

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 1, 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
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief
Michael Moore, Legal Counsel

Attending: Travis Stevens, Albany County Legislator

General Public: 14

7:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Marshall, Stormwater and Sewer Committee, reported water and sewer bills have been mailed out with the new sewer charge added to help cover the \$3.5 million loan for the upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

Mayor Gaughan reported Stormwater & Sewer project is coming to closure. Mayor Gaughan thanked Trustee Marshall for being the lead on the project.

Robert White, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., reported 12 calls for the month of September consisting of 2 personal injury calls, 7 mutual aid calls, 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire and 1 brush fire. Chief White thanked everyone who attended the 9/11 ceremony held at the Village Hall. Chief White reported Ladies Auxiliary wants to thank everyone for their support at the Brooks Barbeque Fundraiser and Chief White reminded everyone that the Altamont Fire Department will be hosting the Village Halloween parade on October 31st.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported water main flushing will begin on October 7th and yard waste collection will begin on October 15th. Paving of Altamont Boulevard began today. Mr. Moller reported topsoil and finished grading began today at the sewer plant. Project should be completed by the end of this month.

Marijo Dougherty, Archives and Museum, reported volunteers and Keith Lee, author and volunteer, are hard at work on the book about Altamont called "Under the Helderberg, Altamont, NY" which will be out spring of 2014. Volunteers have been wonderful with research. Ronald Ginsburg has been scanning hundred of photographs for the book. Ms. Dougherty reported it's the last two weeks to view the current exhibit in the hallway gallery called "Persuasive Images: Vintage Advertising in Altamont." Ms. Dougherty asked public for any vintage photographs they may have that could be used in the book or in the archives. Ms. Dougherty thanked Altamont Community Tradition for their donation to the "Roger Keenholt's Fund". Donations received to the "Roger Keenholt's Fund" are being used to help fund the "Under the Helderberg, Altamont, NY" book.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve the Treasurer's report; #8, #9 and Amended #2 as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Comment:

No comments from the public.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve authorizing Treasurer Catherine Hasbrouck to enter into agreement with Computel Consultants, Earlville, NY to examine the Village's utility accounts to identify prior and present overcharges or, in the case of Cable TV and gross receipt taxes, to identify underpayment of cable franchise fees for gross receipt tax liabilities, to prepare necessary documentation and negotiate with the appropriate utility, telephone, and/or communications company to have any identified errors corrected, and to obtain refunds, credits, and/or past due amounts due. The compensation for the performance of Computel's services, the Village agrees to pay Computel a one-time fee of forty percent of any and all recovered funds as aforesaid due and payable upon receipt of same. If Computel doesn't secure a refund, there is no charge for the service.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve authorizing Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, to move forward with termination of water service on October 29, 2013 if payment is not received from the following delinquent non-residents: Joel Dowling, 933 Altamont Voorheesville Road; Theodore Danz, 241 Brandle Road; Michele Griffin, 6 Danvers Road and Deborah Schultz, 14 Danvers Road.

Roll Call: All in favor

Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Michael Moore, Legal Counsel, opened public hearing with reading of the Legal Notice to consider authorization, subject to permissive referendum, to expend up to \$45,000 from Repair Reserve Fund for roof repair at 115 Main Street, Altamont.

No comments from the public.

Trustee Aylward stated he asked Counsel Moore to give his opinion on the warranty issue.

Michael Moore, Legal Counsel, stated there are two references on the bid to a two year workmanship warranty and a 20 year manufacturing warranty. However, neither are in with the bid material. Listed in the bid is for the contractor to furnish warranty. Presumably it means the contractor will furnish at the time of signing the contract. Mr. Moore recommended asking the contractor, at the time of the signing of the contract, to provide the warranties.

Marijo Dougherty, Archives and Museum, inquired if there was any danger of leaks to the archives at the time of the roof repair. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, stated there in no danger of leaks in the archives during the repair. The contractors are not ripping the whole roof off but repairing the top coating of the roof.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to close public hearing at 7:20 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve bid, submitted by Titan Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$39,800, lowest of 2 bids received, for roof repair at 115 Main Street, Altamont per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve amendment of Village of Altamont Fee Schedule. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve NYS Retirement Standard Work Day and Reporting resolution. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve, with regret, resignation of Brian Canam, part-time police officer, effective September 30th per letter of resignation. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve appointment of Jason Johnston to part-time police officer position, not to exceed 20 hours per week, effective October 1, 2013 at a salary of \$15.00 per hour per recommendation of Chief Todd Pucci. Position is probationary for a period of up to one year. After successful completion of probation, salary will be increased to \$16.00 per hour.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve Altamont Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary's Halloween Parade from Village Hall to Orsini Park on October 31, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve Altamont Fire Department to hold Comedy Night fundraiser on Saturday, November 9, 2013.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of Board Minutes for September 4, 2013. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk