

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
July 18, 2017

Mayor Kerry A. Dineen  
Trustee Nicholas Fahrenkopf  
Trustee Madeline LaMountain  
Trustee John Scally  
Trustee Dean Whalen

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

General Public: 10

7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Dineen reported the ribbon cutting of Museum in the Streets will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup> in Orsini Park after a year of planning from the Village Board, Archives & Museum, and a group of volunteers. Marijo Dougherty, Archives & Museum, will be unveiling a parallel exhibition that will compliment Museum in the Streets. The exhibit will be in the hallway gallery in Village Hall.

Paul Miller, Chief Altamont Fire Dept., submitted a Chief's report for June. Copy of the Chief's report included with Official Minutes.

Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, reported the department is working on patching and drainage issues on the streets getting them ready for the micro-paving company. The micro-paving company is behind due to all the rain. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the micro-paving might have to wait until next year. Department of Public Works has finished a ditching project out to the Brandle Road well site. Mayor Dineen thanked Department of Public Works for all their work on the Museum in the Streets project.

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve the Treasurer's report; #26, #2, #3. **Roll Call: All in favor**

**Public Comment:**

Harvey Vlahos, Main Street, inquired on the status of the Crouse house. Mayor Dineen stated she has spoken with Supervisor Barber, Town of Guilderland, and have discussed this property. There was a grant originally for preservation of the building by putting a roof on it. When the committee from both the Town and the Village looked at the house, it was decided the preservation wasn't possible. The Village Board discussed it, when Jim Gaughan was Mayor, and the Board voted to take down the building because it's a safety issue and there isn't anything historic on the house. It's the property that's historic. The Town and Village are waiting on the grant that was awarded for preservation to see about changing the scope of the grant from preserving the house to preserving the property. The grant is in final review. The plan is to have the house down before winter. Mr. Vlahos asked why the property was purchased if it couldn't be preserved and if it could be preserved, why wasn't it preserved. Trustee Whalen stated one of

the major reasons for purchasing the property was to preserve the property as part of the green ring that came out of the comprehensive plan. One intent was to preserve the building. Unfortunately, with all the delays, the back L has collapsed completely and the L that was probably added in the 1920-30's is also badly deteriorated. It has gotten a lot of water damage with the back roof going. Given that there isn't much that is salvageable as far as features in any of the interior or exterior there isn't much justification for salvaging it at this point. Mr. Vlahos asked if at one point it was salvageable why wasn't the house salvaged. Trustee Dineen stated the thought at the time was that the building was salvageable but, after reading old minutes that she needed for applying for the grant, it was discovered that the committee, at that time, determined it was not able to be preserved. Trustee Whalen stated back then when the building was water tight the back kitchen was already going. The rough numbers to stabilize the building was \$275,000. At that time, there wasn't any money available. It's an expensive building to keep there and it can't just fall down because it would still have to be taken away under abatement. Trustee Whalen stated there were a lot of things proposed for the site but the impetus never took off to find the moneys or for someone to take it on for restoration. Now the concern is how to take it down under abatement and find the money to do it. Trustee Dineen stated a lot of this coincided with the hard-economic times. There wasn't money put aside for the property from the Town or Village for a number of years because of the economy.

### **Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.**

Patty Blackwood, Village Clerk, opened the public hearing with reading of the Legal Notice to consider authorization to expend Fire Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase new rescue pumper with 1000-gallon water tank and 1500 gpm for Altamont Fire Department.

Mayor Dineen reported last month there was a workshop prior to the Board meeting to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck and to go over financials. Bids will be coming in from outside vendors and be opened on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The expenditures from the reserve fund is not to exceed \$600,000. Senator Amedore helped the Village acquire a \$100,000 grant for the fire truck.

Trustee Fahrenkopf stated some of the \$600,000 figure was also from the sale of one of the older fire trucks which is still pending.

Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer, stated the legal notice that will be placed around the Village will have the wording of not to exceed \$600,000 from the reserve fund.

No comments from the public.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee LaMountain made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve, subject to permissive referendum, to expend Fire Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase new rescue pumper with 1000-gallon water tank and 1500 gpm pump for Altamont Fire Department.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve of contract for Village of Altamont's renewal of liability insurance of \$46,262.48 from Marshall & Sterling.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to not approve purchasing terrorism coverage insurance of \$599 from Marshall & Sterling. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve NYS Retirement Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for John Scally, Village Trustee.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign Barton and Loguidice proposal to provide engineering services for inspection and evaluation of failed brick veneer sections around the Village Hall/Fire Station structure at a cost of \$3,000. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve request for Village water and sewer for single family dwelling at Agawam Lane, Guilderland, Tax Map #36.00-1-23 per request of Anthony Vaccarielli. Capital charge for the new service connection to the water and sewer is \$7,975. Jeffrey Moller, Supt. of Public Works, has reviewed the application and recommended connection contingent upon prints being reviewed before final approval is given.

**Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee LaMountain made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve Altamont Fire Department and Altamont Police Department's participation in National Night Out at Tawasentha Park on August 1<sup>st</sup>. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve for Altamont Fire Department to hold the following events: 9/11 Memorial Service on September 11<sup>th</sup>; and Comedy Night on November 4<sup>th</sup>. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee LaMountain made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve for Altamont Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary to hold Annual Back to School Barbeque fundraiser on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee LaMountain made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve for Altamont Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee LaMountain made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve of Board Minutes for June 7, 2017. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve entering into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to approve coming out of executive session at 8:00 p.m. **All in favor**

No action taken.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee LaMountain to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. **All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood  
Clerk