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Village Council:
Steve Schneider, President
Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem
Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
Richard Tobias
Thomas Umphenour

**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:31 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: None

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Keesler

Guests Present: Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Lapeer County Road Commission
Mr. Joe Candela, Almont Community Schools Superintendent
Ms. Melinda Steffler, Resident
Ms. Sue Feinberg, MERS
Ms. Marne Carlson, MERS
'Chicky' – Owner, Chicky's Paradise Saloon

COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Joe Candela of Almont Community Schools made a presentation on their Building and Site Sinking Fund and the ballot proposal that will be on the August 5th, 2014 Ballot. Discussion was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item #10, Credit Card Replacement and to move Agenda Item #9, Councilmember Umphenour's Resignation to the first item in the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Budget Workshop Minutes, May 22, 2014
2. Manager Transition Workshop Minutes, June 2, 2014
3. Special Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2014
4. Public Hearing Minutes, June 3, 2014
5. Budget Hearing Minutes, June 3, 2014
6. Regular Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2014
7. Warrant #14-06-B Ck #32797-32855, Equip Ck #1316, EFT #41-42
8. May Water Report
9. May DPW Activity Report
10. May WWTP Report
11. May Police Report



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12. Payroll Report #72 & 73, Ck #15707-15720, DD #827-850, EFT #76-77
13. Financial Position Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

'Chicky', owner of Chicky's Paradise Saloon requested the back alley behind her business be closed on July 19, 2014 for the Richmond Robotics Motorcycle Run and September 21, 2014 for the Breast Cancer Motorcycle Run. She also requested July 20, 2014 and August 10, 2014. She currently has no events schedule for those days, but would like to submit one application for all of the requested days to the Liquor Control Commission.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Umphenour seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the closing of the alley behind Chicky's Paradise Saloon on July 19, July 20, August 10, and September 21, 2014 at Chicky's discretion.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Councilmember Umphenour's Resignation Letter

President Schneider explained Councilmember Umphenour had submitted his resignation letter to Clerk/Treasurer Keesler. He commended Mr. Umphenour for his many years of service and also explained that Mr. Umphenour amended his resignation date from July 1st to June 17th, understanding the importance of Council electing a new member so he/she could participate in the hiring of a new Village Manager. President Schneider also noted that even though village charter does not require notice of the vacancy, he recommends publishing it in *The County Press* on June 22nd, *The Tri-City Times* on June 25th, and on the Village website with a deadline of June 30th. Councilmember Dyke also noted that the position has to be filled within 30 days of acceptance of the resignation.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to regrettfully accept Councilmember Umphenour's resignation letter.

2. Resolution of MERS Hybrid Plan of Adoption

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler introduced Sue Feinberg and Marne Carlson of MERS, who presented a synopsis of the new Hybrid Retirement Plan to be adopted for new hires based upon the current union contract agreements. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Umphenour seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the resolution adopting the MERS Hybrid Plan for full-time employees of the DPW, WWTP, and police departments hired after June 1, 2013, [in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreements.](#)

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Umphenour, Schneider
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None



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Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement for the full-time employees of the DPW department hired after June 1, 2013 with the monthly service credit requirement being 130 hours worked in a month and Cliff Vesting of 3 years, in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement for the full-time employees of the Police department hired after June 1, 2013 with the monthly service credit requirement being 130 hours worked in a month and Cliff Vesting of 3 years, in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement for the full-time employees of the WWTP department hired after June 1, 2013 with the monthly service credit requirement being 130 hours worked in a month and Cliff Vesting of 3 years, in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the amendment of the Defined Benefit Plan for DPW employees by reducing the required employee contributions from 3.0% to 2.5% effective July 1, 2014 and from 2.5% to 2.0% effective July 1, 2015, in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the amendment of the Defined Benefit Plan for Wastewater employees by reducing the required employee contributions from 3.0% to 2.5% effective July 1, 2014 and from 2.5% to 2.0% effective July 1, 2015, in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

3. Resolution No. 14-06-06 – Updated Official Fee Schedule

Council wanted clarification as to why some councilmembers voted no on the resolutions regarding the water, sewer and SSO rates. Councilmembers that voted “Nay” explained it was the method of billing rather than the increase in rates that they were opposed. The Fee Schedule was adjusted to include quarterly utility billing rates and the effective date changed from October 1 to July 1, 2014.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED**, to adopt Resolution No. 14-06-06, Updating the Official Fee Schedule of the Village.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Lauer, Love, Tobias, Umphenour, Dyke
Nays: Peltier, Schneider
Absent: None
Abstain: None

4. Resolution No. 14-06-07 – Support of Grant Submittal to Four County Community Foundation



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Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED**, to adopt Resolution No. 14-06-07, supporting the submission of a grant application to the Four County Community Foundation in support of the completion of a feasibility study assessing the potential adaptive reuse of the AE Building.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Peltier, Tobias, Dyke, Lauer, Schneider
Nays: Love, Umphenour
Absent: None
Abstain: None

5. Resolution No. 14-06-08 – Support of Grant Submittal to Lapeer County Community Foundation

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED**, to adopt Resolution No. 14-06-08, supporting the submission of a grant application to the Lapeer County Community Foundation in support of the completion of a feasibility study assessing the potential adaptive reuse of the AE building.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Peltier, Tobias, Umphenour, Dyke, Lauer, Schneider
Nays: Love
Absent: None
Abstain: None

6. Request of Support of Placing the Proposed Road Millage on the November Ballot

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to support the placing of the proposed road millage of 1.85 mills on the November Ballot.

7. Almont Township Police Services Contract

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Umphenour seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Almont Township Police Services contract as presented.

8. FY 2014 – Final Budget Amendments

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approving the final fiscal year 2014 budget amendments as presented.

9. Ordinance No. 159.28 – Amendment to Almont Village Zoning Ordinance

It was the consensus of Council to hold a first reading of Ordinance No. 159.28, Amendment to Almont Village Zoning Ordinance.

10. Credit Card Replacement

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler presented Council with the options of the Village credit card. Discussion was held.



Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the application submittal to Chase Ink Capital Business Credit card to replace the PNC Credit Card.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to appoint Clerk/Treasurer Keesler as Authorizing Officer (as Acting Manager) until a permanent Village Manager has been hired, in accordance with the issuance and spending limits of the Village's Credit Card Use Policy.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Resolution No. 14-06-02

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler explained the resolutions were brought back for Council review to reflect the changes in the rates due to the fact they were originally written based upon a monthly billing system rather than a quarterly billing system.

2. Resolution No. 14-06-03

3. Resolution No. 14-06-04

4. Almont Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minute

5. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Letter

6. Legislative Link

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler and all of Council expressed their goodbyes and well wishes to Councilmember Umphenour and his family.

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler reminded Council of the filing deadline for Village offices is July 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler also mentioned a potential buyer of the 19 acres behind the Drakehire subdivision inquired if the Village would be willing to annex the property back to the Township. It was the consensus of Council it would not be advantageous to the Village to annex the property back to the Township.

Councilmember Peltier reminded Council that Music in the Park starts this week. The flagpole is scheduled to be installed either Wednesday or Thursday, all new garbage cans and a dog waste station have been installed and the walking trail improvements have not started.

Councilmember Dyke wants the DPW department to investigate a sinkhole that has begun on Washington just west of Currier.

Councilmember Tobias verified both August and November elections would be held at the Municipal offices and the Village Council meetings were moved in the annual meeting notice to the following Wednesday (August 6th and November 5th). He also reminded Clerk/Treasurer Keesler to forward the Park Board finances to him.

ADJOURNMENT



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The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: July 1, 2014, as corrected



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