

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 06, 2016

Mayor James M. Gaughan
Trustee Kerry Dineen
Trustee Nicholas Fahrenkopf
Trustee Madeline LaMountain
Trustee Dean Whalen

Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer, Absent
Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works
Paul Miller, Altamont Fire Chief
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief
Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum
Glenn Hebert, Building Inspector
Jason Shaw, Legal Counsel

General Public: 20

7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Gaughan reported Altamont Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Brooks Barbeque fundraiser on September 9th and the Altamont Fire Department will be having a 9/11 Memorial Service on September 11th at 8:30 a.m. Mayor Gaughan introduced new trustee Madeline LaMountain.

Trustee LaMountain reported the Village will be hosting a Fall Festival in Orsini Park on October 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted Chief's reports for July and August. Copy of Chief's reports included with Official Minutes.

Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum, reported next exhibit is in celebration of the Altamont Free Library. The exhibit opens on Sunday, September 25th with a reception from 2-4:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported Public Works finished the sidewalk program for the year on Altamont Boulevard. They will start up again next year. There was a culvert failure on Helderberg Avenue that the department had to replace and a culvert on Severson Avenue is being placed in a couple of weeks. Blacktop for both areas will take place soon. Public Works will be addressing a drainage issue on Prospect Terrace. Mr. Moller noted water meter reading has begun and yard waste collection will begin in October.

Glenn Hebert, Building Inspector, submitted Building Department's report for July and August. Copy of report included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve the Treasurer's report; #4, #5, #6, #7 and transfer of funds as submitted. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Public Comment:

Carol Rothenberg, Helderberg Avenue, thanked the Village Board for all the hard work and the consideration that went into the discussions and decisions for the re-zoning for the residential property next to Stewarts. Many in the Village were very grateful that their voices were heard

and the decision was made to not re-zone the property. Ms. Rothenberg stated Stewarts has purchased the house that is next to their store and asked if it's possible for Stewarts to return to the Board to ask again to have that property re-zoned for commercial use and what is that process. Glenn Hebert, Building Inspector, stated Stewarts has to wait one year before they can reapply for a request to re-zone the property. Mr. Hebert stated Stewarts is in the process of filing paperwork to demolish the house. Ms. Rothenberg asked since the October 2015 decision, have there been any further contacts between Village Officials and Stewarts' representatives. Mayor Gaughan stated a meeting was requested from the president of Stewarts and Mr. Marshall. They requested to meet and discuss the future of Stewarts and Altamont. Trustee Fahrenkopf was at the meeting that was held on April 25th. Mayor Gaughan stated he reported back to the Board that Stewarts was there to sense out what the Board might do in the future. Mayor Gaughan stated he told Stewarts they have a right to come back under the parameters of the zoning laws but would recommend they change their narrative if they were to come back before the Board. Mayor Gaughan stated that Stewarts left with Mayor Gaughan and Trustee Fahrenkopf believing Stewarts wasn't doing anything further. Trustee Fahrenkopf stated his feedback to Stewarts was it would be insulting to the community to bring back the exact same proposal. Trustee Fahrenkopf stated Stewarts replied that they would try again in twenty years.

Sue Dague, Main Street, expressed concern over a neighbor's outdoor fire pit and the inconvenience of Key Bank's ATM closing at 7:00 p.m. Glenn Hebert, Building Inspector, stated the outdoor fire is considered a recreational fire and is allowed but if she has concern with the size of the fire to not hesitate to contact the fire department. Mayor Gaughan recommended Ms. Dague contact Key Bank regarding the hours of their ATM.

Sharon Preston, Van Evera Drive, expressed concern over the discoloration in her water. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, stated over a month ago there was a problem with equipment on the Brandle Road site. The site was down for over three weeks. When the site is down, all the water comes from the well site on Gun Club Road and goes a certain way. The water goes out instead of coming back. When the water is constantly going out one way it riles it up and when Public Works activates the well, they flush it out but they can't get it all the way up Brandle Road to flush out. There was a slug of water from two different direction flows that loosened up some sediment and pushed it into Van Evera Drive. In the past there were similar complaints and Public Works had to flush the hydrant more often in that area. Public Works will set up a schedule to flush that area more often. Trustee Dineen asked Mr. Moller if he could follow-up with the Village's engineers to discuss the issue if flushing the hydrant doesn't solve the problem.

Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Jason Shaw, Legal Counsel, opened the public hearing with reading of the Legal Notice to consider authorization, subject to permissive referendum, to expend up to \$57,000 of funds from Reserve fund to purchase 2016 Ford F-350 rack body truck with plow and accessories per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works.

Mayor Gaughan stated the Village is purchasing a new truck at the recommendation of the Supt. of Public Works.

Trustee Whalen asked Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, if he is taking the four options that were listed for the truck. Mr. Moller stated that they are taking the four options listed for the truck and the engine is an upgraded engine. Mr. Moller stated the Town of Guilderland is interested in the Village's old truck. They are negotiating with them now to see if the Town of Guilderland will pay for it or if they will trade services since the Village has a shared services

agreement with the Town of Guilderland. Mr. Moller stated he will come back to the Board with further details.

No comments from the public.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to close public hearing at 7:38 p.m.
Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve, subject to permissive referendum, to expend up to \$57,000 of funds from Reserve fund to purchase 2016 Ford F-350 rack body truck with plow and accessories per recommendation of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve resolution to authorize Village of Altamont to apply to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Grant Program for a project entitled "Museum in the Streets" to be located in Altamont. **Roll Call: All in favor**
Copy of resolution included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve resolution declaring a Negative SEQRA Declaration for contract with Museum in the Streets, LLC.
Roll Call: All in favor
Copy of resolution included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to authorize Mayor Gaughan to sign the letter of agreement between the Museum in the Streets, LLC and the Village of Altamont to provide services for production of materials and delivery of panels for the Museum in the Streets project, in the amount of \$20,159.92. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve bid of MCJ Construction, LLC in the amount of \$94,900 for the Brandle Road Culvert Improvements Projects per recommendation of Bradley Grant, Barton and Loguidice Engineering. The recommendation has been reviewed by Supt. of Public Works Jeffrey Moller who concurs with the recommendation from Barton and Loguidice. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve the Village Board committing to provide the balance of funds needed to complete the Brandle Road Culvert Improvements Projects from the General Fund Reserve after depleting CHIPS and Grant funds. The depleted CHIPS and Grant funds are approximately \$74,000. The General Fund Reserve approval is for approximately \$20,000. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve request for Village water for single family dwelling at Dunnsville Road, Guilderland, Tax Map #37.00-1-27.21 per request of Barbara Murphy. Capital charge for the new service connection to the water is \$2,500. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, has reviewed the application and recommended the connection. The connection approval is based on the understanding that upon completion of construction if it is found that there is insufficient water pressure at the residence, a pump system may have to be installed at the homeowner's expense. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve increasing salary of Nicholas Sala \$1,000 for receiving his Water System Operator License per request of Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Dineen made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve for Altamont Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary to hold Brooks Barbeque fundraiser on Friday, September 9, 2016.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve Altamont Fire Department's participation in the following events: 9/11 Memorial Service on September 11th; Open House and Family Dinner on October 14th; Halloween parade on October 31st; Comedy Night on November 5th; and Santa Stroll on December 18th.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve request of Paul Miller, AFD Chief, to attend the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association Inspection Day to be held on October 9th at the Fort Hunter Fire Department. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee LaMountain made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve Altamont Fall Festival in Orsini Park on Saturday, October 22nd. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to approve of Board Minutes for July 19, 2016. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Dineen to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk