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Steve Schneider, President
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Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
Richard Tobias
Thomas Umphenour

ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING January 21, 2014

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, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Umphenour, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: Lauer

Staff Present:

Village Manager	Oliver Turner
Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler
DPW Superintendent	Bryan Treat

Guests Present:

- John Gandolfi, John Gandolfi Agency
- Jim Redding, ROWE Professional Services
- 2 Citizens
- 4 Students

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda with the deletion of Item #3, Synagro Central, LLC Invoice and the addition of Item #6, Elementary School Building.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2014
2. Warrant #14-01-B Checks #32284 – 32330, EFT #13 – 15, Equip Ck #1311, EFT #29
Clerk/Treasurer Keesler explained there was a duplicate line item in the 101-258 Department. Councilmember Tobias also questioned the charge for the tree limb removal.
3. December Water Report
4. December DPW Activity Report
5. December WWTP Report
6. December Police Report
7. Payroll Report Checks #15593 – 15602, DD #584 – 604, EFT #47



PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Par Plan Liability Insurance Renewal - \$42,822

Manager Turner introduced liability insurance agent John Gandolfi who made a presentation on the offered proposal. It was the consensus of Council for Manager Turner to check the value of the computer equipment at the waste water treatment plant and to verify no Village-owned property is within the flood plain, as that requires separate coverage.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve payment in the amount of \$42,822 to the John Gandolfi Agency (DBA Michigan Community Underwriters) for liability insurance coverage during the 2014 calendar year and to approve the selection of terrorism casualty coverage in the amount of \$140 and terrorism property coverage in the amount of \$284.

2. DWSD Water Service

Council discussed the proposed privatization of Detroit's water system by City of Detroit Emergency Financial Manager Kevin Orr and the possibility of it being restructured as a regional authority. Discussion was also held on the potential of the Village purchasing additional property to build a new pumping station to replace the existing pumping station at Glover Road.

It was the consensus of Council for Manager Turner to evaluate the costs and benefits of upgrading the current pumping station site as opposed to acquiring additional property upon which a new pump station could be built.

3. Synagro Central, LLC – Biosolids Management Invoice - \$30,479.64

It was the consensus of Council to table this item until Manager Turner had completed negotiations with Synagro.

4. Ordinance No. 176.1 – Repealing Ordinance

It was the Consensus of Council to hold a First Reading of Ordinance No. 176.1, Repealing Ordinance.

5. Sewer Expense Accounting

Manager Turner explained a question had been raised by a concerned citizen about the General Fund subsidizing the Sewer Fund. Manager Turner explained that research was done and that the State of Michigan Department of Treasury Local Unit Audit Division confirmed that this is a fairly standard practice but that expenses for work done on the sewer system should be indicated in the Sewer Fund with a Contribution being made from the General Fund.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve moving the DPW sewer expenses from the general fund to the sewer fund with a contribution of \$42,800 from the general fund being made to the sewer fund until it is no longer necessary for this practice to continue, as determined by Council.



6. **Elementary School Building**

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the Township and Village exchanging buildings with the Almont School District.

President Schneider recommended forming a committee to meet with school and township officials regarding the proposed exchange, initiated by the school system, and to appoint Councilmember Dyke, Councilmember Tobias and himself to said committee.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to establish a committee to investigate the potential of using the Elementary School as Village and Township offices with Steve Schneider, Tim Dyke and Rick Tobias acting on Council's behalf.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. **Election and Petition Information**
2. **DDA Director's Report**
3. **The Loop**
4. **Legislative Link**

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Councilmember Love inquired about the progress of the construction at the Buscemi's property. Manager Turner indicated that construction has slowed and their building permit will expire in two to three months.

Councilmember Tobias asked when the Michigan Rural Water Association would be coming to do their water rate study. Manager Turner indicated it is scheduled for the third week in March with a follow-up meeting in April and that this study is free of charge. Councilmember Tobias also indicated that he would not be able to attend the next council meeting.

Councilmember Umphenour asked if there was anything that could be done with a Township resident who is redirecting his field to drain into the Village's storm water drain and flooding two Village residents' yards. President Schneider indicated the issue is not within the Council's purview.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: February 4, 2014, as corrected

