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Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
Richard Tobias
Thomas Umphenour

ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING August 20, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, ~~Lauer~~Love, Peltier, Tobias, Schneider, Umphenour

Councilmembers Absent: ~~Love~~Lauer

Staff Present: Village Manager Oliver Turner
Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Keesler

Guests Present: Michael Bohm, Owner, Southeastern Heatmor
John Murphy, President, Venture Global Engineering
Doug Skylis, ROWE Professional Services
Brad Bletch, Owner, North Light Electric
1 Citizen

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 6, 2013, with clarifications to the letter written by Mr. Flinn and the article from Michigan Par Plan.
2. Warrant #13-08-A Checks #31775 – 31827
3. Detroit Water Report, July 2013
Discussion was held regarding the calibration of the Detroit water meter.
4. DPW Activity Report, July 2013
5. WWTP Report, July 2013
Discussion was held regarding the power outage on July 23rd and the security of generators at the lift stations.
6. Police Report, July 2013
7. Payroll Report Checks #15442 – 15449, DD# 342-365

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Resolution No. 13-08-02 Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution No. 13-08-02 to approve a commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate application filed by Mr. Michael Bohm, owner of Southeastern Heatmor.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Love, Peltier, Tobias, Umphenour, Dyke, Schneider

Nays: None

Absent: Lauer

Abstain: None

2. Venture Global Engineering Communication

Village Manager Turner gave a presentation on Venture Global Engineering's request to have a new well drilled on the portion of their property that is within the Village. Mr. John Murphy, President of Venture Global Engineering, was in attendance to field questions Council had regarding the request. Discussion was held that all the requirements of the Village ordinance are being upheld.

Councilmember Love moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Venture Global Engineering's request to drill a new well at the location on their property that they desire, contingent upon their acceptance of the conditions stated in the memorandum (pertaining to isolation distances, well installation and sealing, water quality, blighting, permits, and abandonment).

3. Appointment of Mr. Brad Bletch as Electrical Inspector

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to appoint Mr. Brad Bletch as an Electrical Inspector for the Village of Almont.

4. Application for Payment – Trojan Development - \$31,793.11

Doug Skylis from Rowe Professional Services was in attendance to field questions from Council. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the final application for payment submitted by Trojan Development in the amount of \$31,793.11.

5. SAW Grant Information

Doug Skylis from Rowe Professional Services made a presentation on the new MDEQ program, the Stormwater Asset Management Wastewater (SAW) grant. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to have Manager Turner go forward with researching and beginning the application process for the SAW grant.

6. Street Resurfacing and Crack-Sealing Project Bids and Awards

Manager Turner stated the Village had received five bids for the street resurfacing and crack-sealing projects. T.G. Priehs Paving Company was the apparent low bidder who met all of the bid submittal requirements. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Tobias moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to award the bid to T.G. Priehs Paving Company to include crack-sealing on West St. Clair and Drakeshire Boulevard, cold edge milling and resurfacing on Kidder Rd. (to include a 2 inch resurfacing) and resurfacing at 1.5 inches for the other streets listed in the bid packet.

7. Sidewalk Repairs and Replacements Project Award

Manager Turner stated the Village had received one bid for the sidewalk repairs and replacements project, which was submitted by D & B Cement for \$12,900. This would exceed the budgeted amount for sidewalk repairs by \$1,400. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to award the bid to D & B Cement in the amount of \$12,900 and to amend the line item appropriations to include the additional \$1,400 in repairs.

8. Employee Handbook Updates

Manager Turner presented the recommended changes to the employee handbook to follow the collective bargaining agreements that were recently ratified. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the employee handbook changes as presented.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Warrant Items

Manager Turner indicated the treated wood for the Township Recycling Sign would be reimbursed in full by the Township.

2. Financial Position Report

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Councilmember Peltier stated the Music in the Park season went really well and informed Council that 92% of the cost of the band fees were paid for by sponsorship. He also stated the Board received \$144 in the donation box. He wanted to thank the Park Board members and the community for their support of this event.

Councilmember Dyke stated he would like the Village to pursue the truck company for reimbursement of costs associated with the truck crash on Main Street on August 2nd.

Manager Turner stated having an ordinance in place regarding the recoupment of costs would give the Village a greater legal footing. Councilmember Dyke also asked about the Township looking into constructing a new building for their offices. Manager Turner is currently researching how this project would affect Village operations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: September 3, 2013, as corrected