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

**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 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 (7:38)

Guests Present: 1 Student
1 Citizen

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, February 17, 2015.
2. Warrant #15-03-A, Gen Ck #33645-33687, Equip EFT #65
Councilmember Dyke questioned the payment to Chief Nael regarding the DPW phones. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated there was a billing issue that has been corrected.
3. Payroll Report, Ck #15939-15946, DD #1225-1247, EFT #114-115
4. January DPW Activity Report
5. January Financial Position Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

None



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REGULAR AGENDA

1. Park Improvements Grant Resolution #15-03-01

Manager Moyer-Cale and Councilmember Peltier presented Council with a park improvements grant resolution. This resolution is required to accept the park improvement grant and agreement. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution #15-03-01, accepting the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant.

2. Pete Warner's Retirement Insurance and Longevity Request

Discussion was held regarding Mr. Warner's request for prorated longevity since he will be retiring at the end of this month.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to pay out Mr. Warner's prorated longevity in the amount of \$433.33 upon his retirement.

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler presented a proposed Memorandum of Understanding to correct the wording to include Mr. Warner's spouse in his post-retirement health insurance benefits. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to omit the words "to reflect" in the first sentence of Paragraph B.

It was the consensus of Council for Clerk/Treasurer Keesler to research the cost of the Medicare supplemental insurance provided by Blue Cross and research any other possible cost savings for post-retirement insurance.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the correction noted above.

3. Natural Gas Contract

Manager Moyer-Cale explained the contract with CenterPoint for Natural Gas expired last month. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize Manager Moyer-Cale to lock in the natural gas rate for a one-year contract with CenterPoint Energy.

4. W. St. Clair Water Lines

Manager Moyer-Cale gave an update on the cost and timeline of moving the three residential water lines on W. St. Clair. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to enter into an agreement with DPW & Son LLC to reroute the three water connections on W. St. Clair St. not to exceed \$5,300 and purchase supplies from Michigan Pipe & Valve for \$562.36.



5. International Property Maintenance Code Enforcement

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with an update on the International Property Maintenance Code Enforcement. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to discuss with the Village attorney our ability to enforce the court order regarding 219 S. Main Street.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. DDA Director's Report

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Councilmember Love commended the DPW department for doing a great job this winter.

Councilmember Steffler received the Village's first newsletter and stated it looked very nice. She believes it is a great resource for the Village residents.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: March 17, 2015



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