

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 05, 2018

Mayor Kerry Dineen
Trustee Nicholas Fahrenkopf
Trustee John Scally
Trustee Dean Whalen

Patty Blackwood, Clerk
Catherine Hasbrouck, Treasurer
Larry Adams, Asst. Supt. of Public Works
Paul Miller, Altamont Fire Chief
Jill Kaufman, Altamont Police
Todd Pucci, Altamont Police Chief
Justin Heller, Legal Counsel

General Public: 17

7:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Dineen gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the sidewalk project on Grand Street.

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

Public Comment:

Rob Rabbin, Main Street, expressed concerns over the sidewalk project on Grand Street and notice to the residents, the condition of the train tracks, the size of the new Village snowblower, and the potential emergency water system connection with the Village and the Town of Guilderland.

John Sands, Grand Street, expressed concerns over the sidewalk project on Grand Street and the process by the Village, speed limit on Grand Street, traffic on Grand Street, condition of the train tracks, noise ordinance for the Village, and mailboxes throughout the Village. Mr. Sands stated the Village should have a plan in place to plant trees for those that have been cut down. Mr. Sands stated Helderberg Avenue has some traffic safety issues.

Shannon Duerr, Lincoln Avenue, expressed concern over the traffic on Lincoln Avenue and would like to have a traffic study conducted. Ms. Duerr inquired about temporary or permanent speed bumps on Lincoln Avenue. Ms. Duerr stated there aren't any speed limit signs on Lincoln Avenue or Western Avenue.

Annie Cosgrove, One Love Preschool, stated she has addressed the traffic issues with the parents of One Love Preschool. The parents will be entering Altamont Reformed Church on Jay Street and exiting on Lincoln Avenue.

Beatrice Smith, Jay Street, expressed concern on the upper section of Jay Street. Ms. Smith stated Mr. LaMountain's vegetation is encroaching on the road. Ms. Smith stated

people back down Jay Street to avoid scratching their vehicle. The ambulance and the senior van are unable to go through the upper part of Jay Street. A garbage truck had to back down Jay Street to avoid Mr. LaMountain's bushes and the truck hit her husband. Ms. Smith stated she spoke to Mr. LaMountain and he stated he would trim his shrubs back. Ms. Smith asked if Mr. Moller, Supt. of Public Works, could give the footage of the road and where the bushes should be planted.

Mayor Dineen read a letter from Michael LaMountain regarding the flow of traffic on Jay Street. Copy of letter included with Official Minutes.

Presentation from Jessica Waldorf of New York Power Authority regarding the Village's participation in the LED street light acquisition and aggregation program. Copy of presentation material included with Official Minutes.

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign an agreement with NY Power Authority for facilitation of the Street Lighting and aggregation program pending review by Village Counsel.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign an agreement with NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for the Clean Energy Communities grant program.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to decline purchasing Data Compromise and Cyber Coverage insurance of \$1,951 from Marshall & Sterling.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve resignation, with regret, of Madeline LaMountain, Village Trustee, effective August 8, 2018.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointment of Michelle Ganance as Village Trustee to the position vacated by the resignation of former Trustee Madeline LaMountain, in accordance with NY Village Law §3-312(3)(b)(2), at a quarterly salary of \$753.53.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approve resignation of Michelle Ganance, Zoning Board of Appeals member, effective September 5, 2018.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve resolution to affirm Mayor Dineen's appointment of Isaiah Swart to Zoning Board of Appeals member from Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member. Position was vacated by Michelle Ganance and has a five-year term which expires on March 31, 2023.

Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve refunding Lori McCormick \$175 for community room rental fee due to scheduling conflict on August 25th. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Scally made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve resignation, with regret, of Ronald Clough, part-time senior van driver. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve resignation of Megan Kelly, part-time seasonal gardener. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Whalen to approval to hire Taylor DeLong, Altamont, as part-time Fall 2018 gardener at \$20 per hour.
Roll Call: All in favor

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to approve application of Robert Nopper, Altamont, for Firefighter membership in the Altamont Fire Department per request of Paul Miller, Chief. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Whalen made a motion seconded by Trustee Fahrenkopf to approve of Board Minutes for July 17, 2018. **Roll Call: All in favor**

Trustee Fahrenkopf made a motion seconded by Trustee Scally to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Blackwood
Clerk