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Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
Melinda Steffler
Richard Tobias

ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 20, 2015

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:

Interim Village Manager	Sarah Moyer-Cale
Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler
Police Chief	Pat Nael
DPW Superintendent	Bryan Treat
WWTP Superintendent	Mark Farley

Guests Present:

Mrs. Gloria Howe	
Mr. John Gandolfi	John Gandolfi Agency
Mr. Doug Scott	ROWE Professional Services Co.
Mr. Dan Brady	President, East Ridge Homeowners Assoc.
Mr. Tim Bush	
1 Citizen	
18 Students	

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda with the addition of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Payout Request and moving it to Regular Agenda Item #1 and the addition of Regular Agenda Item #10, Manager Selection Committee.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2015
2. Warrant #15-01-B, Gen Ck #33530-33577, Equip Ck #1323, EFT #62
3. December Water Report

Councilmember Dyke asked if we should be concerned with the lower daily average. DPW Superintendent Treat explained that usually when the water and sewer rates increase, the usage tends to go down. He also explained we had to estimate the usage due to Detroit installing a new radio read meter.



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4. December DPW Activity Report
5. December WWTP Report
6. December Police Report
7. Payroll Report, Ck #15900-15915, DD #1161-1183, EFT #109
8. Financial Position Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Payout Request

Mrs. Gloria Howe requested Council payout her accrued vacation and longevity pay from July 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to payout Mrs. Howe's accrued vacation and longevity pay from July 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015.

2. East Ridge Drive Maintenance

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a letter from Mrs. Gerri Herron, former President of the East Ridge Homeowners Association. Mrs. Herron explained the reason the drive became a public street was to obtain street lighting for the drive. A resolution to dedicate East Ridge Drive as a public street occurred on April 19, 2006. Mr. Dan Brady, President of the East Ridge Homeowners Association was present and requested something in writing stating the Village will crack-seal the drive.

It was the consensus of Council to comply with the resolution with the understanding the East Ridge Homeowners Association is opting to contract out for the snowplowing. DPW will do an assessment of the drive in the spring.

3. Construction Board of Appeals Appointment

President Schneider appointed Mr. Howard Hicks, Mr. Ron Cischke, Mr. Bruce Johnson, Mr. Mark Pytleski, Mr. Daryl Racz, Mr. Tony Tomasin and Mr. Joseph Lombardo as permanent members and Mr. Ray Davis, Mr. Dale Studnicka, and Mr. Phil Louwsma as alternate members of the Construction Board of Appeals for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2016.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to ratify President Schneider's appointments as noted on record for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2016.

4. Approval of December Invoice for Booster Station

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Rowe Professional Service's December Invoice #0075405 in the amount of \$12,808.00.

5. Approval of January Invoice for Booster Station

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Rowe Professional Service's January Invoice #0075660 in the amount of \$5,976.00.



6. Payment to E & L Construction for Pump House

Mr. Doug Scott from Rowe gave an update on the Booster Station Project. Though the timeline has been delayed and E & L Construction has been notified there will be penalties levied if they do not meet the deadline, their contractual obligations have not been breached. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve E & L Construction Group's Application No. 2 in the amount of \$108,540.00.

7. Liability Insurance Renewal

Mr. John Gandolfi of Gandolfi Insurance Agency presented Council with the liability insurance renewal under the Michigan Township Participating Plan. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the liability insurance renewal under the Michigan Township Participating Plan in the amount of \$44,963.00 and also approve the terrorism coverage.

8. Approval of Purchase Order for WWTP Bearings

WWTP Superintendent Mark Farley presented Council with a purchase order for new inner and outer bearings that will replace the existing bearings in the oxidation ditch at the wastewater treatment facility. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the purchase order from Carlson-Diamond & Wright, Inc. in the amount of \$3,396.00 for the purchase of bearings in the oxidation ditch.

9. Burley Water Agreement

DPW Superintendent Treat presented Council with the cost estimate of moving the water lines which are on the main running through the Burley property. He also stated a camera could be put through the sewer line to identify any repairs that are needed. Manager Moyer-Cale also presented Council with the background information and an estimate of the value of the unimproved land the easement would entail provided by the Village assessor, Mr. Tom Valentine.

It was the consensus of Council to have Manager Moyer-Cale negotiate with Mr. Burley (or his lawyer) based upon the estimate given by Mr. Valentine.

Council recessed the meeting at 9:03 p.m. to sign agendas for the students present.

Council returned to regular session at 9:08 p.m.

10. Manager Selection Committee

President Schneider explained the need to select a Manager Selection Committee for the open Village Manager position. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED**, with Councilmember Dyke abstaining, to appoint Councilmember Dyke, Councilmember Tobias, and President Schneider to the Manager Selection Committee.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None



COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler notified Council the part-time Deputy Clerk/Treasurer had been filled. Ms. Kim Schall has been hired to fill the position. She will be training with Mrs. Howe until the end of January.

Councilmember Peltier informed Council he only has two more dates to book for the Music in the Park series and the ice rink is now open.

Councilmember Tobias asked if the Village needs to display a sign that indicates "No Guns Permitted on Premises". It was the consensus of Council for Chief Nael to get the prosecutors opinion on displaying a sign. Councilmember Dyke commended Officer Bosma on how he handled the open carry group, Hell's Saints, over the weekend.

Councilmember Lauer asked if appointing a Street Administrator was supposed to be on this agenda. Manager Moyer-Cale explained it would be on the next agenda. He stated Manager Moyer-Cale communicates and keeps the Council informed very well.

Manager Moyer-Cale gave an update on the fence ordinance and indicated she had not found a new ordinance regarding corner lot fences. She will continue to research the issue.

President Schneider complimented Manager Moyer-Cale on her first agenda packet. He thought she had done an excellent job.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: February 3, 2015



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