

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
December 3, 2013

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

Patty Blackwood, Clerk  
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer  
Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works  
Robert White, Altamont Fire Chief  
Marijo Dougherty, Archives and Museum  
Michael Moore, Legal Counsel

General Public: 18

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Gaughan called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced Jordan & Jen Slingerland from a government class at Guilderland High School and Jonathon Lasalle from Altamont Boy Scouts working on earning his citizen's badge.

Keith Lee, Co-Chairman of the Parks Committee, submitted Parks Report. Trustee Marshall thanked Mr. Lee for the thorough report and the nice work with the parks. Trustee Marshall stated she was impressed by the earnings from the plants sale. Copy of the Parks Report included with Official Minutes.

Mayor Gaughan acknowledged the Village staff that has made for a wonderful year and thanked Dept. of Public Works and John Sands, Grand Street, for decorating the Village for the holidays. Mayor Gaughan acknowledged Altamont Community Tradition for their hard work hosting Victorian Holidays on December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Gaughan reported Altamont Archives and Museum will be submitting manuscript of "Under the Helderberg, Altamont, NY" to the publisher this week. Mayor Gaughan reported annual budget process with begin in January.

Robert White, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., reported 3 calls for the month of November consisting of two alarm drops and one fully engulfed lawn tractor. Town Commissioner's dinner will be held on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Altamont Fire Department, with Santa Claus, will be visiting Altamont neighborhoods on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chief White reported he will have a progress report on the Training Center at the next Board meeting.

Marijo Dougherty, Archives and Museum, reported manuscript of "Under the Helderberg, Altamont, NY" will be sent this week to the publisher hoping for a spring publication date. Ms. Dougherty acknowledged Keith Lee, Connie Rue, Laura Shore and Ronald Ginsburg for all their hard work with "Under the Helderberg, Altamont, NY". Ms. Dougherty reported Albany Institute of History and Art, in collaboration with the Times Union, are inviting 50 organizations to create an online exhibit. Since Altamont Fire Department is the first chartered department in the county, Ms. Dougherty would like to lend fire helmet number one, fire lantern and photographs. Ms. Dougherty thanked Altamont Community Tradition for their support with the "Under the Helderberg, Altamont, NY" book.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported leaf pickup will continue but only if the leaves are in bags. Parking regulations are in effect from November through April. Mr. Moller stated Dept. of Public Works is dealing with a few problems at the sewer plant, being handled by the engineers, and at this time the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement project is not quite 100% complete. Mr. Moller reported Dept. of Public Works rented a machine and grinded the seams down on the sidewalks to take care of any trip hazards on the joints of the sidewalks.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve the Treasurer's report; #12, #13 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

**Public Comment:**

Joe Dover, Maple Avenue, wished Mayor Gaughan a speedy recovery from surgery.

Judi Dineen, Altamont Community Tradition, reported 12th annual Victorian Holiday Celebration will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Kate Provencher, Thatcher Drive, inquired where the proposed communications tower would be installed in the Village. Ms. Provencher stated she appreciates the Village Board members looking for ways to bring in more revenue to the Village.

The Board of Trustees and Village Counsel conducted a detailed interchange regarding the proposed installment of a communications tower on Agawam Lane in the Village of Altamont.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve allowing the Village of Altamont to enter into a land license agreement with ECS for the purpose of installing a communications tower. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve request for Village water for 2 lot subdivision at GI Road, Guilderland, Tax Map #37.03-19 per request of Jodi and Aaron Wey. Capital charge for the new service connection to the water system is \$2,500 per unit. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, has reviewed the application and recommended the connections. All contingencies in the attached referral have been met. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve authorizing Mayor Gaughan to sign renewal contracts with CDPHP and MVP Health Plan for health insurance of retired employees per recommendation of Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve of new officers elected into office by membership of the Altamont Fire Department on Monday, November 4, 2013 per request of Chief White as follows: Robert White, Chief; Paul Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief and Mark Huggins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of Board Minutes for November 6, 2013. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.  
**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk