

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
May 01, 2012

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

Rob Panasci, 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 and Travis Stevens, County Legislator

General Public: 12

7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Gaughan, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, extended sympathies to Trustee William Aylward and his family on the recent passing of his mother. Trustee Aylward thanked the Board of Trustees and the Village for their thoughtfulness.

Mayor Gaughan reported on upcoming events in the Village. They include Loyalty Day on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Parade on May 20<sup>th</sup> and Arts in the Parks on June 2<sup>nd</sup> hosted by Desolation Road Studios.

Robert White, Chief Altamont Fire Dept, reported Altamont Fire Department had eight calls in the month of April with the most notable being a mutual aid call with Guilderland Center Fire Department. A couple of junior firefighters completed 86 hours of Firefighter One training and are now Class B Firefighters. Firefighter Lucas Kerr recently turned 18 years old and is now a Class A Firefighter.

Todd Pucci, Chief Altamont Police Dept, congratulated Joseph Turoski, Altamont part-time police officer, on being hired by the Town of Guilderland Police Dept. Mr. Turoski will be resigning from the Village effective June 1<sup>st</sup> due to the Town of Guilderland Police Dept. not allowing their employees to have part-time employment elsewhere.

Mayor Gaughan reported CDTA has a bus that services Altamont and the hill towns on Wednesdays for shopping trips. This bus was targeted to be cancelled due to low ridership. Travis Stevens, County Legislator, informed Mayor Gaughan that CDTA will be delaying the cancellation of the bus service pending discussions to find an appropriate replacement for the affected citizens.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasurer's report; Abstract #21, Abstract #22 and transfer of funds as submitted.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve resignation of Joseph Turoski, with regret, as part-time police officer effective June 1, 2012.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

## **Public Comment:**

Norman Bauman, Maple Avenue, thanked all the volunteers that participated in Altamont's Green and Clean Day. Mr. Bauman reported Altamont Community Tradition made a donation to the Village of Schoharie to assist in their recovery from Hurricane Irene.

Mayor Gaughan thanked Altamont Community Tradition, Boy Scouts and volunteers for their help at Altamont's Green and Clean Day.

Marijo Dougherty, Altamont Archivist, reported Archives and Museum will be open Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for Knowersville and the Civil War exhibit. Reception will be hosted by granddaughters and great-granddaughters of civil war veterans. Mayor Gaughan thanked Ms. Dougherty and her volunteers for their hard work in the Museum.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve authorizing Mayor Gaughan to sign Corrective Action Plan for Village of Altamont Audit, 2011M-261. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Richard Straut, Barton and Loguidice, reported Village received the following bids for the Wastewater treatment plant project: nine bids on the general construction contract, five bids on the electrical construction contract, 1 bid on the plumbing contract and 2 bids on the mechanical construction. Each of the four contracts is for different types of construction at the wastewater treatment plant. Contract 1A is for the general construction, Contract 1B is for the plumbing, Contract 1C is for mechanical construction and Contract 1D is for the electrical. Village had to bid four contracts in accordance with NYS Public Bidding Law. Barton and Loguidice's recommendation is for the lowest bidders. References were checked and all references came back very positive for the low bidders. \$121,360 is remaining in the budget for extra work allowance and contingencies. Upon approval of contracts, Barton and Loguidice would send out notice of awards within the next few days, contactors would execute contracts and Barton and Loguidice would send the contracts to the Village for review and signature. The contractors will then need to get bonds and insurance in place and the process should take a couple of weeks. Contractors would begin work on June 1, 2012 with a completion date of June 1, 2013 which is consistent with the Order on Consent from NYS DEC. Trustee Aylward asked for an explanation for the differences in the bidding amounts. Mr. Straut stated he has never seen bids come in at the same amounts. Barton & Loguidice didn't ask the high bidders what their reasoning was. The low bidders were contacted and the bidders are standing behind their bids. Trustee Aylward asked if low bidders are prone to change orders. Mr. Straut stated this sometimes happens. If there is a change order due to the contractor coming back with an extra work item, Barton & Loguidice would review the change order, make a recommendation to the Board and the Board would then decide if they will move forward with the request. Trustee Marshall asked if Village needs to dip into contingency fund because most of the bids came in higher than the estimated amounts. Mr. Straut stated all of the bids work from the same budget line. The bids work against the bottom line. The budget was not based on each contract but the total aggregate. The four bids include \$52,500 in extra work allowance. Contractors won't get that money unless there is a change in scope that the Board approves. Mayor Gaughan asked to have all change orders come back to the Board for approval.

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen approving to award contracts, per recommendation of Barton & Loguidice, as follows:

Contract 1A: WWTP General Construction: B & L recommends award to Stephen Miller General Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,468,500.

Contract 1B: WWTP Plumbing Construction: B & L recommends award to Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$27,600.

Contract 1C: WWTP Mechanical Construction: B & L recommends award to Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$43,000.

Contract 1D: WWTP Electrical Construction: B & L recommends award to Brownell Electric Corp. in the amount of \$308,640. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve hiring Vicki Bastian as Water Aerobics Instructor for Bozenkill Park at a flat rate fee of \$275 from July 2, 2012 through August 3, 2012 per recommendation of Patty Blackwood, Village Clerk. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve hiring Germaine Rexford, Gun Club Road, as part-time seasonal laborer for Bozenkill Park, up to 20 hours per week at an hourly wage of \$11.00 per hour from mid-May through mid-October per recommendation of Patty Blackwood, Village Clerk. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve supporting the Altamont Farmer's Market project to be held this summer courtesy of free space given by the Altamont Free Library at the Train Station. Vendors will provide the Village and library with certificates of insurance. The Village Police Department and Public Works will commit to logistical support if needed. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve request from Michael & Maureen LaMountain to block off a portion of Jay Street adjacent to 154 Maple Avenue from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on May 27, 2012 for a private event.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve Altamont Fire Department's participation in Delanson Parade on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Loyalty Day on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Schoharie Parade on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Voorheesville Parade on May 26<sup>th</sup>, Berne Knox Parade on May 28<sup>th</sup> and Mud Mania 2 at Tawasentha Park on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to authorize Mayor Gaughan to sign contract with CDPHP for health insurance for Village of Altamont employees. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to authorize Mayor Gaughan to sign letter to terminate contract with MVP Health Plan for health insurance for Village of Altamont employees. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of Board Minutes for April 3, 2012. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve entering into executive session to discuss litigation matter at 7:30 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve coming out of executive session at 8:10 p.m. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve entering into regular session at 8:12 p.m. **All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve authorizing Young, Sommer, LLC to pursue an objection to the late filing of the notice of claim against the Village of Altamont. **All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk