborers for Department of Public Works at a rate of \$8.50 per hour from mid-June through mid-September per request of Timothy McIntyre, Supt. of Public Works.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve hiring the following individuals for Bozenkill Park Summer Recreation Program:

Adriene Bush, Altamont, Camp director at \$15.92 per hour; Brian O'Connor, Guilderland, counselor/lifeguard at \$11.50 per hour; Leigh Ostrander, Cobleskill, counselor/lifeguard at \$10.25 per hour; Brooke McCullen, Altamont and John Kowalski, Altamont, counselors at \$8.25 per hour; Mary Kate Prendergast, Voorheesville, lifeguard at \$11.00 per hour; Casey Becerra, Altamont, lifeguard at \$10.75 per hour; Davis Parker, Altamont, lifeguard at \$10.75 per hour; Erin Glennon, Altamont, lifeguard at \$10.75 per hour; Angela Cunningham, East Berne, lifeguard at \$8.50 per hour; Rebecca Hall, Schenectady, lifeguard at \$8.50 per hour; John McArdle, Delanson, lifeguard at \$8.50 per hour; Logan Marshall, Altamont, lifeguard at \$8.50 per hour; Tyler Reinemann, Altamont, Brett Reihls, Altamont and Jessica Butler, Altamont, booth attendants at \$7.50 per hour; Taylor Delong, Altamont, Zachary Bemis, Altamont and Belen Betancourt, Altamont, booth attendants at \$7.25 per hour. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve giving pre-approval of the 2012 Altamont Senior Citizen's Summer Trip Program as presented by Kathy Adams, Program Coordinator. This approval is necessary due to final count not being known until one week prior to the senior trip. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve Mayor Gaughan to sign agreement with John Donato allowing Village to utilize electricity delivered to Donato property to supply lighting to Village property located at 127 Maple Avenue at a cost of \$28 per month. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve 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 Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve request of Robert White, Chief AFD, to attend NYSAFC Fire 2012 Convention in Verona, NY on June 13-16, 2012. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve authorizing Altamont Fire Department to purchase a total of 17 air packs with cylinders not to exceed a total amount of \$57,000. The Board approves appropriating \$17,000 from the unappropriated fund balance, \$25,000 from 2011-12 Fire Department Equipment line and \$15,000 from the 2012-13 Fire Department line to purchase these items.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve resolution to provide a letter of support at the July 3, 2012 public hearing of the Town of Guilderland to amend ARTICLE III, §280-23 C. of Local Law No. 3 of 1987 entitled "Town of Guilderland Zoning Law of 1987", regarding the extraction of natural gas:

WHEREAS, the Village of Altamont supports the Town of Guilderland's findings and determinations that the exploration for natural gas, the extraction of natural gas and the storage, transfer, treatment or disposal of natural gas exploration and productions wastes in the environment of Town of Guilderland poses a significant threat to its residents' health, safety, and welfare. The Local Law is not directed at the regulatory scheme for the operation of natural gas wells under the Oil, Gas & Solution Mining Law of New

York State. It only addresses land use and nuisance concerns and the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the Town of Guilderland and the enhancement of its physical environment. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to table until July 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, Trustee Aylward's instantaneous proposal for a resolution to create a new law on hydrofracking in the Village. Village Counsel will prepare a proposal for the July 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve of Board Minutes for May 1, 2012. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.  
**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk