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Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
Melinda Steffler
Richard Tobias

**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 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, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Village Manager Michael Deem
Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Keesler

Guests Present: Mr. Tim Bush
Mrs. Karen Schmalzel
1 Citizen
3 Students

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler swore in Councilmember Schneider to a four (4) year term which will expire in November 2018.

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler swore in Councilmember Steffler to a four (4) year term which will expire in November 2018.

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler swore in Councilmember Peltier to a four (4) year term which will expire in November 2018.

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler swore in Councilmember Lauer to a two (2) year term which will expire in November 2016.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Schneider turned the meeting over to Clerk/Treasurer Keesler.

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler opened nominations for council president. Councilmember Dyke nominated Steve Schneider for president. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED**, to appoint Mr. Schneider as president.



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ROLL CALL:

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

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler turned the meeting over to President Schneider.

President Schneider opened nominations for president pro-tem. Councilmember Lauer nominated Mr. Dyke for president pro-tem. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED**, to appoint Mr. Dyke as president pro-tem.

ROLL CALL:

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

President Schneider thanked council for nominating him.

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. Public Hearing Minutes, November 5, 2014. President Schneider asked Village Manager Deem if MSHDA had been contacted regarding the legitimacy of resolution #14-09-05 since it was completed prior to the public hearing. Manager Deem stated both he and DDA Director Boxey had talked to MSHDA and confirmed the resolution was still valid.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, November 5, 2014, with the addition of Mr. Lauer's name after Councilmember in the Council/Manager Comment section, paragraph five. It was also noted that the lift station light was still out. Manager Deem will follow-up with DPW Supervisor Treat.
3. Warrant #14-11-B, Gen Ck #33351-33393, Equip Ck #1321, EFT #55-56, Park EFT #4
4. October Water Report
5. October DPW Activity Report
6. October WWTP Report
7. October Police Report
8. Payroll Report, Ck #15846-15857, DD #1065-1087, EFT #98-99
9. Financial Position Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

None



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REGULAR AGENDA

1. Planning Commission Appointments

President Schneider appointed Martin Wells, John Cadwell, and Glenn Meek to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending March 2017. It was also noted that appointments need to be timelier as the members make important decisions for the Village.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to ratify President Schneider's appointments as stated on the record.

It was the consensus of Council to put a notification of Board vacancies on the DDA's Facebook page and also advertise for it on the sign at Murphy Park.

2. 2014 Holly Day Light Parade Closing

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the DDA's request to close East St. Clair Street for the 2014 Holly Day parade and events on December 6th, 2014 from Van Dyke east to Bristol.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. DDA Director's Report

Manager Deem highlighted the portion of the DDA Director's report regarding U of M eCities project recognizing the Village of Almont as a "Best Practices" community for 2014 for placemaking and economic development activities. Discussion was held.

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Councilmember Dyke congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and also gave kudos to the DPW department for their leaf pick-up.

Councilmember Lauer expressed his sympathies to both Councilmember Tobias and President Schneider.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: December 2, 2014

