

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
December 1, 2015

Mayor James M. Gaughan  
Trustee Kerry Dineen  
Trustee Nicholas Fahrenkopf  
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  
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer, Absent  
Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum  
Glenn Hebert, Building Inspector, Absent  
Jason Shaw, Legal Counsel, Excused

General Public: 20

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

7:00 p.m.

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

Keith Lee, Co-Chairman of the Parks Committee, submitted Parks Report. Copy of Parks Report included with Official Minutes.

Mayor Gaughan reminded everyone of the Victorian Holidays on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Gaughan welcomed a Guilderland High School student attending the Board meeting tonight for his Public Policy class. Mayor Gaughan reported the Archives & Museum will be mounting a new exhibit that will be based upon donations and works that have been given to the museum by individuals in the Village. The current exhibit on the stained glass windows of the churches of Altamont will close down after the first of the year.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported they have finished vacuuming leaves but they will continue to pick up bagged leaves until there is snow. This year they hauled just under 100 loads of leaves out of the Village. Trustee Marshall thanked the Dept. of Public Works for their nice job with the yard waste collection this year.

Todd Pucci, Chief Altamont Police Dept., reported there was an article in the Altamont Enterprise this week regarding individuals they arrested who were going to residences where people recently moved out. They were stealing identities and using the stolen identities to deliver stolen items to the vacant residences and then stealing the items as they were being delivered. Chief Pucci thanked the residents on Sunset Drive for reporting suspicious activity to the Altamont Police Department. Without the residents on Sunset Drive reporting the activity, the Police Department wouldn't have been able to get this far with the investigation. A vehicle has been impounded and over \$6,000 worth of stolen articles has been confiscated. Chief Pucci stated there are more cases still coming in where people have had their identity stolen. He asked the residents to be watchful for suspicious activity at recently vacated homes.

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

**Public Comment:**

Lois Ginsburg, Long Grass Lane, encouraged residents to attend the Victorian Holiday Celebration on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Russ Pokorny, Helderberg Community Energy, gave a presentation to the Village Board on Community Net Metering. The Village Board agreed to request additional information from Helderberg Community Energy regarding the Village's electricity needs.

Village Board of Trustees; Richard Straut, Barton and Loguidice; and Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works had a discussion on the long-range plans for the use of the Crouse House property. Village Board agreed to move forward with the task order from Barton and Loguidice to provide a limited pre-renovation asbestos survey of the roof structure/materials and a pre-demolition asbestos survey, for the Crouse House. The Village Board of Trustees agreed to continue conversation on the long-range plans for the Crouse House at the January 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and asked Barton and Loguidice to give an estimate of the cost of a structural evaluation report of the building.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve proposal from Barton and Loguidice Engineering Firm to complete a pre-demolition asbestos survey for the Crouse House. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum; Kristen Casey, Main Street; and Dagma Frinta, Maple Avenue stated they are in favor of the Village doing something with the Crouse House property.

No motion was made to approve waiving water penalty of \$23.10 on Jane Gamsjager, 801 Heather Lane, per request of her son Mark Gamsjager. **No action taken.**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve the recommendation of Chief Todd Pucci to accept the City of Cohoes' offer to trade their used Electronic Digital Fingerprinting system for Altamont Police Department's 2006 Impala surplus vehicle, in lieu of its sale at \$3,000 which was previously approved by the Board of Trustees at its November 2015 Board meeting. The system includes a digital fingerprint image capture device, digital video camera, an 18% gray electrically controlled background curtain and a complete computer, monitor, keyboard and mouse, and is assessed in market value at well over \$3,000.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve of Board Minutes for November 4, 2015.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Carried: 4 In favor/1 Abstain**

Trustee Marshall made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.  
**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk