

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 2, 2014

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

Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works
Robert White, Altamont Fire Chief, Absent
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief, Absent
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer
Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum, Absent
Genevieve Trigg, Legal Counsel

General Public: 20

Attending: Senator-Elect George Amedore; and Glenn Hebert, Building Inspector, Village of Voorheesville

7:00 p.m.

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

Senator-Elect George Amedore thanked the Board of Trustees and the residents for having him at the Village Board meeting. Mr. Amedore stated he is involved and engaged in community affairs. He is here to listen and to see the inner-workings of the Village. Mr. Amedore stated New York State has difficult challenges to overcome and we need to work together.

Keith Lee, Co-Chairman of the Parks Committee, submitted Parks Report. Trustee Aylward thanked Mr. Lee for the Parks Report and the budget and stated he looks forward to the year ahead. Trustee Marshall stated the parks look great and thanked Mr. Lee and the volunteers for their hard work. Copy of the Parks Report included with Official Minutes.

Mayor Gaughan reported Village has engaged new counsel with Whiteman Osterman and Hanna. Mr. Gaughan welcomed Genevieve Trigg, Legal Counsel, from Whiteman Osterman and Hanna.

Keith Lee, Maple Avenue, reported for Archives and Museum. Mr. Lee stated there will be a book signing and talk on "Under the Helderberg, Altamont, NY" on December 5th at the Guilderland Library. The book is still available for sale at the Village office and will also be on sale on December 14th at the Masonic Temple during Victorian Holiday.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported pickup of yard waste is complete. Dept. of Public Works is working on a drainage project. Holiday decorations and banners have been put up around the Village. Mr. Moller stated Bill Courtright, laborer, is retiring at the end of the year and he will advertise in January to fill the laborer position.

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

Public Comment:

Norman Bauman, Maple Avenue, reported Keith Lee, author of “Under the Helderberg, Altamont, NY”, will be at Masonic Temple on December 14th signing books. Mr. Bauman stated annual Victorian Holiday Celebration will be held on December 13th & 14th in the Village.

Kate Provencher, Thatcher Drive, asked Village Board if there was a decision on whether Village was still considering taking over Bozenkill Road in regards to the annexation of property on Bozenkill Road. Mayor Gaughan stated Town of Guilderland would not be relinquishing the road and the Town would continue maintenance of the road. Ms. Provencher asked for details on the agenda item regarding the shared services agreement with Village of Voorheesville for building department services. Mayor Gaughan stated the Board will be introducing potential new building inspector when Board gets to that agenda item. Building inspector would be available to Village residents and would be attending future Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings.

Linda Cure, Grand Street, reported Altamont Free Library is continuing to search for new library director. Library hopes to make a decision within the next few weeks.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve resolution of the Village Board adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2014 annexing 52.25 acres of property to the Village of Altamont presently in the Town of Guilderland. **Roll Call: All in favor**
Copy of resolution included with Official Minutes.

Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Genevieve Trigg, Legal Counsel, opened the public hearing with reading of the Legal Notice to consider authorization, subject to permissive referendum, to expend up to \$18,500 from Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund for Fire Chief’s vehicle.

Mayor Gaughan stated Village has already purchased the Fire Chief’s vehicle. The vehicle was purchased with Village general funds in order to meet the deadline of the bid. Treasurer is seeking permission to move money from the reserve fund back into the general fund. The transfer of funds requires a public hearing and a stay of thirty days. This is the last procedural matter for a vehicle that has already been approved by the Board and purchased by the Village.

No comments from the public.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to close public hearing at 7:18 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve to expend up to \$18,500 from Fire Equipment Reserve Fund for Fire Chief’s vehicle, subject to permissive referendum. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve authorizing Village of Altamont to enter into a shared services agreement with the Village of Voorheesville, effective December 3, 2014, for Building Administrator, Code Enforcement, and Fire Prevention Services at an annual cost not to exceed \$10,335. Shared services agreement to be re-evaluated on a quarterly basis. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Mayor Gaughan introduced Glenn Hebert, Village of Voorheesville Building Inspector. Mr. Hebert stated he has been in this line of work for over 14 years and is excited to work with the residents of the Village of Altamont.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded Trustee Aylward to approve termination of shared services agreement with the Town of Guilderland for Building Administrator, Code Enforcement, and Fire Prevention Services effective December 9, 2014. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve resolution to establish a committee to plan for a celebration event on October 18, 2015 for the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village in 1890. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve request for Village water and sewer for single family dwelling on 2 Sunset Drive, Altamont, per request of Scott Wood. Capital charge for the new service connection to the water and sewer system is \$7,500. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reviewed the application and recommended the connection. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve request for Village sewer for single family dwelling on 1160 Berne-Altamont Road, Guilderland, Tax Map #36.00-1-29 per request of Marc & Marianne Roman. Capital charge for the new service connection to the sewer system is \$5,000. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reviewed the application and recommended the connection. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve request from Kesha Legg, 206 Main Street, for credit of \$165 to water and \$225 to sewer on October 1, 2014 bill, due to meter reading error, per recommendation of Larry Adams, Asst. Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve resignation with regret, of William Courtright, part-time laborer, effective December 31, 2014, per letter of resignation. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve acknowledgment of required annual audit of Altamont Justice Court's records was conducted on November 12, 2014 by Catherine Hasbrouck, Village Treasurer. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of new officers elected into office by membership of the Altamont Fire Department on Monday, November 3, 2014 per request of Chief White as follows: Robert White, Chief; Paul Miller, 1st Assistant Chief; and Kyle Haines, 2nd Assistant Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Village Board of Trustees offered their congratulations to the newly elected officers and stated they look forward to working with them in the upcoming year.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve Board Minutes for November 5, 2014. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Mayor Gaughan reported next Board meeting will be held on January 6th and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk