

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

June 04, 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 Vol. Fire Chief  
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief  
Michael Moore, Legal Counsel

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

General Public: 19

7:00 p.m.

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

Daniel McCoy, Albany County Executive, spoke at length regarding the State of the County. County Executive McCoy discussed with the public the consolidations that took place within Albany County, economic development, Albany County Nursing Home, college tuition bill, sales tax revenue and opening a summer camp in the Coeyman's area this year. Daniel McCoy's State of the County presentation is available at the Village Clerk's office.

Trustee Marshall, Stormwater and Sewer Committee member, reported engineers have kept the committee informed of the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. The general contractor, Stephen Miller Contracting, has encountered further delays in the completion of the work. A one-month extension was approved by the Board of Trustees to July 1<sup>st</sup> and it now appears Stephen Miller Contracting won't have the work completed by then. Committee has been meeting with engineers and coming up with strategies as to how to approach this. Trustee Marshall asked Richard Straut, Barton & Loguidice, to approach the Board of Trustees to provide further detail.

Richard Straut, Barton & Loguidice, reported there has been a lot of progress on the treatment plant. In the preliminary treatment building all of the equipment is being started up. It's essentially complete other than a punch list of items to do. Two of the main treatment tanks are being started up. The filters have been started up. The heart and lungs of the treatment plant is essentially done. Once the equipment is started up two of the other tanks will be taken down to do the retrofits. On the schedule, essentially the work that has to be done other than the punch lists items, grass seed and clean-up, is the retrofitting of the existing tanks. Two of the tanks are being started now and two more to be done after everything else gets started up. The contractor doesn't expect that he can complete the work by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the contractor has access into the tanks he has to get the concrete poured, have the concrete cure, put special coatings on it to protect for long-term and go ahead and put in the new equipment in those tanks to get them started up. Contractor is projecting project won't be able to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Engineers are working with contractor on what a realistic schedule is. Mr. Straut stated he expects to have a realistic schedule by the end of the week. Engineers have made it clear to the contractor that any costs associated with delays are to be borne by the contractor and not the Village. The new portions of the treatment plant will be treating the waste within the

next couple of weeks. NYS DEC has been apprised of the scheduling issues. NYS DEC has authority to make minor extensions. NYS DEC will view progress the Village and contractors have made as proceeding in good faith. Wastewater Treatment Plant project is still on budget.

Mayor Gaughan reported upcoming road closure on Main Street to replace the railroad crossing and upcoming road closure on Route 156 to complete culvert replacement. These are two of the three projects the Village has been requesting to be done. Altamont Community Tradition, Altamont Free Library and Village of Altamont Summer Concert series will begin soon. Concerts will be held every Tuesday night for five consecutive weeks.

Todd Pucci, Chief Altamont Police Dept., reported one ticket issued for Buckle-Up NY. Chief Pucci informed public of the upcoming traffic detours for the months of June and July.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported on the railroad crossing work on Main Street and culvert work on Route 156. Trustee Marshall thanked Department of Public Works for working over the weekend on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Treasurer's report; #21, #22, #1 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

**Public Comment:**

Norman Bauman, Altamont Community Tradition, reported ACT will be hosting Strawberry Social in Orsini Park on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Marijo Dougherty, Altamont Archivist, reported starting June 10<sup>th</sup> and throughout the summer the new exhibition will be open in the Archives and Museum. The exhibit is called "Persuasive Images: Vintage Advertising in Altamont". Ms. Dougherty reported a book about Altamont is being authored by Keith Lee. Research for the book is ongoing by Connie Rue and pictures are being scanned by Ronald Ginsburg. Ms. Dougherty asked the public for any vintage photographs of Altamont.

Peg Button, Maple Avenue Ext., thanked Altamont Police Department for dealing with speeding vehicles on Bozenkill Road and Maple Avenue Extension.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve authorizing Mayor Gaughan to sign agreement for transfer of private water line, GI Road.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve authorizing Mayor Gaughan to sign RBC Corporate Resolution authorizing RBC Wealth Management to issue Service Award lump-sum payments of \$700 each to William Ernest and Owen Murray, AFD members. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve giving pre-approval of the 2013 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 Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve hiring Nicholas Sala, Duanesburg, as full-time Public Works Laborer, at a salary of \$13.00 per hour, per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. Position is probationary for a period of up to one year. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve hiring George Moller, Knox, as part-time seasonal laborer for Department of Public Works at a rate of \$8.50 per hour from June 5<sup>th</sup> through mid-September per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve hiring the following individuals for Bozenkill Park Summer Recreation Program: Zachary Appio, Altamont, counselor at \$10.50 per hour; John McArdle, Delanson, counselor/lifeguard at \$9.00 per hour; John Kowalski, Altamont, and Brooke McCullen, Altamont, counselors at \$8.75 per hour; Brian O'Connor, Guilderland, head lifeguard at \$12.00 per hour; Mary Kate Prendergast, Voorheesville, lifeguard at \$11.25 per hour; Casey Becerra, Altamont, lifeguard at \$10.75 per hour; Angela Cunningham, East Berne, lifeguard at \$9.50 per hour; Logan Marshall, Altamont, lifeguard at \$9.00 per hour; Courtney Reilly, Voorheesville, lifeguard at \$8.50 per hour; Gabrielle Norfleet, Schenectady, lifeguard at \$8.50 per hour and Marissa Testa, Altamont, booth attendant at \$7.25 per hour per recommendation of Patty Blackwood, Village Clerk. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of Board Minutes for May 07, 2013. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.  
**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk