

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

July 1, 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, Absent
Robert White, Altamont Fire Chief
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief, Absent
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer, Absent
Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum
Larry Adams, Asst. Supt. of Public Works

General Public: 11

6:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Marshall, Stormwater and Sewer Committee, reported the Mayor, Trustee Marshall, Supt. of Public Works, and Wastewater Treatment Plant operator met with engineers to discuss the upgrades that were made to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The major project was completed several months ago. Over those months there have been glitches with some of the operational machinery and some of the communications. The engineers have identified the problems, the reason for the problems, and they have been working with the Public Works staff to remedy them. At this point, everyone is in agreement that the kinks have been worked out or able to be worked out and feel confident the project has been a success in terms of achieving what it was supposed to achieve. Trustee Marshall noted the project is operating within the parameters and staff will be keeping an eye on the plant during the next major event. Stormwater and Sewer Committee may not need to report on the sewer project anymore but if something else transpires with it, the committee will notify the public.

Mayor Gaughan reported application for Guilderland Central School District Building Capacity Study Focus Group is available to any interested parties who may want to apply for the focus group in September. The results of the school district study, regarding the closing of Altamont Elementary, are unsettling to the Village of Altamont. Groups in the village are working to counter balance the recommendations. Mayor Gaughan stated he is confident things will turn out for the better in the end. Guilderland School Board members have been invited to the Village to learn about the Village and to meet people who are in the school, graduated from the school, and have children in the school. They are all critical pieces of why Guilderland is a successful district. Mayor Gaughan reported he has written an article to the Altamont Enterprise that states now that we have discussed the horrible effects of closing Altamont Elementary may have on our Village, it's a larger picture that must be looked at and discussed. It will affect the entire district not just the Village of Altamont. Mayor Gaughan has applied to be on the focus group and stated more information is to come.

Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum, reported "Images of America: Altamont" has been published. Book signing event will be held on August 10th from 3-5 p.m. in the community room.

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve the Treasurer's report; #29, #2, and #3 and transfer of funds as submitted.

Roll Call:

Trustee Whalen	Abstain
Trustee Marshall	In favor
Trustee Aylward	In favor
Trustee Dineen	In favor
Mayor Gaughan	In favor

Motion Carried 4/1

Public Comment:

Michael LaMountain, Maple Avenue, expressed concern with the overgrown brush and a trailer at the corner of Main and Grand Streets. Mayor Gaughan stated Village staff would follow-up with Code Enforcement.

Lois Ginsburg, Euclid Avenue, reported the Strawberry Social hosted by Altamont Community Tradition was a success. Mrs. Ginsburg thanked Stewarts, Home Front Café, Altamont Orchards, SEFCU, and the spouses of the Altamont Community Tradition's members.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve to hire the following individuals for Bozenkill Park Summer Recreation Program: Zachary Appio, Altamont, counselor at \$10.50 per hour; Amelia Schramm, Schenectady, lifeguard at \$8.75 per hour per recommendation of Patty Blackwood, Village Clerk.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve of contract for Village of Altamont's renewal of liability insurance from Marshall & Sterling to expend up to \$40,535. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve application from Michael Malone, Berne Altamont Road, for Junior Firefighter membership in the Altamont Fire Department per request of Robert White, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve request of Phil Carducci, 35 Whipple Way, to hold annual Altamont 5K Run/Walk along the streets of Altamont on August 23, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve for Altamont Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary to hold Brooks Barbeque fundraiser on Friday, September 12, 2014. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Aylward made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve for Altamont Fire Department to hold Comedy Night fundraiser on Saturday, November 1, 2014. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve selling forfeited/seized 2000 VW Passat vehicle, at a price no lower than \$843 (Kelley Blue Book Value), per recommendation of Todd Pucci, Police Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to approve of Board Minutes for June 03, 2014. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Mayor Gaughan reported Village Board will be meeting with Town of Guilderland at Guilderland Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. tonight to have a Joint Public Hearing regarding a Petition by Pangburn Farm, LLC and the Preserve at Bozenkill Creek Homeowner's Association, Inc., for the annexation of approximately 52 acres of land on Bozenkill Road from the Town of Guilderland to the Village of Altamont.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Aylward to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk