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Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
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Richard Tobias

**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Love, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: Lauer

Staff Present:

Village Manager
Clerk/Treasurer
Police Chief

Michael Deem
Kimberly Keesler
Pat Nael

Guests Present:

Mr. Bobby Bendzinski
Mr. Terry Donnelly
1 Citizen
Mr. Ernest Howarth
Ms. Faith Howarth
Ms. Hope Howarth
Mr. Joseph Howarth
Mr. James Toth

Bendzinski & Co.
Dickinson Wright

Great Lakes Legal Team, P.L.C.

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, 2014.
2. Warrant #14-08-B Gen Ck #33025-33090, Equip Ck #1318, EFT #46, Park EFT #1
3. Detroit Water Report, July 2014
4. DPW Activity Report, July 2014
5. WWTP Report, July 2014
6. Police Report, July 2014
7. Payroll Report #80-81, Ck #15766-15777, DD #915-937, EFT #85



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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Property Purchase – 126 E. St. Clair

President Schneider informed Council of his conversations with Lapeer County Abstract and County Treasurer, Dana Miller. They both seemed satisfied with the procedure and title work of the tax sale on 126 E. St. Clair. He also explained his conversation with Mr. Toth, who is the attorney for the Howarth family. He indicated Mr. Toth will be attending tonight's meeting.

It was the consensus of Council to table this item until Mr. Toth arrived.

2. Proposed Amendment to Mr. Parsell's Early Retirement Agreement

Village Manager Deem made a presentation regarding Mr. Parsell's request to issue the annual stipend for health insurance directly to the insurance company to reduce his tax liability at the end of the year.

It was the consensus of Council to table the issue until Mr. Parsell furnishes confirmation that change would benefit him. Council also requested Mr. Parsell attends the next regular council meeting.

3. Resolution #14-08-04 Bond Authorization for Booster Station

Mr. Terry Donnelly from Dickinson Wright made a presentation pertaining to the resolution authorizing issuance of general obligation limited tax bonds, series 2014 in the amount of \$650,000. He also explained the resolution gives the Village Manager authority to reduce the bond amount dependent on the actual construction cost of the booster station. Based upon the construction bid opening, Mr. Donnelly is expecting to advertise for bond bids by the end of September.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED**, to adopt Resolution #14-08-04 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Tobias, Dyke, Peltier, Steffler, Schneider

Nays: Love

Abstain: None

Absent: Lauer

1. Property Purchase – 126 E. St. Clair (Continued)

Mr. James Toth and Mr. Joseph Howarth made a plea to Council requesting Council waive its first right of refusal so the Howarth's may bid for the property at auction on September 5, 2014. Councilmember Peltier read the title of Resolution No. 14-08-01, "Resolution Authorizing the Village of Almont to Exercise its "First Right of Refusal" to Purchase from Lapeer County Treasurer, Dana Miller, Acting in Her Capacity as the Agent for the Foreclosing Governmental Unit Under the Authority of the General Property Tax Act the Real Property Described Herein Located in the Village of Almont, Michigan." Discussion was held.



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Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Love seconded, to adopt Resolution #14-08-01 as written. The motion was **DEFEATED** with a 3-3 vote.

ROLL CALL:

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

4. Ordinance #170.1 – Amendment to Subdivision Control Ordinance

Manager Deem presented Council with a proposed amendment to the subdivision control ordinance, Ordinance #170.1. Discussion was held.

It was a consensus of Council to table the first reading pending the Village Attorney's opinion regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals having the authority to overturn a decision made by Village Council.

5. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contract – Resolution #14-08-05

Manager Deem presented Council with Resolution #14-08-05, approving the state highway maintenance contract with MDOT and designating a maintenance superintendent and authorized signors. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution #14-08-05 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize Village Manager Michael Deem and Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Keesler as the Contract Administrator.

ROLL CALL:

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

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize DPW Superintendent Bryan Treat as the Maintenance Superintendent.

ROLL CALL:

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



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Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize Village Manager Michael Deem, Village President Steve Schneider, and Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Keesler as authorized signors of the MDOT contract as stated in Resolution #14-08-05.

6. Resolution #14-08-06, Authorizing Fund of Feasibility Study

Manager Deem presented Council with Resolution #14-08-06, a resolution of the Almont Village Council approving the funding of the completion of a feasibility study assessing the potential adaptive reuse of the Almont Elementary Building.

It was the consensus of Council to table this item until after the AE Building Committee meets this Saturday, August 23rd to know a certain amount the Village and Township will need to contribute to complete the study.

7. Authorizing Village Manager to be Signor on Bank Accounts

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize Village Manager Michael Deem to be a signor on all bank accounts at both Tri-County Bank and Capac State Bank.

8. Rowe Invoice - \$22,275.00

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the payment of the Rowe Invoice in the amount of \$22,275.00 for expenses relating to the design services to prepare construction/bidding documents for the proposed Booster Station.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Legislative Link

Discussion was held regarding the passing of Proposal 1.

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Councilmember Tobias wanted to give kudos to Councilmember and Park Board Chairperson Peltier for his successful Music in the Park series. Councilmember Peltier indicated that it was a collaborative effort and he indicated that two of the performing music groups were considering having a benefit to support the Almont Community Park Board.

Councilmember Steffler welcomed Manager Deem and offered him good luck.

President Schneider commended Manager Deem for his weekly update and the job he did on his first agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



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Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: September 2, 2014



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